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**Job announcement:** ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-23

**Position overview**

For an ERC-funded research project in Finance, Prof. Kuvshinov seeks to hire three part-time research assistants starting in August 2024 (one working 20 hours/week and two working 15 hours/week). The research assistants will collect, clean and organize data, perform data analysis and coding for academic research projects, and conduct academic literature reviews (full details in sections below).

**Job location**

Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Ciutadella Campus, Department of Economics and Business. The work is to be carried at the 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**

EU's Horizon Europe programme. European Research Council Starting grant 'Safety, Liquidity, and Crises', 2024–2028. Principal investigator: Dmitry Kuvshinov, Assistant Professor at UPF, Affiliated Professor at the Barcelona School of Economics, and Research Affiliate at the CEPR.

More information:

<https://dkuvshinov.com/#erc>

**Job offer**

Research Support Staff in Finance and Accounting, Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University.

**Type of contract:** Open-ended, in accordance with decree RD 32/2021 of 28 December, 2021.

The contracts will end with the completion of the tasks described under the Job Description section.

Incompatibilities: This contract might be incompatible with other contracts or with the applicant's legal status in Spain.

Employer: Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

**Starting date:** August 2024.

**Job description:**

The successful candidates will carry out the following tasks to develop the datasets on sectoral financial balance sheets, and prices and liquidity of safe and risky financial instruments.

- Collecting, cleaning and organising data on financial balance sheets and quantities of safe assets for selected countries (Italy, Japan, UK)
- Collecting, cleaning, and organising data on prices and bid-ask spreads in historical stock exchange listings for selected countries (Switzerland, US).
- Analysis of the collected data using the appropriate software (e.g., Stata, R, Python).
- Academic literature review for articles on Financial Economics (search for relevant literature; evaluate sources; identify themes, debates, gaps; review writing).

Reporting line: this position reports to the principal investigator of the project.

**Requirements****EXPERIENCE**

Required: experience with working with data for scientific research.

Desired: previous jobs as a research assistant in academia or similar research environments.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Required: Completed Bachelor's degree in Economics or related field.

Desirable: Master's degree in Economics or related fields, completed or in the final year.

**SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE****Required:**

Advanced or proficiency level of Excel.

Scientific software: Advanced or proficiency command of Stata.

Languages: Advanced level in English, both spoken and written.

Knowledge of the field: Financial Economics and Econometrics (through education or professional experience).

**Desirable:**

Optical character recognition (OCR) techniques.

Working knowledge of R and Python.

Familiarity with academic literature in Financial Economics and Econometrics.

**Expected remuneration**

Position for 20 hs/week: Annual gross salary: 22.500,82 euros.

Positions for 15 hs/week: Annual gross salary: 16875,72 euros.

**Group and level:**

Group 2, level i

### **Working hours**

Part-time: One position is for 20 hours/week; the other two for 15 hours/week.

### **Selection criteria**

#### **Overview of the process**

**19 June 2024** Job advertisement is posted in EURAXESS and in the Department of Economics and Business (Universitat Pompeu Fabra):

<https://www.upf.edu/web/econ/research-project-positions>

Job opportunities > Research Project Positions > Research Support Positions

Position reference: ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-23.

All the announcements of the selection process for this position will be posted on this website.

**4 July 2024** Application period ends.

**5 July 2024** Publication of the list of admitted and excluded candidates.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email to arrange the online interview; each shortlisted candidate will be given the detailed rating which will be used by the selection committee to assess their fit to the required and desired experience, qualifications and skills/knowledge.

Before or after the interview, if the committee deems it necessary, one or two referees will be contacted, with prior permission of the applicant.

**15 July 2024** Publication of the selection process results. Allegations can be submitted in the following 5 working days.

**23 July 2024** Selection process ends.

The candidates with the highest scores in the selection process will be offered the job. The minimum score needed to pass the selection process is 60 points.

#### **General rating system**

Experience: 60%

Qualifications: 20%

Skills/knowledge: 20%

The detailed rating which will be used by the selection committee to assess the applicant's fit to the required and desirable experience, qualifications and skills/knowledge will be sent to shortlisted candidates.

#### **Selection Committee**

President: Dmitry Kuvshinov.

Committee members: Victoria Vanasco and Javier Gil-Bazo.

Head of the Department of Economics and Business at UPF: Daniel Serra.

## **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 highest diploma (secondary school degree, Bachelor's, master's)
- Names, positions and contact details of 1 or 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](mailto:mariona.novoa@upf.edu)), with the subject line ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-23. Please name the zip file ECON-PSR-INDF-2024-23\_Lastname\_Firstname.
- The application submission deadline is 4 July 2024, 23:00pm (UTC+1). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

### **Data protection**

Please refer to: <https://rat.upf.edu/en/I1014>

**Date of publication:** 19 June 2024

### **Documents for processing the contract**

The following documents are necessary to process the contract:

- EU citizens: Spanish ID or foreigners' identification number (NIE) and passport; Spanish Social Security number; Spanish bank account number.
- Non-EU citizens: valid Spanish work permit; foreigners' identification number (NIE) and passport; Spanish Social Security number; Spanish bank account number.

### [More information](#)

Please send any inquiries about this vacancy to:

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