

**Job announcement:** ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-14

**Position overview**

For a European Research Council-funded research project we seek to hire a research assistant, starting around late May 2024. The research assistant will collect data on historical safe asset prices and quantities in selected advanced economies (full details in sections below).

**Job location**

Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Ciutadella Campus, Department of Economics and Business. The work is to be carried at the campus.

About UPF: <https://www.upf.edu/web/universitat>

About the Department of Economics and Business:

<https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/publications>

**Funding body**

EU's Horizon Europe programme. European Research Council Starting grant 'Safety, Liquidity, and Crises', 2024–2028. Principal investigator: Dmitry Kuvshinov.

More information:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101116832>

<https://dkuvshinov.com/>

**Job offer**

Research Support Staff in Finance and Accounting, Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University.

**Type of contract:** Open-ended, in accordance with decree RD 32/2021 of 28 December, 2021.

The contract will end with the completion of the tasks described under the Job Description section.

Incompatibilities: This contract might be incompatible with other contracts.

Employer: Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

**Starting date:** late May 2024.

**Job description:**

For the dataset on historical safe asset prices and quantities in advanced economies, the successful applicant will collect historical data on asset prices and bid-ask spreads in selected advanced economies (Denmark, Norway, Italy, and the Netherlands). The research assistant will be involved in interpreting the original historical data sources, transferring data from historical publications to Excel, and cleaning, merging and organising historical data sources using Excel and other statistical software depending on the skill of the applicant (e.g., Stata, R, Python).

Reporting line: this position reports to the principal investigator of the project.

**Requirements****EXPERIENCE**

Training will be given to the chosen applicant, but experience with data digitization will count towards the candidate's general score.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Required: Completed secondary school studies.

Desirable: An official university degree (3 years or more) in Economics or financial studies, completed or in the final year.

**SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE**

Required:

- IT: Advanced or proficiency level of Excel.
- Languages: Advanced level in English.
- Knowledge of the field: Financial Economics.

Desirable

- Scientific software: experience with any of the following - OCR techniques, data handling in a statistical software like R, Stata, or Python.
- An active interest in scientific research in Economics and/or Finance.
- English: Cambridge First Certificate or equivalent

**Expected remuneration**

Yearly gross salary: 8646,36 euros.

**Group and level:**

Group 3, level U

**Working hours**

Part-time, 12.5 hours/week.

**Selection process**

This position is advertised in the Department of Economics and Business (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) website <https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/research-project-positions>

Job opportunities > Research Project Positions > Research Support Positions

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It is also posted in EURAXESS.

Deadline for applications: 6 May 2024

Publication of the list of admitted and excluded candidates: 7 May 2024

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email to arrange the online interview; each shortlisted candidate will be given the detailed rating which will be used by the selection committee to assess their fit to the required and desired experience, qualifications and skills/knowledge.

Before or after the interview, if the committee deems it necessary, one or two referees will be contacted, with prior permission of the applicant.

Publication of the selection process results: 10 May 2024

The candidate with the highest score in the selection process will be awarded the job. The minimum score needed to pass the selection process is 60 points.

### **General rating system**

Experience: 60%

Qualifications: 20%

Skills/knowledge: 20%

The detailed rating which will be used by the selection committee to assess the applicant's fit to the required and desirable experience, qualifications and skills/knowledge will be sent to shortlisted candidates.

### **Selection Committee**

President: Dmitry Kuvshinov.

Committee members: Victoria Vanasco and Javier Gil-Bazo.

Head of the Department of Economics and Business at UPF: Daniel Serra.

### **Documents and application**

#### **Documents**

- CV in English (maximum: two pages).
- Motivation letter in English explaining the applicant's interest in and fit for the position.
- Scan copy of the diploma: secondary school or university degree. The chosen candidate will have to submit a sworn translation if their diploma is issued in languages other than Catalan, Spanish or English.
- Names, positions and contact details of 1 or 2 referees (NB no referee will be contacted without the candidate's prior permission).

#### **Submitting an application**

- A zip file containing all the application documents should be sent to Ms. M. Novoa via email ([mariona.novoa@upf.edu](mailto:mariona.novoa@upf.edu)), with the subject line ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-14. Please name the zip file ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-14\_Lastname\_Firstname.
- The application submission deadline is 6 May 2024, 23:00pm (UTC+1). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

#### **Data protection**

Please refer to: <https://rat.upf.edu/en/II014>

**Date of publication:** 18 April 2024

**The following documents will be necessary for processing the contract:**

- EU citizens: Spanish ID or foreigners' identification number (NIE) and passport; Spanish Social Security number; Spanish bank account number.
- Non-EU citizens: valid Spanish work permit; foreigners' identification number (NIE) and passport; Spanish Social Security number; Spanish bank account number.

[More information](#)

Please send any inquiries about this vacancy to:

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