

Call For Applications for trainee research staff position for students enrolled on the PhD in Communication in the 2023-2024 academic year. Research Group: MEDIUM

The Department of Communication is calling for applications for one trainee research staff position for students enrolled on the PhD in Communication in the 2023-2024 academic year MEDIUM.

Eligibility: The call is open to full-time students of the Doctorate in Communication who enrolled on the program for the first time in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Nature of the contract: The contract is full-time employment contract that includes registration with Social Security (Foreign students must have the corresponding work permit). It is thus incompatible with any other type of contract.

The purpose of the pre-doctoral contract will be the simultaneous performance by the pre-doctoral research staff in training, on the one hand, of research tasks in a specific and new project and, on the other, of the set of activities, which are part of the program of doctorate, leading to the acquisition of the skills and abilities necessary to obtain the official university degree of Doctorate.

The pre-doctoral research staff in training will be able to collaborate in teaching tasks up to a maximum of 180 hours during the total extension of the predoctoral contract, and without in any case exceeding 60 hours yearly

Accreditation of sufficient knowledge of Catalan for teaching: Applicants must have a level of Catalan that ensures the competence of the teaching staff to participate appropriately and correctly in the communicative situations required by academic tasks, so that the linguistic rights of students are guaranteed, as provided for in Decree 128/ 2010, of September 14, on the accreditation of the linguistic knowledge of the teaching staff of the universities of the Catalan university system. At the time of signing the contract, the candidate may choose between accrediting knowledge or deferring this accreditation for a maximum period of two years. However, candidates who have had employment relationships with UPF, consecutive or not, for a total of two years (or more) must certify their proficiency in Catalan, in accordance with Decree 128/2010, of September 14, at the time of the signing of the contract, without being able to postpone this accreditation

Profile:

1 contract with a profile linked to the research group MEDIUM

1. Research lines linked to these 3 areas will be prioritized:
 - a. Media and digital popular culture: studies on imaginaries and social discourses. Especially aimed at entertainment and fiction, video games, celebrities, social networks, fandom, and the intermedial analysis of contemporary narratives.
 - b. Mediatizations, media ecology and evolution, analysis of networks, platforms and interfaces, and generative artificial intelligence.
 - c. Informal learning and transmedia literacy.
2. A level of English B2 or higher (accredited) is required.
3. Experience in supporting the management and coordination of teams will be valued.
4. Knowledge of audiovisual and digital language will be valued.

Assessment criteria:

- Suitability of the research profile (4 points). It will be assessed candidates' backgrounds and doctoral thesis research projects, as well as how closely they match the research profile for which they are applying and, thus, the lines of research pursued by the department research group they would be joining, and the specific profile requirements (requirements 3 and 4 of the profile).
- Suitability for the teaching profile in Communication (2 points). Previous experience will be a plus.
- Master's and undergraduate degree transcripts indicating the average mark with a weighed score from 1 to 4 at the awarding university (2 points). (In case of two or more degrees, the highest will be considered). The master's degree transcript will be worth 30%, and the undergraduate transcript 70%, of the final score.
- English-language skills (1 point). Proof of English language skills must be submitted in the form of an official certificate.
- Letters of recommendation submitted for admission to the doctoral program (1 point)

Duration: 1 year (from 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024), renewable 3 more years.

Gross monthly salary: €1.470,98 (12 payments). (updated with current salary table)

Grant: to cover the PhD registration fee. (the PIPF just pay the administrative tax)

Applications: Applications must be sent by e-mail to doctorat.dcom@upf.edu with the following documents attached:

- Accreditation of the English level B2 or higher (and other language skills).
- Accreditation of the teaching experience in communication.
- Certificate of professional experience (issued by the company or entity) in supporting the management and coordination of teams.
- Certificate of academic knowledge of audiovisual and digital language.

The final award of the contract will be subject to the presentation of the original documentation (**must be original or certified copy**) when required by the secretary (before the contract is signed)

The Committee will also use the following documents submitted by the candidate for admission to the Doctorate in Communication:

- Undergraduate degree.
- Official final undergraduate transcript, indicating the weighted mark.
- Letters of recommendation.
- Memorandum.
- Curriculum vitae.
- Master's degree or signed statement that the applicant will be in possession of a master's degree by the start of the doctoral program.
- Final official master's degree transcript or provisional official master's degree transcript

The final award of the contract is subject to full-time enrolment on the program and verification of all documents submitted during the application process. To this end, at the time of enrolment, candidates will have to submit the original and a photocopy or a certified copy of all documents submitted with their application.

Applicants who had not yet completed their master's degree when they applied will have to submit the following at the time of enrolment:

- Original and photocopy or certified copy of the degree awarded for the studies qualifying them for admission.
- Original and photocopy or certified copy of the academic transcript for the studies qualifying them for admission. Students who have completed official programs at UPF will not need to submit their academic transcript.

Deadline for applications: Applications has to be sent **from 15 to 30 June 2023, both included**

Decision: Applications will be reviewed by a commission formed by the Deputy Director of the Communication Department, responsible for the research area, the coordinator of the research group and two professors from the Department of Communication appointed by its director.

If deemed appropriate, candidates will also be interviewed to confirm the suitability of their personal profiles and curricula vitae for the scholarship.

It is suggested to the person who obtains the grant to apply for the FPI scholarships of AGAUR and/or of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, if it meets the established requirements.

Decision deadline: by half of July 2023.

For more information or any doubt, do not hesitate to contact the Secretary: doctorat.dcom@upf.edu