



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant in the

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The **Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies** (RSCAS) is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The **Global Governance Programme** (GGP) is one of the flagship programmes of the Robert Schuman Centre. It was launched in 2010 in response to a growing need for global governance in an ever more interconnected and multipolar world. Since then, it focuses on broad interdisciplinary themes and on the many cross-cutting issues related to globalisation by advancing research and promoting multi-stakeholder dialogues.

Employment details

Contract type

Part-time, 60% (18/30, 24 hours/week).

Length of contract

6 months. Start date: 01.07.2023 or as soon as possible.

This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.

Salary indication and grade

Grade: ASTAC1b step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1660 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Director(s)

Prof. Gaby Umbach and RSCAS Director, Prof. Erik Jones

Project details

The [GlobalStat](#) database is a gateway to statistics that facilitates the use of data collected from over 80 statistics providers. Country level data is presented for 193 UN countries and the longest period available, starting in 1960. Apart from statistics, data on global trends is collected to highlight potential future paths. GlobalStat cooperates with the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) on various thematic topics offering tailored infographic publications and a gateway to statistical data for Members and staff of the European Parliament. It also partners with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on new data management and visualisation software. Own publications complement the academic work of GlobalStat.

GlobalStat is part of the **GGP research area “[Knowledge, Governance, Transformations](#)”**. The research area looks into how governance by knowledge and governance of knowledge influence transformations of politics and policies. In doing so, it connects four elements of contemporary societal, political and scientific concern: 1) knowledge production and science advice in politics; 2) ethical and normative aspects of knowledge production and quantification; 3) evidence-informed policy-making and related governance innovations; and 4) the contribution of knowledge and governance transformations to sustainability. A special focus of the research area is on statistics and data as evidence in policy-making.

Job description

The Research Assistant reports to the Director of GlobalStat and the GGP research area ‘Knowledge, Governance, Transformations’.

Main tasks include:

- Contribution to the GlobalStat database:
 - Database work (data collection, harmonisation, consolidation, validation, interpretation, presentation; uploading, updating and control of data & metadata);
 - Conceptual development of the database, web platform, publication formats and research agenda;
 - Organising and coordinating the day-to-day operation and research;
 - Publications (data analysis/data viz) and drafting project reports;

- Supporting outreach activities and fundraising for future research.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Master's degree in Political Science and/or Data Science with a focus on quantitative and data analysis as well as questions of quantification;
- Demonstrated knowledge in statistics, statistical methods, data processing, statistical/data analysis as well as of STATA/R software;
- Proven knowledge of measurement methods relating to globalisation and sustainable development;
- Previous research on quantification, measurement and related governance supported by publication records;
- Proven expertise and experience in (online) data visualisations; conceptual website/web content development and management; development of statistics publication formats;
- Demonstrated experience in project management and fundraising.

Desirable:

- Demonstrated record on evidence-informed policy-making, social sustainability and social policy analysis;
- Proven experience in dealing with external stakeholders (such as public institutions);
- Demonstrated training skills acquired through previous experience.

Languages

Excellent level of written and spoken English is required (C-level) and a good knowledge of at least two other EU languages (B-level) is desirable.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **15 May 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For more information contact Prof. Gaby Umbach (gaby.umbach@eui.eu)

How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested. Please include:

- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of motivation
- Contact details of two references

Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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