



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 (25/30, 33 hours and 20 minutes/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	22 months, start date 01.02.2024 (or soon after)  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.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2.390 Euro, plus

allowances if applicable.

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

**Place of work**

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

## About the project

**Project Directors:**

Prof. Stephanie Hofmann and Prof. Patryk Pawlak

**Project details**

Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet (GIFI)

Through a mix of policy support, research, and outreach activities with carefully selected target groups, coupled with peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and engagement, the GIFI project aims to contribute **to promoting the [Declaration for the Future of the Internet](#) (DFI) and supporting the implementation of its principles, in a multi-stakeholder and rights-based approach**. It will contribute to promoting the DFI and its specific commitments globally, support the implementation of the DFI principles in the signatory countries through engagement of the multistakeholder community, and explore options for mainstreaming the promotion and implementation of the DFI principles through other EU external actions. To achieve these objectives, the Action will focus on **three main pillars of activities: policy support** (pillar 1), **multistakeholder dialogue** (pillar 2), and **outreach and communication** (pillar 3).

**Job description**

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

- Supporting the implementation of the project alongside the Project Directors;
- Researching and analysing on DFI related topics;
- Being responsible for the African region;
- Being responsible for UN and regional organisations;
- Supporting the organisation of online events;
- Coordinating relations with the civil society organisations.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- MA in Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Social Sciences or in a field relevant to the post;
- Proven experience in working on EU cyber and digital policy and diplomacy projects;
- Demonstrated experience in designing and implementing engagement strategies with EU partner countries and stakeholders at national, regional, and multilateral levels; including through dialogues, conferences, workshops and UN side-events;

- Proven experience with collaborative research projects and analysis on cyber and digital policies in EU partner countries using qualitative and quantitative research methods;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the actors, processes and activities of the broader multistakeholder internet governance community, including at the United Nations acquired through previous experience;
- Proven experience in drafting reports and other relevant policy documents.

**Desirable:**

- Proven experience in financial and non-financial project reporting;
- Demonstrated experience in development and organisation of events.

**Languages**

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

<b>Deadline</b>	The closing date for applications is <b>13 December 2023</b> at midnight (Florence time)
<b>Contact details</b>	For more information contact Joanna Wielgo ( <a href="mailto:joanna.wielgo@eui.eu">joanna.wielgo@eui.eu</a> )
<b>How to apply</b>	Fill in the <a href="#">online application form</a> and upload documents as requested (CV, motivation letter)

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