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Job announcement: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-14

Full-time research assistant

Position overview

For the ERC projects 'Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries' and 'Government Intervention and the Macroeconomy: Micro-evidence on the Transmission of Government Procurement', Professors Paula Bustos and Manuel García-Santana seek to hire a full-time research assistant, starting in September 2026.

Job location

Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Ciutadella Campus, Department of Economics and Business. **The work is to be carried out on 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 and principal investigators

EU's Horizon Europe programme. European Research Council Consolidator grants 'Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries' (2024–2029) and 'Government Intervention and the Macroeconomy: Micro-evidence on the Transmission of Government Procurement' (2025-2030).

The first project studies the effects of climate change on labour and capital flows in developing countries using micro-data, and is led by Paula Bustos (PhD Harvard). She is an ICREA Research Professor at Pompeu Fabra University, Research Fellow at the European Economic Association, CEPR Research Fellow, Barcelona School of Economics Affiliated Professor, and Associate Researcher at CREI. She serves as Chair of the EEA Women in Economics Committee and is the Co-leader of the Trade and Spatial Frictions Theme of the STEG-CEPR program.

<https://sites.google.com/view/paula-bustos-economist/homepage>

The second project seeks to explore the mechanisms through which government procurement impacts the overall economy. Its Principal Investigator is Professor

Manuel García-Santana (PhD CEMFI), a tenured Associate Professor at Pompeu Fabra University, Affiliated Professor at the Barcelona School of Economics, CREI Research Associate and CEPR Research Fellow. Since 2024 he is co-leader of CEPR-STEG Theme 5: The Role of the Public Sector. At present he serves as an Associate Editor of the <i>Journal of International Economics</i> and the <i>Journal of the Spanish Economic Association</i>. https://sites.google.com/view/manugarciasantana/home
Job offer Research Support Staff at the Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University.
Type of contract: Open-ended, in accordance with decree RD 32/2021 of 28 December, 2021. Incompatibilities: This contract might be incompatible with other contracts. Employer: Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Starting date: September 2026.
Job description: The chosen candidate will carry out the following tasks: 1. Data collection, data cleaning, dataset merging, data analysis 2. Statistical analysis. Trade general equilibrium models solving 3. Programming
Requirements EXPERIENCE Experience with data for scientific research, particularly in empirical analysis of micro-data. Familiar with economic literature through work experience in academia or similar research environments (e.g. government agencies, NGOs). Experience as an RA will be an asset. QUALIFICATIONS Master's in Economics, finished or close to completion. SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE ● IT: Advanced or proficiency level of Excel. ● Scientific software: Working or advanced command of R, Python, Stata, QGIS, Matlab ● Languages: Advanced or proficiency level in English, both spoken and written. ● Knowledge: courses in International Trade, Economic Geography, Development Economics
Expected remuneration Annual gross salary: 29979,98 euros

Group and level: Group 3, level U.
Working hours Full-time, 35 hours/week.
Selection process 29 May 2026 Job advertisement is posted in: • EURAXESS, https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/440732 • Department of Economics and Business (Pompeu Fabra University): https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/research-project-positions Job opportunities > Research Project Positions > Research Support Positions Position reference: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-14 <u>All the announcements about the selection process for this position will be posted on the Pompeu Fabra University website.</u> 14 June 2026 Application period ends. Next steps: Publication of the list of admitted and excluded candidates to take part in the selection process. The Selection Committee preselects the candidates to be evaluated based on their CVs and motivation letter. Rating will be given according to the candidates' match to the required experience, qualifications and skills/knowledge. At the discretion of the Committee, preselected candidates can be asked for an interview. After the publication of the selection process results, allegations can be submitted in the following 5 working days. 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 80 points. Rating system Experience: 30% Qualifications: 30% Skills/knowledge: 40%
Selection Committee President: Paula Bustos and Manuel García-Santana Committee members: Gianmarco León (UPF) and Isaac Baley (UPF)
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 master's diploma, if available. • Scan copy of the master's degree grades transcript (full or partial).

- Names, positions and contact details of 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), with the subject line ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-14. Please name the zip file ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-14_Lastname_Firstname.
- The application submission deadline is 14 June 2026, 23:00pm (UTC+1). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Data protection

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

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More information

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