

# PhD opportunity!



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Are you considering pursuing a **PhD** in **vertebrate palaeontology**? Do you dote on everything **herpetology** related? Then, listen here: we may have something for you!

We are looking for potential candidates for a PhD project on extinct ***Latonia* frogs in Europe**, to be potentially developed at the **Institut Català de Paleontologia Miquel Crusafont** near Barcelona. *Latonia* is a genus of alytid frogs, which was very common throughout Europe during the whole Cenozoic. It is currently extirpated from the continent and survives only with a single living species in the Middle East. Some extinct members of this genus reached a very large size.

How many species of *Latonia* lived in Europe? How were they related to one another? And how could they reach such really large sizes? This project aims at answering these and other questions on the evolutionary history of *Latonia*.



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\*Please, send your **CV** and a **motivation letter**. Interested candidates must have an MSc in paleobiology, biodiversity, or similar, obtained **before** the end of April 2024.