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### University degrees

- Doctorat, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), 1986
- Enginyer Agrònom, UPC, 1983
- Enginyer Tècnic en Explotacions Agropecuàries, 1978

### Previous activities

- 2002 – Actualitat: Catedràtic d'Universitat, Universitat de Lleida (UdL), Departament de Producció Vegetal i Ciència Forestal
- 1996 – 2002: Professor Titular d'Universitat, UdL, Departament de Producció Vegetal i Ciència Forestal
- 1986 – 1996: Profesor Titular d'Escola Universitària, UdL, Departament de Producció Vegetal i Ciència Forestal
- 1982 – 1986: Profesor Associat, UPC, Escola Universitària d'Enginyeria Tècnica Agrícola de Lleida

### Research

- Integrated pest management in arable crops: maize, alfalfa and others.
- Biology, ecology and control of aphids.
- Integrated pest management of pests in urban green areas.



## Teaching

- INCENDIS I SANITAT FORESTAL      Grau en Enginyeria Forestal
  - SALUT SELS BOSCOS      Grau en Enginyeria Forestal
  - PROTECCIÓ VEGETAL      Grau en Enginyeria Agrària i Alimentària
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## Recent Publications

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