



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

Contract type	Part-time (15/30, 20 hours/week)
Length of contract	8 months, start date 1 February 2027

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 1,460 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 research assistance to the Project Director and the relevant team Coordinator, mainly in connection to ongoing work in the area of i) evaluation of financial literacy programmes and/or ii) financial inclusion and financial/monetary stability.

Main tasks include:

- Supporting the design and refinement of ex-post and ex-ante evaluation methodologies for National Plans for Financial Education, including data collection guidelines and impact assessment frameworks;
- Contributing methodological input to the Teacher Training Programme (TTP) pilot across its full cycle, from questionnaire design and data requirements through the student questionnaire, data collection, analysis, and recommendations;
- Providing methodological review for the application and refinement of methodologies once testing begins, contributing to the finalisation of evaluation tools;
- Contributing to the development of recommendation reports, prioritisation criteria, assessment tools, and capacity-building materials for staff involved in the implementation of National Plans for Financial Education.

- Ensuring continuity and quality control on of remaining deliverables through project closure, including workshops, the final report, and communication outputs;
- Contributing with analytical and conceptual work to the joint research project with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion. Contributing to the joint research project with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, providing analytical and conceptual input.

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 working autonomously and collaboratively within an international organisation and multicultural team environment.

Desirable:

- Proven research experience, with demonstrated proficiency in applying different statistical methods and using statistical software;
- Demonstrated knowledge of evaluation techniques;
- Demonstrated experience in interacting with senior practitioners and academics.

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 **08 November 2026** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

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

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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