

## **Group Leader Position in Economics Serra Hùnter Distinguished Professor Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, Spain**

The Department of Economics and Business of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) aims to fill a Group Leader position in the field of Economics. We are looking for candidates with an excellent track record in **economic history and applied microeconomics, with a focus on the role of institutions, markets, and social dynamics in long-run economic development**, and particular interest in **the use of large-scale historical data and quantitative methods**.

Candidates' current affiliation must be in a country different from Spain, and they must have broad research and teaching experience in international centers, as well as leadership skills.

Successful candidates will be highly accomplished scientists with a PhD in Economics (or a closely related field), and a strong capacity to lead high-impact research projects. The future group leader will be expected to attract national and international research funds. The selected candidate will actively engage in teaching in both undergraduate and graduate UPF programs. In particular, in courses such as **Economic History, Applied Microeconomics, Economic Institutions, Development Economics and Political Economy**. The selected applicant will also supervise doctoral theses and will be expected to collaborate with the other research groups of the Department, including those working in applied economics, economic history, and development, in scientific interdisciplinary projects of common interest. A focus on knowledge transfer activities will be positively evaluated. Experience in working with **large historical datasets, linking archival sources, or developing innovative empirical strategies** will be positively valued.

### **The Department of Economics and Business at UPF**

The main goal of the UPF Department of Economics and Business is to promote high quality research. It is expected that its faculty members publish in leading international journals, and both hiring and promotion depend crucially on the publishing record. The long track record of publications and forthcoming papers is the reflection of the importance that the Department places on high quality research .

The Department includes three research centres: BESLab: Behavioral Sciences Laboratory (Experimental Economics), CRES (Health Economics) and BARG (Business Analytics Research Group), it has close connections with CREI (Macro and International Economics)

and is part of the Barcelona School of Economics, as well as of IPEG (Institute of Political Economy and Governance).

The Department is one of the highest ranked Economics Departments in Europe. It combines strong research across macroeconomics, international economics, finance, microeconomics, management, health economics, and data science, and has developed particular strengths in empirical and interdisciplinary research.

### **Research at the Department of Economics and Business**

The Department conducts teaching and research in Economics, Management, Data Science and related fields. Its research strategy aims to build on its strengths across core areas such as macroeconomics, microeconomics, finance, development, economic history, and applied empirical methods. It seeks to attract researchers who can contribute to these areas while also fostering synergies across disciplines, particularly in topics that combine historical analysis, institutional economics, and quantitative methods, **including the study of long-run development, migration, and historical persistence.**

The Department brings together research across a wide range of fields, including microeconomics, macroeconomics, finance, economic history, and data science. The interaction across these areas fosters a highly collaborative environment and has been key to the Department's development as a leading research centre in Europe.

Further information regarding our department and the group leader recruitment & selection process can be found at <https://www.upf.edu/web/econ>

### **The Offer**

- The selected candidate will be proposed by the UPF to join the Serra Hùnter Sènior program (<https://serrahunter.gencat.cat/en/psh-senior/>)
- Access to computing clusters and research infrastructure.
- Start date: Early 2027 (exact date to be agreed)

### **Application Procedure**

Applications must be submitted via email to [recruiting.econ@upf.edu](mailto:recruiting.econ@upf.edu). Please include the reference **DEE-SHS-2026** in the email subject.

Applications should include:



1. **Motivation letter**, describing explicitly how your research goals fit with those of the Department.
2. **Curriculum vitae**  
A full academic CV (maximum 15 pages), including relevant information on publications, research funding, teaching experience, and academic service.
3. **List of 5 selected publications**, with a brief description of each of them.
4. **Brief proposal of future research plans at the Department** (maximum 2 pages).
5. **Contact details of 3 referees** (name, affiliation, and email address) in a single document.

**Application deadline:** applications should be submitted by **21 June, 2026**.

**Interviews:** Candidates may be invited to an interview to be held between September 1 and September 10, 2026.