JOB OPENINGS at RECSM (Spain): Research assistants

We are currently inviting applications for **two positions in survey methodology** at the Research and Expertise Centre in Survey Methodology (RECSM), based at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona, Spain.

RECSM

RECSM is a multidisciplinary centre focusing on research in survey methodology (questionnaire design, evaluation of survey questions, translation procedures, fieldwork strategies and supervision, interviewer effects), survey data analysis (political behaviour, statistical models for the social sciences, studies of social demography, behavioural and studies and labour market studies), and experimental research. RECSM offers advice and expert knowledge on survey research to academic, governmental and commercial researchers. For more information see: https://www.upf.edu/web/survey

ADVANCED SURVEY QUALITY METHODS (ASQME)

The candidates will join the Advanced Survey Quality Methods (ASQME) team of RECSM and are expected to contribute to the research activity of the team linked to two main projects: the European Social Survey (ESS) ERIC and the Survey Quality Predictor (SQP).

CANDIDATES PROFILE

The successful candidates are expected to demonstrate, besides a general knowledge in survey methodology, proficiency in data analysis and quantitative methods and an excellent level in written English. Familiarity with Structural Equation Modelling (SEM), as well as an interest in international survey data and comparisons will be appreciated.

First Candidate

- You will work on estimating the size of measurement errors in survey data.
- You will analyse already collected data from Multitrait-Multimethod (MTMM) experiments using SEM software (Lisrel, Mplus, R).
- You will write reports, document the analyses done and their results.
- You will participate in the development of a new version of the SQP software (see sqp.upf.edu)
- You will work with a team of researchers and programmers, in an international environment.

Second Candidate

- You will work on a literature review of how different question characteristics affect data quality.
- You will publish the results in an international peer-review journal.
- You will participate in the development of a new version of the SQP software (see sqp.upf.edu)
- You will coordinate research meetings, document and archive research results, and assist in carrying out other research, coordination or organization tasks
- You will work with a team of researchers and programmers, in an international environment.

What do I need to bring with me?

- Excellent written, oral and electronic communication skills in English.
- Master level or more.
- Strong user of MS Office package.
- Familiarity with software like Lisrel, Mplus, R or Stata (first candidate).
- Familiarity with the performance of a literature review (second candidate)
- Knowledge about survey data quality is a plus.
- Problem solving, analytical and numerical skills.
- Ability to work with limited supervision and work rigorously.
- Ability to deliver results, meet deadlines and manage time effectively.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

Autumn 2018

CONDITIONS

Contract type and salary depend on the degree and experience of the successful candidate. The career development plan will be agreed on after three months and/or the completion of the first task.

APPLICATION

Candidates should submit the following to sqp@upf.edu using the subject "Application Research assistant candidate 1 *or* 2": 1) a cover letter and 2) a curriculum vitae. Applications shall be written in English.

DEADLINE

Review of applications begins on October, 1^{rst}, 2018, and will stop as soon as the two positions are filled.

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