

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

As an **Associate Professor in Botany at Rey Juan Carlos University**, my work focuses on understanding ecological systems and promoting their conservation through **data-driven approaches**. I combine fundamental research in ecology and evolution with applied strategies for biodiversity management, while fostering data literacy among students and colleagues.

My academic career is supported by a strong research record: **62 publications**, including **25 in top-quartile journals**, with **1,238 citations (h-index: 22)**. **Fifteen of these articles are positioned in the top quartile of the most cited works worldwide**, based on CiteScore indicators. These contributions span diverse areas, from **plant-pollinator and plant-plant interactions to genetic adaptation under environmental change**. Through studies published in leading journals such as *Global Change Biology*, *Functional Ecology*, *Journal of Biogeography*, *Journal of Ecology*, *Heredity* and *Oikos*, I have advanced knowledge on biotic interactions and their role in plant fitness. My research also addresses **applied challenges**, including pollinator restoration, invasive species management, and assisted evolution techniques in plants.

Leadership has been a constant throughout my career. I have secured **competitive funding of approximately €775,000 as Principal Investigator** in European and Spanish projects and currently **lead two active research and transfer initiatives involving more than ten researchers**. I have supervised **16 undergraduate and 6 master's theses**, as well as a **completed PhD, with two more in progress**. Beyond supervision, I actively contribute to scientific dialogue by **organizing symposia and seminars** that foster interdisciplinary collaboration.

My work has a strong **international dimension**. I participate in global networks such as GrENE-net, sINTERVAL, fungreen, and COUSIN, and have accumulated **32 months of experience in leading research centers across Europe**. Additionally, I serve as **Subject Editor for *Plant Biology* and *Mediterranean Botany***, reinforcing my commitment to scientific excellence.

I am deeply committed to **sustainability and knowledge transfer**. I am the **Scientific Head of the Biological Big Data Laboratory** at URJC, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and **data-driven solutions for biodiversity conservation**. As **Academic Coordinator for Environmental, Energy, and Social Sustainability at URJC**, I oversee strategies that promote biodiversity conservation, energy efficiency, and social responsibility at an institutional level. Beyond these roles, my transfer activities focus primarily on the conservation of crop wild relatives. These contributions include **shaping national plant conservation policies, developing genetic resource repositories, and contributing to the Spanish Red Book of Threatened Species**. Through **specialized courses in statistics and programming**, I foster data literacy and enable researchers to apply advanced analytical tools.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Natural Resources Conservation, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (URJC, Spain), 2014*

*Extraordinary Award for Ph.D., URJC, Spain, 2017.

M.S. in Science and Environmental Technology, URJC, Spain, 2009

B.S. in Environmental Science, URJC, Spain, 2008

POSITIONS HELD

2025-Current. **Associate Professor of Botany**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), Madrid, Spain.

2023-2025. **Assistant Professor of Botany**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), Madrid, Spain.

2022. **Assistant Professor of Botany**, Faculty of Pharmacy - Section of Botany, Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), Spain.

2021- 2022. **Research Fellow (Juan de la Cierva Incorporación)**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), Madrid, Spain.

2020-2021. **Postdoctoral researcher**, Group of Biological Invasions. Life Science Department, University of Alcalá (UAH), Madrid, Spain.

2019. **Postdoctoral researcher**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, URJC, Madrid, Spain.

2017- 2019. **Postdoctoral fellow (Juan de la Cierva Formación)**, Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Studies (IMEDEA), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Balearic Island, Spain.

2016. **Post-doctoral lecturer**, Technical Particular University of Loja (UTPL), Natural Science Department, Ecuador.

2015. **Visiting postdoctoral researcher** (ESF Grant), Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland.

2010-2014. **Predoxal fellow (FPI)**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, URJC, Madrid, Spain.

2007-2008. **Assistant Scholar**, Biodiversity and Conservation Area, URJC, Madrid.

STAYS IN RESEARCH CENTRES

1. May 2022 – Aug 2022 (4 months, postdoctoral). **French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (INRAE), BIOGECO Research Unit, Bordeaux** (with Santiago González-Martínez).

2. Sept 2018 – Apr 2019 (8 months, postdoctoral). **INRAE, BIOGECO Research Unit, France** (with Santiago González-Martínez).

Relevant results: Lara-Romero C; González-Martínez SC, Irondo JM 2021. Assessing diversity patterns of potential adaptive value in Alpine plants. Manuscript under preparation

3. Feb 2014 – April 2014 (3 months, predoctoral). **Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources (CIBIO/InBio), Portugal** (with Cristina Garcia).

Relevant results: Lara-Romero et al 2016. Functional Ecology, 30: 1521-1530. Oct 2012 – Dic 2012

4. (3 months, predoctoral). **Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (ETH)**, Institute of Integrative Biology, **Zurich, Switzerland** (with Alex Widmer).

Relevant results: Lara-Romero et al 2016. Heredity, 116: 417-423.

5. Nov 2012 - Dic 2012. (2 months, predoctoral). Evolutionary biology Center, **Uppsala University, Sweden** (with Jon Agren).
Relevant results: Lara-Romero et al 2014. *Bot J Linn Soc*, 176: 284 - 395.
6. Oct 2011 – Dic 2011 (3 months, predoctoral). **Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (ETH)**, Institute of Integrative Biology, **Zurich, Switzerland** (with Alex Widmer).
Relevant results: García-Fernández et al 2012. *American Journal of Botany*, 99: 292 - 294.

RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Crop Wild Relatives utilisation and conservation for sustainable agriculture (COUSIN: 101135314). European commission Programme HORIZON-CL6-2023-BIODIV-01. PIs: Christian Schöb. Duration: 2024-2029. Budget: 675192, 5 €.
- Drought adaptation in Crop Wild Relatives: an integrative approach (DACWIRE: PID2021-127841OA). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PIs: **Carlos Lara-Romero**, Alfredo García-Fernández. Duration: 2022-2026. Budget: 176600 €
- Diversity of biotic interactions and their role in the ecosystem functioning of forest restorations. (TED2021-132053B-I00). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Ana García-Cervigón, Isabel Martínez. Duration: 2022-2024. Budget: 225300 €.
- Translocations of flora and fauna for conservation and restoration: ecological, evolutionary, and socio-economic impacts at multiple scales (TRANSLOC: PCI2022-132977). *BiodivERsA-plus (European Biodiversity Partnership)*. PI: Alfredo García-Fernández. Duration: 2022-2025. Budget (Spain - Work Package): 55999 €
- INTERaction Variation along ALtitudinal gradients (sINTERVAL). *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Society). PI: Tiffany Knight. Duration: 2021-2023. Budget: 44230 €
- Determinants of the success of exotic trees across different invasion stages (EXARBIN: RTI2018-093504-B-100). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Pilar Castro. Duration: 2019 – 2021. Budget: 102805 €.
- Effects of global change on small island trophic meta-networks (ISLET-FOODWEBS: CGL2017-88122-P). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Anna Traveset. Duration: 2018 – 2020. Budget: 193600 €.
- Assisted evolution of flowering time as a response to climate change (EVA: CGL2016-77377). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Jose Iriondo. Duration: 2017 – 2020. Budget: 165 000 €.
- Networking, partnerships and tools to enhance in situ conservation of European plant genetic resources (Farmer's Pride: 774271). *EU's H2020 programme*. PI: Jose Iriondo. Duration: 2017 – 2020 Budget (Spain - Work Package): 202050 €.
- Functional connectivity and green infrastructure. (FunGreen: PCIN-2016-077). ERA-NET BiodivERsA. *EU's H2020 Programme*. PI: Anna Traveset. Duration: 2016 – 2019. Budget (Spain - Work Package): 148500 €.
- Local adaptation in high-mountain plants: an integrated perspective (AdAptA:CGL2012-44528). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: José Iriondo. Duration: 2013 – 2016. Budget: 112000 €.
- Modelos y Análisis demográficos para la evaluación de la persistencia y propuestas de manejo de especies leñosas con sus usos maderables y no maderables de las regiones montañosas secas de Ecuador. *Technical Particular University of Loja*, Ecuador. PI: E. Gusman. Duration: 2014 – 2015. Budget: 13770 €.

- Who dispersers who? Size-related properties of plant-frugivore interactions in the Tumbesian dry forest. *Technical Particular University of Loja*, Ecuador. PI: Gema Escribano. Duration: 2015. Budget: 2500 €.
- Determinants of distribution limits of high-mountain plants and expected responses to global change (LIMITES: CGL2009-07229). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: José Iriondo Duration: 2010 – 2014. Total amount: 95000 €.
- Calidad del hábitat, conservación del nicho y conservación de mamíferos en un mundo cambiante (CALCOFIS: CGL2009-13013). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Emilio Virgós. Duration: 2010-2012. Budget: 136730 €.
- An Integrated European in Situ Management Work plan: Implementing Genetic Reserves and On Farm Concepts (AGRI GENRES 057: AEGRO). *European Comission*. PI: Jose Iriondo. Duration: 2007-2010. Budget (Spain - Work Package): 67196 €
- Efectos de los cambios en los usos del suelo y el clima en la distribución, abundancia y eficacia biológica de tres especies de hábitats templados en el mediterráneo (CGL2005-07681). *Spanish National R&D&I Plan*. PI: Emilio Virgós. Duration: 2006-2008. Budget: 33320 €.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PROJECTS

- Pruebas para el estudio de la tolerancia al estrés en Lupinus. RIKEN (Institute of Physical & Chemical Research), Japan. PI: Natalia González Benítez, Duration: 2026-2031. Budget: 819 €.
- Development of the Spanish Strategy for the Conservation of Crop wild Relatives and Wild Plants for Food Use (202205000049). Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. PIs: **Carlos Lara-Romero** & José Iriondo. Duration: 2023-2026. Budget: 175618 €.
- Support for ECPGR Working Group Chairs and ExCo Meetings, March 2026 (L25ROM190). *International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (Bioversity International)*. PIs: **Carlos Lara-Romero**, José Iriondo. Duration: 2026. Budget: 5160 €.
- Contrato de servicios científico - técnicos para la elaboración de un documento base indicativo de los recursos humanos y medios materiales que garanticen la correcta implantación y mantenimiento de reservas genéticas de parientes silvestres de los cultivos y plantas silvestres de uso alimentario en España. Ministerio De Agricultura Pesca y Alimentación. PIs: **Carlos Lara-Romero, José Iriondo**. Duration: 2025. Budget 1633 €.
- Trabajos para prestar formación botánica, teórica y práctica, de especies características de los Tipos de Hábitat de Interés Comunitario (THIC) de pastos y turberas (CEAMN-3081181-111733). Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios (TRAGSA). PI: **Carlos Lara-Romero**. Duration: 2025. Budget: 4545 €.
- Seguimiento del Estado de Conservación en España de las Especies de Flora Autóctona Protegida (2024/SART60-130200). Fundación Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. PI: A. García-Fernández. Duration: 2024-2025. Budget: 896 €.
- Extension of EURISCO for Crop Wild Relatives (CWR) in situ data and preparation of pilot countries' data sets (L21ROM198). *International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (Bioversity International)*. PIs: **Carlos Lara-Romero**, José Iriondo. Duration: 2022-2023. Budget: 15000 €.

PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 1348, H-Index: 23, i10-index: 36 (as of Google Scholar in May 2026)

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Articles in peer-reviewed journals

1. **Lara-Romero, C***; Iriondo, J. M; García-Fernández, A; Morente-López, J; Sacristán-Bajo, S; González-Martínez, SC. 2026. Adaptive value of marginal populations: integrating selective signals, neutral processes and temporal scales. *Heredity*, 1-14: 00. JIF: 3.9 (9/53, Evolutionary Biology, Q1).
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4. Sacristán-Bajo, S; **Lara-Romero, C***; García-Fernández, A; Prieto-Benitez, S; Morente-López, J; Rubio Teso ML; Torres, E; Iriondo, JM. 2025. Assisted gene flow management to climate change in the annual legume *Lupinus angustifolius* L.: from phenotype to genotype. *Evolutionary Applications*, 18, e70087. JIF: 3.2 (15/53, Evolutionary Biology, Q2). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/79337>
5. Lanuza, JB *et al.*, (54/115). 2025. EuPPollNet: A European database of plant-pollinator networks. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 34:e70000. JIF: 6.0 (19/200, Ecology, D1). <http://hdl.handle.net/10498/36435>
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7. García, Y; Giménez-Benavides, L; Iriondo, JM; **Lara-Romero, C***; Méndez, M; Morente-López, J; Santamaría, S. 2024. Addition of nocturnal pollinators modifies the structure of pollination networks. *Scientific Reports*, 14:1226. JIF: 3.9 (25/135, Multidisciplinary Science, Q1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/28496>
8. Poyatos, C; Sacristán-Bajo, S; Tabarés, P; Prieto-Benitez, S; Rubio Teso, ML; Torres, E; Morente-López, J; **Lara-Romero, C**; Iriondo, JM; García-Fernández, A. 2023. Differential patterns of within- and between-population genetically-based trait variation in *Lupinus antustifolius*. *Annals of Botany*, 23, 541-552. JIF: 3.6 (56/265, Plant Science, Q1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/26795>
9. Torres, E; García-Fernández, A; Iñigo, D; **Lara-Romero, C**; Morente-López, J; Prieto-Benitez, S; Rubio-Teso, ML; Iriondo, JM. 2023. Facilitated adaptation as a conservation tool in the present climate change context: a methodological approach. *Plants*, 12: 1258. JIF: 4.0 (46/265, Plant Science, Q1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/26689>
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15. Lázaro-Lobo, A; Ruiz-Benito, P; **Lara-Romero, C**; Castro-Díez, P. 2022. Biotic, abiotic, and anthropogenic drivers of demographic performance of non-native Eucalyptus and Pinus species in forested areas of Spain. *Forest Ecology and Management*, 15:120111. JIF: 3.7 (8/69, Forestry, Q1). <http://hdl.handle.net/10017/50906>
16. Rubio Teso, ML; **Lara-Romero, C**; Rubiales, D; Parra-Quijano, M; Iriando, JM 2022. Searching for abiotic tolerant and biotic stress resistant wild lentils for introgression breeding through predictive characterization. *Frontiers in Plant Science* 13:817849. JIF: 5.6 (27/238, Plant Science, Q1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/30728>
17. Morente-López, J; **Lara-Romero, C**; Garcia-Fernández, A; Rubio-Teso, ML; Prieto-Benítez, S; Iriando, JM. 2021. Gene flow effects on populations inhabiting marginal areas: origin matters. *Journal of Ecology*, 109: 139-153. JIF: 6.38 (21/279, Plant Science, D1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/26537>
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19. Rubio Teso, MLR; Álvarez-Muñiz, C; Gaisberger, H; Kell, S; **Lara-Romero, C**; Brehm, J M; Iriando, JM 2021. Crop wild relative conservation in the Natura 2000 network. *Crop wild relatives* 13: 19-22.
20. Morente-López, J; **Lara-Romero, C**; Garcia-Fernández, A; Rubio Teso, M; Prieto-Benítez, S; Iriando, JM. 2021. Marginal areas in alpine ecosystems: definition and evolutionary value in a context of climate change. *Ecosistemas*, 30: 2178. JIF: 0.7 (163/192, Ecology, Q4).
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22. Morente-López, J; Scheepens, J.F; **Lara-Romero, C**; Ruiz-Checa, R; Tabarés, P; Iriando JM. 2020. Past selection shaped phenological differentiation among populations at contrasting elevations in a Mediterranean alpine plant. *Environmental and Experimental Botany*, 170: 103894. JIF: 5.545 (20/235, Plant Science, D1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/26539>
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<http://hdl.handle.net/10261/204527>
 27. Morente-López, J; **Lara-Romero, C***; Ornos, C; Iriondo, J.M. 2018. Phenology drives species interactions and modularity in a plant - flower visitor network. *Scientific Reports*, 8, pp. 9386. JIF: 4.011 (15/69, Multidisciplinary Science, Q1). <https://hdl.handle.net/10115/26536>
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13. Lara-Romero, Carlos et al. (2024). Effect of green infrastructure on restoration of pollination networks and plant performance in semi-natural dry grasslands across Europe [Dataset]. Dryad. 10.5061/dryad.fbg79cp2t

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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2. Adaptive value of marginal populations in alpine ecosystems: never judge a book by its cover. Guest lecture at Master's in Conservation Biology. URJC, Spain. 14/03/2022.
3. Búsqueda, descarga y limpieza de datos de biodiversidad desde GBIF. Una odisea ecoinformática. Cycle of online seminars on ecoinformatics. Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology (AEET). 31/01/2022.
4. Cambio climático en la alta montaña mediterránea. Conference series on Climate Change. Interdisciplinary Laboratory on Climate Change (LINCC). University of the Balearic Islands, Spain. 20/05/2018.
5. Efectos directos e indirectos de la invasión de arbustos en los prados alpinos mediados por las interacciones planta-polinizador. Seminar on Ecological Interactions: Demographic Analysis and Implications. UTPL, Ecuador. 21/02/2016.
6. Diseños de Investigación Aplicados a la Biología de la Conservación. Guest lecture at Master's in Conservation Biology and Tropical Ecology. UTPL, Ecuador. 15/04/2016.

Oral communications

1. Cambio climático y sociedad. De la ciencia básica a los servicios climáticos. XIII Congreso de la Asociación Española de Climatología. San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Madrid, Spain. 22/01/2025 - 24/01/2025.
2. Genomic assessment of climate adaptation in an annual legume via artificial selection and assisted gene flow. XX International Botanical Congress IBC. Madrid, Spain. 21/07/2024 - 27/07/2024.
3. Genetic basis of resistance to ash dieback in narrow-leaved ash in floodplain forests of Europe. 26th World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). Stockholm, Sween. 23/06/2024 - 29/06/2024.
4. Genetic basis of resistance to ash dieback in narrow-leaved ash in floodplain forests of Europe. 7th European Congress of Conservation Biology (ECCB). Society for Conservation Biology. Bologna, Italy. 17/06/2024 - 21/06/2024.

5. Facilitated adaptation as a conservation tool for plant adaptation to climate change. 18th Meeting of the Organization for the Phyto-Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area (OPTIMA). Erice, Italy. 20/09/2023 - 23/09/2023.
6. Design and development of genetic reserves for plant conservation. 18th Meeting of the Organization for the Phyto-Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area (OPTIMA). Erice, Italy. 20/09/2023 - 23/09/2023.
7. Adaptive potential of marginal populations: Beyond the genetic depauperation paradigm. 15th Congress Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology (AEET). Plasencia, Spain. 18/10/2021 - 22/10/2021
8. Spatial complementarity analysis for the in situ conservation of crop wild relative diversity in Europe and Turkey. 1st Spanish Botanical Congress (SEBOT). Granada, Spain. 08/09/2021 - 10/09/2021
9. Herramientas genéticas alternativas en la biología de la conservación: hacia nuevos objetivos. IX Congreso de Biología de la Conservación de Plantas (SEBiCoP). Granada, Spain. 09/07/2019 - 12/07/2019
10. Phenotypic and genomic data reveal adaptive genetic variation in flowering phenology in a Mediterranean alpine. 1st Meeting of the Iberian Ecological Society (SIBECOL). Barcelona, Spain. 04/02/2019 - 07/02/2019.
11. Tropical seed dispersal networks: emerging patterns, biases and keystone species. 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation. Merida, Mexico. 09/07/2017 - 14/07/2017.
12. El rol de las poblaciones marginales en el manejo y restauración de poblaciones silvestre en un clima cambiante. I Congreso Ecuatoriano de Restauración de Paisajes. Loja, Ecuador. 05/04/2016 - 09/04/2016.
13. Transcriptomic and phenotypic data from common gardens reveal adaptive genetic variation in a Mediterranean alpine plant. 13th European Ecological Federation (EEF) Congress. Rome, Italy. 21/09/2015 - 25/09/2015
14. *Silene ciliata* (Caryophyllaceae) as a model species in a climate change scenario: our multidisciplinary approaches. Caryophyllales Network 2015 conference. Berlin, Germany. 13/09/2015 - 18/09/2015.
15. Local adaptation versus inbreeding depression in marginal populations of a Mediterranean alpine plant: are they worthy of conservation in a context of climate change?. XVth European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) Meeting. Lausanne, Switzerland. 10/08/2015-15/08/2015.
16. Variación del patrón de reclutamiento en plantas de alta montaña en un gradiente altitudinal. 11th Congress of the Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology (AEET) "Invitation to Ecology". Pamplona, Spain. 06/05/2013 - 10/05/2013.
17. Differences in the diversity and composition of the pollinator assemblage of congeneric alpine plants in three mountain regions of the Iberian Peninsula (Spain). SCAPE 2012. Halden, Norway. 25/10/2012 - 28/10/2012.
18. Identifying quality standards for genetic reserve conservation of CWR. Joint meeting of the ECPGR In situ and On Farm Conservation Network and the EU project AGRI GENRES; AEGRO. Funchal (Madeira) (Portugal), Portugal. 13/09/2010.
19. Distribución y abundancia del tejón europeo (*Meles meles*) en ecosistemas semiáridos de la Península Ibérica: importancia del uso humano. IV congreso de la Naturaleza de la Región de Murcia y I del Sureste Ibérico. Murcia, Spain. 19/11/2008.
20. Evaluación del estrés del tejón europeo (*Meles meles*) en un gradiente ambiental en su límite de distribución sur: implicaciones ante el cambio global. IV congreso de la Naturaleza de la Región de Murcia y I del Sureste Ibérico. Cambio Climático y Ecosistemas Semiáridos. Murcia, Spain. 19/11/2008.

FUNDING

Five Research and knowledge transfer projects, 8 research fellowships and contracts (6 postdoctoral), 8 research stay grants (3 postdoctoral) and 4 conference and workshop grants. Total amount: 775 000 €.

Research and knowledge transfer projects as principal investigator.

1. Contrato de servicios científico - técnicos para la elaboración de un documento base indicativo de los recursos humanos y medios materiales que garanticen la correcta implantación y mantenimiento de reservas genéticas de parientes silvestres de los cultivos y plantas silvestres de uso alimentario en España. Ministerio Agricultura Pesca y Alimentación. Duration: 2025. 1 633 €. PI.
2. Trabajos para prestar formación botánica, teórica y práctica, de especies características de los Tipos de Hábitat de Interés Comunitario (THIC) de pastos y turberas (CEAMN-3081181-111733). Tecnologías y Servicios Agrarios (TRAGSA). Duration: 2025. 4 545 €. PI.
3. Drought Adaptation in Crop Wild Relatives: an integrative approach (DACWIRE: PID2021-127841OA). Spanish National R&D&I Plan. 176 600 €. PI.
4. Development of the Spanish Strategy for the Conservation of Crop wild Relatives and Wild Plants for Food Use. Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. PIs: Carlos Lara-Romero & José Iriondo. Duration: 2023-2025. Budget: 230.976 €.
5. Extension of EURISCO for Crop Wild Relatives (CWR) in situ data and preparation of pilot countries' data sets (L21ROM198). International Plant Genetic Resources Institute. 2022-2023. 15 000 €. PI.

Research fellowships and contracts

1. Juan de la Cierva incorporación Postdoctoral Fellowship (IJC2019-041342-I). Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. Score: 98/100 – Rank: 6/183. 2021-2024 (3 years). 93 000 €.
2. Postdoctoral contract funded by research project “Determinants of the success of exotic trees across different invasion stages (EXARBIN: RTI2018-093504-B-100)”. University of Alcalá (UAH). 2020-2021 (20 months). 37 036 €
3. Postdoctoral position funded by URJC (Reference No. 478). 2019, 24 700 €.
4. Juan de la Cierva Formación Postdoctoral Fellowship (FJCI-2015-24712) Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness. Score: 97.2/100 – Rank: 8/138. 2017-2019 (2 years). 50 000 €.
5. Postdoctoral Fellowship. Technical Particular University of Loja (UTPL), Ecuador. 2016-2017 (6 months). 15 166 €.
6. Postdoctoral contract funded by research project “Local adaptation in high-mountain plants: an integrated perspective (AdAptA: CGL2012-44528).” URJC. 2015-2016 (12 months). 24 000 €
7. Predoctoral FPI Fellowship (BES-2010-036503). MINECO. 2010-2014, 55 560 €.
8. Research Initiation Fellowship. Spanish Ministry of Education. 2007, 2 550 €.

Mobility grants

1. José Castillejo Mobility Grants (CAS21/00070). Spanish Ministry of Education. 2022 (6 months), 17.342€. Stay in INRAE Bordeaux-Aquitaine.
2. Mobility grant of COTE cluster of excellence (LabEx COTE). U. de Bordeaux. 2018 (4 months), 3.000 €. Stay in INRAE Bordeaux-Aquitaine.
3. José Castillejo Mobility Grants (CAS18/00189). Spanish Ministry of Education. 2018 (4 months), 12.757€. Stay in INRAE Bordeaux-Aquitaine.
4. Exchange Grant within the framework of the ESF networking programma ConGenOmics (Grant 4794). 2014 (3 months), 5.600 €. Stay in ETH Zurich..

5. Four short research stay fellowship of FPI program. Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness. 2011 (3 months), ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 2000 €; 2012 (2 months), Uppsala University, Sweden, 3750 €; 2013 (3 months), ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 5200 €; 2014 (3 months), CIBIO/InBIO, Porto, Portugal, 2.800 €.

Funding for organising scientific meeting/workshop

- Funding for organising the “*V Cycle of Conferences on Evolutionary Ecology*”. Competitive grant from the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Call for Conference, Workshop and Seminar Grants 2024). Amount awarded: 665 €.
- Funding for organising two editions (2016-2017) of the course “*Introduction to Next-Generation Sequencing: Applications in Ecology and Evolution*”. Granted by URJC 1.500 €.
- Funding for organising two editions (2017-2018) of the course “*Curso de análisis de redes ecológicas*”. Granted by FORMAVANZ Programm (Fundación General CSIC- FGCSIC), 7.750 €.

RESEARCH MANAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

Management of research activities

- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee of the Doctoral Programme in Natural Resources Conservation, *URJC, 2010 to 2012*.
- Technical Manager and Coordinator of the Biological Big Data Laboratory of the Biodiversity and Conservation Area of the URJC, Spain, 2024 to date. <http://agapita.escet.urjc.es/>

Organization of research activities

- Creation of the database *Trans-Planta*. A database of plant conservation translocations in Spain managed by maintained by SEBICoP (<https://www.conservacionvegetal.org/bdtcpe/>)
- Organizer of the course “Gestión y visualización de datos con R. Convirtiendo datos en historias” (Data mining and visualization course)”. *AEET, Spain, 2021 to 2025*.
- Organizer of the course “Curso Superior en Análisis de Redes Ecológicas (Ecological Network Analysis course)”. *1st ed. Univ.of Balearic Islands (UIB), Spain, 2018. 2nd ed. URJC, Spain, 2019*.
- Organizer of the course “Introduction to next generation sequencing: applications in ecology and evolution”, *University of Barcelona (UB), Spain, 2018*.
- Organizer of the course “Curso de Introducción a las técnicas de Next Generation Sequencing: aplicaciones en ecología y evolución (NGS Data Analysis Course)”, *URJC, Spain, 2016 to 2017*
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the III Meeting of the Iberian Society of Ecology (SIBECOL), Spain, 2025.
- Organizer of the seminar “Herbarium de Sabiduría: El Legado Científico de las Botánicas” (Dissemination seminar on Spanish women botanists), *URJC, Spain, 2025*.
- Organizer of the “XVIII ECOFLOR meeting”, *URJC, Spain, 2021*.
- Organizer of the “XV ECOFLOR meeting”, *Mediterranean Institute of Advanced Studies (IMEDEA-CSIC), Spain, 2018*.
- Chairman in the symposia “Ecology Meets Evolution”. III Meeting of the Iberian Society of Ecology (SIBECOL), Spain, 2025
- Chairman in the “V Cycle of Seminars of the Research Group on Evolutionary Ecology (ECOEVO) of the University of the Rey Juan Carlos”. *URJC, Octubre 2023 – February 2024*.
- Chairman in the “IV Cycle of Seminars of the Research Group on Evolutionary Ecology (ECOEVO) of the University of the Rey Juan Carlos”. *URJC, February 2023 – June 2023*.

- Chairman in the symposia “Avances conceptuales y metodológicos en ecología evolutiva”. 16th Congress Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology (AEET). Almeria, Spain, 2023.
- Chairman in the symposia “Evolutionary responses to climate change. Evidence from Mediterranean plant populations”. XIV Mediterranean Ecosystems Conference (MEDECOS). *International Society of Mediterranean Ecology. Sevilla, Spain, 2017.*
- Chairman in the “Annual seminary of the Biodiversity and Conservation Area”, *URJC, 2011 to 2014.*

Evaluation and revision of R&D projects and articles

- Subject Editor - Plant Biology (IF:3.08, since 2021) & Mediterranean Botany (IF:1.0, since 2022)
- 34 peer review records of 26 scientific articles for journals such as Molecular Ecology, Journal of Ecology, Functional Ecology or Scientific Reports.
Full list at <https://publons.com/researcher/583636/carlos-lara-romero/peer-review/>
- Expert external reviewer for project proposal evaluations
 - *AEI-Agencia Estatal de Investigación (Spanish State Research Agency), 2024-2025: three projects*
 - *Universidad de Alcalá (UAH), 2024: two projects*
 - *Czech Science Foundation, 2021*
- Committee member for the evaluation of “Open Science” prize awarded by AEET, 2021.
- Member of doctoral thesis committee.
 - *Dra. Rocío Castro Urgal. University of Balearic Islands, Spain. 2016.*
 - *Dr. Jaume Seguí. University of Balearic Islands, Spain. 2017.*
 - *Dra. Iciar Civantos Gómez. Technical University of Madrid (UPM), Spain 2023.*
 - *Dra. Cristina Ronquillo Ferrero. URJC, Spain 2025.*
 - *Dr. André Mira. URJC, Spain 2026.*
- Member of Master’s thesis Committee. Masters Degree in Ecosystem Restoration. *University of Alcalá (UAH), Spain. 2021.*
- Member of the Final Degree Project Committee. Degree in Biology. *URJC, Spain. Four committees: October 2023, June 2024, July 2024, Octubre 2024.*

Scientific societies and professional associations

- Asociación Española de Ecología Terrestre (Spanish Ecological Society). Madrid, Spain.
- European Ecological Federation (EEF). London, United Kingdom.
- Iberian Ecological Society (SIBECOL).

Co-operation networks

- “GrENE-net – Genomics of rapid Evolution in Novel Environments”. GrENE-net is set up as a coordinated distributed experiment with *Arabidopsis thaliana*. The consortium counts with the collaboration of more than 50 researchers of several countries in the world.
- “ECOFLOOR”. Spanish group of scientists interested on reproductive ecology of flowering plants (from evolution to pollinators). *Group funded by AEET*
- “Ecolnformatica”. Spanish group of scientists interested on bioinformatics. *Group funded by AEET*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

General teaching experience

1227 hours of teaching: 210 hrs of teaching in M.S. degrees, 700 hrs of teaching in B.S. degrees and 316 hrs of teaching specialized courses.

- 2010-2013

Lab instructor. Degree in Science and food technology. Subject: Biology (42 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2011-2012

Lab instructor. Degree in Environmental Science. Subject: Cartography (4 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2012-2013.

Lab instructor. Degree in Environmental Science. Biodiversity conservation (5 hrs) and Botany (6 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Experimental Science. Subject: Biology (12 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Chemical Engineering. Subject: Biotechnology (22 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2015-2016

Lecturer. Masters Degree in Tropical Ecology and Biodiversity. Subject: Population Biology (100 hrs). *UTPL, Ecuador.*

Lecturer . Degree in Chemical Engineering. Subject: Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis (48 hrs). *UTPL, Ecuador.*

- 2015-2017

Lab instructor. Degree in Biology. Subject: Evolutionary Genetics (64 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Co-lecturer. Masters Degree in Conservation and Ecology. Subject: Field sampling Methods (6 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2016-2025

Co-lecturer . Masters Degree in Ecosystem Restoration. Subject: Genetic Restoration (42 hrs). *UAH, Spain.*

Co-lecturer. Masters Degree in Conservation and Ecology. Subject: Genetic Restoration (46 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2021-2025

Co-lecturer. Masters Degree in Conservation and Ecology. Subject: Restoration of extreme environments (16 hrs). *URJC, Spain.*

- 2021-2022

Co-lecturer. Degree in Environmental Science. Subject: Protected areas and wildlife management (30 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Co-lecturer. Masters Degree in Conservation and Ecology. Subject: Restoration of extreme environments (4 hrs). *URJC, Spain.*

Lab instructor. Degree in Environmental Science. Subject: Biodiversity conservation (4 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2022-2023

Co-lecturer. Degree in Pharmacy. Subject: Biology (20 hrs). *Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Pharmacy. Subject: Biology (75 hrs). *UCM, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Pharmacy. Subject: Environmental botany (10 hrs). *UCM, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Science and food technology. Subject: Biology (12 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2022-2024

Lecturer. Degree in Science and food technology. Subject: Raw materials (60 hrs). *URJC, Spain.*

Lab instructor. Degree in Environmental Science. Biodiversity conservation (16 hrs) *URJC, Spain*

- 2022-2025

Lecturer. Degree in Water Resources. Subject: Biology (44 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Lecturer. Degree in Biology. Subject: Applied informatics (94 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Biology. Subject: Botany (84 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Lab instructor. Degree in Pharmacy. Subject: Botany (24 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2023-2024

Lab instructor. Degree in Biology. Subject: Ecology (22 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

- 2024-2025

Lab instructor. Degree in Environmental Science. Subject: Ecology (12 hrs). *URJC, Spain*

Teaching experience in specialized courses

1. Curso de Introducción a las técnicas de Next Generation Sequencing: aplicaciones en ecología y evolución (NGS Data Analysis Course). URJC, Spain, 2016 to 2019 (three editions, 45 hrs).
2. Curso de análisis de redes ecológicas (Network Analysis course). University of Balearic Islands. Palma, 2018 Spain (8 hrs)
3. Introduction to next generation sequencing: applications in ecology and evolution. University of Barcelona (UB), 2018 Spain (15 hrs).
4. Curso Superior Universitario en Análisis de Redes Ecológicas (Network Analysis course). URJC, Spain, 2019 (20 hrs).
5. Métodos Estadísticos para la Investigación (Statistical Analysis Course). URJC, Spain, 2020 to 2024 (five editions, 84 hrs).
6. Gestión y visualización de datos con R. Convirtiendo datos en historias. AEET, Spain. 2021 to 2024 (four editions, 130 hrs)
7. Detección y manejo de outliers en R (Data Management Course). AEET, El Escorial (Madrid), Spain. 2024 (4 hrs)
8. Métodos estadísticos para la investigación I: análisis exploratorio de datos (EDA) con R. URJC, Spain. 2025 (10 hrs).

Teacher training courses

1. Manejo emocional y su aplicación en la práctica docente. URJC, Spain. 2023 (10 hrs)
2. Elaboración de guías docentes. URJC, Spain. 2023 (5 hrs)
3. Curso básico en el uso didáctico de Moodle online. URJC. Spain. 2023 (5 hrs)
4. Gestión de calificaciones en el aula virtual. URJC. Spain. 2023 (4 hrs)
5. Gestión de actividades grupales en aula virtual. URJC. Spain. 2024 (5 hrs)

6. Docencia virtual en urjc online. URJC. Spain. 2024 (5 hrs)
7. Curso avanzado en el uso didáctico de Moodle online. URJC. Spain. 2024 (25 hrs)

Teaching innovation projects

1. BIOREDES: Conectando biología y redes sociales. URJC-ESCET. PI: Támara Villareal Hidalgo. Duration:2022-2023 y 2023-2024. Budget: 210 €.
2. “conservARTE: sensibilización y enseñanza de la conservación de la biodiversidad a través del arte. URJC-ESCET. PI: Carlos Lara-Romero. Duration: 2024-2025. Budget: 190 €.

Attendance at conferences on teaching innovation

1. II Congreso en Innovación Docente de las Universidades Madrileñas: Madrid. Madrid, Spain. 02/10/2025 - 03/10/2025.

Publications on Teaching Innovation

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1. Jiménez López F; Aragón G; Arranza I; Cayuela L; García-Cervigón A; I; García-Fernández A; López Angulo J; Merinero Mesa S; Rubio Teso M; L; Villaverde Hidalgo T; **Lara-Romero C.***. 2026. ConservARTE: lo que aprendimos al enseñar biodiversidad con arte y ciencia. In *Libro de actas del II Congreso en Innovación Docente de las Universidades Madrileñas: Madrid. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 2 y 3 de octubre de 2025*. (p. 368-376). <https://hdl.handle.net/10486/730920>.

Scientific outreach and university extension activities

1. Taller Guardianes del futuro: conservación de semillas para la sostenibilidad. II Jornadas de Sostenibilidad de la ESCET. 17/10/2024. Participation as a coordinator and teacher
2. Curso de Extensión Universitaria en Soluciones Verdes Urbanas. Programa Universitario de Formación para el Empleo dirigido a jóvenes con discapacidad intelectual. Asignatura: Botánica. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Cursos 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025. Participation as a teacher
3. Universidad de Mayores. Asignatura: Biodiversidad y Conservación. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Curso 2024-2025. Participation as a teacher
4. Herbarium de Sabiduría: El Legado Científico de las Botánicas. Convocatoria de Ayudas a Congresos, Jornadas y Seminarios 2025. Participation as a organizer.
5. Bancos de Vida: Conservación de Semillas para la Agricultura del Futuro. Semana de la Ciencia y de la Innovación 2025. Participation as a coordinator and teacher
6. 27. Taller sobre conservación in situ de Parientes Silvestres de los Cultivos (PSC) y Plantas Silvestres de Uso Alimentario (PSUA) para técnicos del sector. 16/10/2025. Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación. Participation as a teacher
7. 28. Taller sobre conservación in situ de Parientes Silvestres de los Cultivos (PSC) y Plantas Silvestres de Uso Alimentario (PSUA), para empleados públicos. 20/10/2025. Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación. Participation as a teacher.
8. Datos de Biodiversidad al Alcance de Tod@s: Aprende a Interpretarlos y utilizarlos. V Jornadas de Cultura Libre y Ciencia Abierta. URJC. 25/03/2026. Participation as coordinator and teacher

SUPERVISED THESES

Supervised Theses

1. Arsened Vargas Guarín. Ongoing. “Evaluación de la afectación de la riqueza de abejas (hymenoptera: apoidea) en correlación a la estructura agroecológica en sistemas de producción cafetera en el departamento del huila”. Co-supervised with Dr. Manuel F. Polanco Puerta, *URJC, Spain*.

2. Carlos Fernández Celdrán. Ongoing. "Evaluation of drought adaptation mechanisms in *Lupinus angustifolius* as an adaptation strategy in the face of global change". Co-supervised with Dr. Alfredo García-Fernández, *URJC, Spain*.
3. Javier Morente López. 2019. "Adaptive processes of alpine plants in marginal areas: an integrative approach". Co-supervised with Prof. José M. Iriondo, *URJC, Spain*.

Supervised Master Theses

1. Sandra Sacristán. 2017. "Transcriptome study of *Silene ciliata* using NGS and bioinformatic approaches: future applications in ecology and evolution", *UAH, Spain*.
2. Carlos J. Naranjo. 2018. "Evaluating the structure of commensalistic epiphyte–phorophyte networks. A comparative perspective of biotic interactions", *UTPL, Ecuador*.
3. Celia del Tío Navas. 2023. "Bases para la conservación *in situ* de poblaciones de parientes silvestres de los cultivos en España", *UAH, Spain*.
4. Anxo Rodríguez Mosquera. 2024. "Evaluación de la eficacia de los mapas ecogeográficos en la detección de diversidad genética en poblaciones de *Lupinus angustifolius*", *UAH, Spain*.
5. María Elisa Landázuri Benítez. 2025. "Desarrollo y evaluación de algoritmos de modelización para construir mapas ecogeográficos con aplicación en la restauración ecológica". *URJC, Spain*.
6. Ana Arroyo del Barco. 2025. "Impacto del cambio climático sobre los patrones de distribución geográfica de los parientes silvestres de los cultivos (PSC) y plantas silvestres de uso alimentario (PSUA) prioritarios de España". *URJC, Spain*.
7. Angie Paola Carvajal Muñoz. 2026. "Variación fenotípica y expresión funcional en especies endémicas y amenazadas del género *petrocotis* a. braun ex endl.: implicaciones para la conservación de plantas rupícolas". *URJC, Spain*.

Supervised final degree projects

1. Miguel Cantero Laorden. 2012. "Caracterización de la red nocturna de plantas-polinizadores de la Sierra de Guadarrama". *Degree in Environmental Sciences URJC, Spain*.
2. Angela López Gil. 2013. "Estudio de la estructura genética espacial intrapoblacional de *Silene ciliata*, una planta de alta montaña mediterránea". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
3. Marcos Peromingo Quesada. 2014. "Estudio de la ruptura de la dormancia y germinación de las semillas de *Silene ciliata*". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
4. Pablo Tabares. 2017. "Control genético de caracteres funcionales en poblaciones de *Silene ciliata*. Análisis de la variación interpoblacional", *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
5. Sandra Gómez Pérez. 2017. "Variabilidad de la eficacia biológica en poblaciones centrales y marginales de *Silene ciliata*". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
6. Sergio Eleazar García González. 2018. "Efecto del origen del flujo genético sobre la eficacia biológica de semillas procedentes de cruzamientos xenógamos en poblaciones marginales de *Silene ciliata*". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
7. Aida Bejarano Lorenzo. 2020. "Efecto de la selección asistida de la floración en la germinación de semillas de *Silene ciliata*". *Degree in Environmental Sciences, URJC, Spain*.
8. Cristina Poyatos Fernández. 2020. "Estudio de la heredabilidad de rasgos funcionales de *Lupinus angustifolius* en poblaciones bajo diferentes condiciones ambientales". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
9. Sandra García Medina. 2021. "Evaluación *in situ* de líneas de floración temprana de *Lupinus angustifolius* como respuesta al cambio climático". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
10. Raquel Nieto Illán. 2022. "Explorando la huella humana en la riqueza de especies emparentadas con cultivos". *Degree in Environmental Sciences, URJC, Spain*.
11. Álvaro Martín Martín. 2024. "Diseño y desarrollo de bases de datos orientadas a documentos: caso práctico en MongoDB". *Degree in Computer Engineering, URJC, Spain*.

12. Mikel Vadillo Moreno. 2024. "Análisis de la diversidad funcional de las comunidades microbianas en suelos asociados a *Lupinus angustifolius* en una distribución geográfica latitudinal mediterránea". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
13. Geanina Andreea Cristea. 2024. "Alternativas agrícolas sostenibles". *Degree in Food Science and Technology, URJC, Spain*.
14. Adrián Lorenzo Prieto. 2025. "Adaptación de *Lupinus angustifolius* a la escasez de agua y su implicación en la mejora de sus cultivos". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.
15. Sergio Muñoz Gil. 2026. "Dinámicas de competencia polínica en *Lysimachia arvensis* y *Lysimachia loeflingii*: influencia de polen heteroespecífico en ecología reproductiva.". *Degree in Biology, URJC, Spain*.