



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.

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### Employment details

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| <b>Contract type</b>      | Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)         |
| <b>Length of contract</b> | 2 years, start date 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 2,980 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

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

**Place of work**

Florence, Italy

## About the project

**Project Director**

Prof. Thorsten Beck

**Project details**

The [Florence School of Banking and Finance](#) (FBF) at the Schuman Centre is looking to appoint a research fellow to work on issues related to banking and finance. These issues range from digital finance, the use of AI in finance and financial supervision, cyber risk, sustainable finance, climate risks analysis, financial stability and bank resolution, banking supervision, among others.

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The successful candidate will be expected to work with scholars from different disciplines interested in the same issues.

**Job description**

The research assistant will provide assistance to the Project Director and relevant team Coordinator, mainly in connection to ongoing work in the area of i) sustainable finance and climate and nature risks and/or ii) central banking; iii) banking supervision.

Main tasks include:

- Supporting and contributing to the development and organisation of training activities of the school, both residential and on-line;
- Contributing to and supporting the shaping and updating of the existing training offers in the above areas;
- Interacting with faculty members in preparation of the courses;
- Supporting and participating in fundraising activities, including research grant applications;
- Supporting and undertaking research on sustainable finance and climate and nature risks and more broadly on banking and finance, in line with the overall strategy of the FBF;
- Providing contribution and support in connection to other business needs.

## Qualifications and experience

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#### Essential:

- Master of Arts in Economics, Finance, Law, Political Science or in a related field;
- Two years of demonstrated experience in banking and finance;
- Proven excellent organisational and communication skills acquired through previous experience;
- Demonstrated experience to work in an autonomous way and as part of an international team.

#### Desirable:

- PhD, or close to completing a PhD, in Economics, Finance, Law, Political Science or in a related field;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the institutional functioning and the economic and financial governance architecture of the EU;
- Demonstrated experience in interacting with senior practitioners;
- Proven experience in working in an international organisation.

### 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 **29 October 2026** at midnight (Florence time)

### Contact details

For more information contact Zanobi Tosi Mazzoni, ([zanobi.tosi@eui.eu](mailto:zanobi.tosi@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](#)).

### Equal opportunities

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