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### Research assistant position in Applied Economics/Political Economy-Department of Economics at UPF

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## Job Information

Organisation/Company

UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA

Department

Department of Economics and Business

<b>Research Field</b>	Economics » Political economy
<b>Researcher Profile</b>	First Stage Researcher (R1)
<b>Positions</b>	Bachelor Positions
<b>Application Deadline</b>	10 Apr 2026 - 12:00 (UTC)
<b>Country</b>	Spain
<b>Type of Contract</b>	Temporary
<b>Job Status</b>	Full-time
<b>Hours Per Week</b>	35
<b>Offer Starting Date</b>	1 Sep 2026
<b>Is the job funded through the EU Research Framework Programme?</b>	Horizon Europe - ERC
<b>Reference Number</b>	101125953
<b>Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure?</b>	No

## Offer Description

The department of Economics and Business at UPF is looking for highly motivated candidates for a pre-doctoral fellow position to work in the area of applied economics/political economy. The position is sponsored by a grant from the European Research Council Ref.: EC-HEu-ERC-CoG-101125953–POLARIZE–“Political polarization: causes, consequences, and solutions”-IP Ruben DURANTE.

The position is full-time and will be based in Barcelona (Spain). The position ideally runs from September 2026 to June 2027 (though both start and end dates can be flexible).

The position is ideal for students with a long term interest in applied economics, in general, and political economy, in particular, who are looking for research experience prior to starting a PhD. Indeed, pre-doctoral fellows have gone on to join doctoral programs at top European and U.S. schools in economics, political science, finance, and data science.

## Where to apply

**E-mail** maria.laorden@upf.edu

## Requirements

**Research Field** Economics » Political economy

**Education Level** Bachelor Degree or equivalent

## Skills/Qualifications

The main tasks to be performed include, but are not limited to: data collection and analysis, assistance with the design and implementation of field experiments, literature review. The ideal candidate will have a strong quantitative background, excellent research and analytical skills, and experience working with Stata, Python, and other programming languages. Experience working with Natural Language Processing and big data is a plus. Curiosity, energy, initiative, and attention to details are imperative.

**Languages** ENGLISH

**Level** Excellent

## Additional Information

### Benefits

Expected salary: gross annual salary of 35.817,20 euros for a full-time RA. (Category and level: Group 2 Level p).

### Eligibility criteria

The selection will be made through the evaluation of the CVs and the motivation letter presented. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a short interview and may be asked for references and to perform a task to test their research and analytical thinking skills.

The evaluation criteria will be as follows:

- Suitability of the candidate to the main tasks to be performed according to the requested requirements;
- Curriculum experience;
- Knowledge and experience in using Stata and Python;
- Knowledge of other programming languages (SQL);
- Interest in research in the field of Political Economy;
- Curiosity, energy, initiative, and attention to detail.

### Selection process

To apply please send a CV and a cover letter (max 1 page) explaining your motivation and suitability for the job **as a single pdf document** to Ms. Maria Rosa Laorden:

[maria.laorden@upf.edu](mailto:maria.laorden@upf.edu) (with “**Application for RA position Applied Economics-UPF**” in the subject),

## Work Location(s)

**Number of offers available** 1

**Company/Institute** UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA

**Country** Spain

**City** Barcelona

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**Geofield**

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