



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.

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Part-time 15/30, 20 hours/week
<b>Length of contract</b>	Until 30 June 2023, start date 16 March 2023 or soon after this date.  This contract may be further renewed (subject to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 10 months, including the first contract period.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1b , step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1,380 Euro, plus

allowances if applicable.

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

**Place of work**

To be agreed with Project Director, salary indication based on place of work Florence.

## About the project

**Project Director**

Prof. Bernard Hoekman

**Project details**

ASTAR - The project examines how trade and related policies are associated with farmers' share of the global food dollar (GFD) as an important component to examine structural transformation of global value chains. In this context, the project considers the linkages between multiple open-source data investments by the USDA ERS by combining information on trade, agricultural production, and value chains, adding to the global food dollar (GFD) and Ag-FEEDs program. The project also incorporates trade data into Ag-FEEDs to examine farm value shares and trade

**Job description**

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Director of the project. Main tasks include:

- Organising trade flows and policy data;
- Estimating relevant econometric models, using advanced econometric techniques;
- Supporting the elaboration of a working paper.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- MA or MSc in Economics, or equivalent according to EHEA;
- Previous proven research experience on trade, trade policy (tariffs, NTMs and STC) and global value chain;
- Demonstrated deep knowledge of STATA and R;
- Proven analytical and quantitative skills;
- Proactivity and ability to work autonomously as part of a multinational team in an international & research environment gathered through previous experience.

**Desirable:**

- Proven research experience with large datasets;
- Demonstrated experience in writing economic papers for top field level journals;
- Proven experience in presenting at international conferences;
- Demonstrated experience with project management tasks;
- Proven experience in studying or working in interdisciplinary teams.

## Languages

Excellent level of written and spoken English (CEFR Level C1 and above) is essential. Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

### Deadline

The closing date for applications is **1 February 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

### Contact details

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### How to apply

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