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**Job title:** Post-doctoral researcher specialised in survey methodology

### **Job description**

The researcher is expected to work full-time assisting the principal researcher (PR) of the project "Revising equality of educational opportunities by social origin: access to undergraduate and postgraduate studies". The general goal of the project is the research of inequalities of educational opportunities by social origin in access and progression in higher education.

The researcher is expected to assist the principal research in the elaboration of an on-line survey whose target population is undergraduate students finishing their BA studies. The specific tasks to be carried out by the researcher are the following:

- Advising in the drafting of the questionnaire to carry out among undergraduate students finishing their degrees
- Advising and collaborating in the experiment (conjoint experiment) to insert in the questionnaire
- Assisting in the arrangement of the sample
- Assisting in the planning of field work (when to send invitations to potential participants, how many e-mails (reminders) to send, content of the message...)
- Advice in the establishment of incentives aimed at increasing response rate
- Advice in the insertion of mechanisms aimed at assessing any potential problem of quality
- Intermediary role with the online fieldwork company to carry out the survey
- Checking of the viability of the questionnaire in different devices
- Technical evaluation of the responses and response rate

### **Project and Institution that finance the contract**

Title of the project: *Revising the equality of educational opportunities by social origin: access to undergraduate and postgraduate studies, and distribution by field of studies*

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### **Official number reference**

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### **Information on the minimum requirements**

The research should have a PhD in Survey Methodology, Statistics, Economics or Sociology, and at least 3 years of experience working with online surveys. In addition, the researcher should have a good knowledge of quantitative research methods and Stata. Preferably, he/she should have expert knowledge in carrying out on-line experiments, in sampling strategies, and in the specific challenges linked to the increasing smartphone responses.

The research assistant is expected to have a very good knowledge of Stata and quantitative research methods, research project management and English writing. Participation in academic research projects in the past, or co-direction of them, would be highly regarded.

### **Benefits of the opening**

The candidate is expected to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The position will have a duration of 40 days, with a monthly gross salary of 2743,38 €per month (plus Social Security benefits)

### **Information on the application process**

#### **Deadline to submit applications**

Candidates for the position should send a CV and a motivation letter (max 1 pages) before June 3rd, 2019 to: [luis.ortiz@upf.edu](mailto:luis.ortiz@upf.edu). Please, specify in the subject of the email: "Application for post-doc position, ASCENSOR project".

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