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Job announcement: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-17

Position overview

For the ERC-funded research project 'Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries', ICREA Professor Paula Bustos seeks to hire a part-time research assistant, starting in July 2026. The research assistant will perform data analysis, statistical and census data analysis, and programming (full details in section below).

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 investigator

EU's Horizon Europe programme. European Research Council Consolidator grant 'Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries', 2024–2029.

This project studies the effects of climate change on labour and capital flows in developing countries using micro-data:

<https://sites.google.com/view/paula-bustos-economist/erc-consolidator-grant>

Paula Bustos (PhD Harvard) 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>

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: July 2026.
Job description: The chosen candidate will carry out the following tasks: 1. Data analysis: Processing and organizing micro-datasets. 2. Statistical analysis: Applying statistical methodologies to the data. 3. Programming (code editing): Adapting existing scripts and code packages (in R, Python, Stata or others). 4. Estimation and quantification of spatial models. Reporting line: this position reports to the principal investigator of the project.
Requirements EXPERIENCE Experience with working 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 in academia or or similar research environments (e.g. government agencies, NGOs). QUALIFICATIONS Finished Master's in Economics. SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE • IT: Advanced or proficiency level of Excel. • Scientific software: advanced command of Stata, R, Python • Languages: Advanced or proficiency level in English, both spoken and written. • Courses on Development Economics, International Trade, Economic Geography, Econometrics, Environmental Economics
Expected remuneration Annual gross salary: 24738 euros
Group and level: Group 2, level S.
Working hours Part-time, 25 hours/week.
Selection criteria: overview of the process 2 June 2026 Job advertisement is posted in: • EURAXESS, https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/441505 • Department of Economics and Business (U. Pompeu Fabra): https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/research-project-positions Job opportunities > Research Project Positions > Research Support Positions Position reference: ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-17 All the announcements about the selection process for this position will be posted on the

Pompeu Fabra University website.

16 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.

General rating system

Experience: 60%

Qualifications: 10%

Skills/knowledge: 30%

Selection Committee

President: Paula Bustos

Committee members: Manuel García-Santana (UPF) and Gianmarco León (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.
- 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-2026-17. Please name the zip file ECON-PSR-INDF-2026-17_Lastname_Firstname.
- The application submission deadline is 16 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

Please send any inquiries about this vacancy to:

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