



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the Office of the President

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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.

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Employment details

Contract type	Part-time (15/30, 20 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months, starting date: 1 November 2025 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: CDR3 step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1.810 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Patrizia Nanz

Project details

Academic Freedom and Responsibilities for Social Transformation. This project examines how universities can fulfill their essential role as spaces for challenging conversations while navigating the complex balance between academic freedom and broader societal responsibilities. Building on the EUI Working Group on the Role of universities' collective reflection on how academia can contribute to a more just and prosperous world, the initiative will develop through three complementary components that address these questions from different perspectives.

The project will critically examine European values in academic contexts, and academic responsibilities for social transformation in a twofold transdisciplinary workshop. It will then confront diverse viewpoints to address tensions between academic freedom and freedom of expression and culminate in high-level engagement with European Higher Education ministers. Through workshops, forums, and ministerial summits spanning from autumn 2025 to May 2026, the initiative aims to produce both theoretical and empirical contributions while improving institutional practices, strengthening academic networks, and securing policy-level commitments that enhance universities' capacity to facilitate difficult conversations while maintaining academic integrity.

Job description

The Office of the President is seeking a dynamic Research Fellow to coordinate the Academic Freedom and Responsibilities for Social Transformation project. This project will serve as a catalyst for transdisciplinary collaboration on the future of higher education and research. As a Research Fellow, you will contribute to the conceptualization and implementation of a collaborative research-action process that addresses the complex challenges universities face today.

The successful candidate will combine academic excellence with practical experience in coordinating research-action projects. They will demonstrate an ability to frame and analyse collaborative processes in order to produce research and policy outcomes, all the while navigating the challenges of an international and transdisciplinary environment.

fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Contributing to the coordination of the project;
- Leading the organisation of events linked to the project;
- Producing discussion material;
- Facilitating workshops and convening conference panels
- Collaborating on the design of the project's online platform;
- Co-designing the project's podcast series;
- Assisting in the development of research proposals and applications for further funding;
- Collaborating on disseminating the project results;

- Contributing to co-authored working papers suitable for publication in academic journals.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in Political Science;
- At least two years of proven postdoctoral research experience;
- At least two years of demonstrated experience in coordinating scientific projects and events;
- Demonstrated knowledge of issues related to the roles of universities, European higher education and research landscape and/or academic freedom;
- Excellent coordination skills across multilingual and multi-stakeholder settings acquired through previous experience;
- Proven academic writing skills acquired through previous experience.

Desirable:

- Demonstrated communication skills acquired through previous experience;
- Demonstrated experience in policy-oriented research or applied research with policy implications.

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **30 September 2025** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For more information contact **Office of the President** (presidents.office@eui.eu)

How to apply

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

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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