

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Pre-doctoral and post-doctoral positions in the CORESIDENCE project

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The CORESIDENCE project invites **applications for three-year pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships** to work on the dimensions of change influencing households and family life across societies and time, using the largest and most comprehensive collection of census and survey microdata, spanning from 1960 to the present, including over 120 countries and over 4000 sub-national units. The world is experiencing profound demographic, economic and cultural changes that impact human coresidence in various ways. **The CORESIDENCE project will investigate transformations in living arrangements across societies. In particular, it will focus on a crucial, although unanticipated, facet of these transformations: the global rise of intergenerational coresidence among adult children and their parents.** Our driving **research questions** ask: how have demographic changes affected recent trends in intergenerational coresidence? How do these trends vary by gender, age and across/within societies? What are the micro and macro-level correlates of major economic and cultural shifts for levels and trends of intergenerational coresidence? (For more information about the motivation and contents of the project, [please see a summary of the proposal in the CORESIDENCE website](#)).

What do we offer?

Up to two pre-doctoral and two post-doctoral fellowships, each for three years. Candidates will be selected on a competitive basis. The call for applications is open until **Friday 27th of April, 2023**. The first group of applications will be reviewed in May/June 2023 to start as early as September 2023. In case all positions were not filled in this call, we would open a new call one year later approximately. Successful candidates will join an already active team that has been working for the last few months in the preparation of the CORESIDENCE dataset, the basis of the empirical analysis of the project.

If you come across this call for applications once it has already closed and you still think that this project fits your research interests, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

Salaries will be commensurate with candidates' experience and fit with the positions. They will be in line with or above the Spanish standards for similar positions:

(i) for pre-docs, salaries will range from 17.221,32 to 27.000€;

(ii) for post-docs from 33.798,12 to 42.000€ gross annual salaries.

Participation in major population and sociological conferences or related events will be encouraged (i.e. European Association of Population Studies, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Population Association of America, American Sociological Association). In addition, as team members, successful candidates might be invited to conduct research stays in the countries selected for in-depth study (India, Japan, Mexico, Senegal, Spain, and the Netherlands). The project's team will be based at [Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#) (UAB) Campus, where the [Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics](#) (CED) is based. The UAB Campus is located just 45 minutes away from Barcelona and the seafront. Successful candidates will become CED-affiliated members and will be invited to participate in the centre's seminars and social activities.

What are we looking for?

Excellent social scientists with training in demography, sociology or related disciplines and with high-quality research and communication skills. We are particularly interested in candidates with medium-high quantitative skills and, above all, strong analytical and theoretical abilities. We value candidates able to pose relevant research questions, summarize existing research and produce high-quality research outputs that have an impact on the field of family demography and sociology. Competencies in managing and understanding individual and household level microdata are required. The scope of the CORESIDENCE project is broad. Accordingly, **we expect to receive applications from candidates that range from formal demographers with expertise in modeling kinship dynamics or longitudinal analysis to social theorists with expertise in family theory.** Candidates are expected to work both individually and cooperatively with other members of the team. English is the scientific language of the project and thus, proficiency in English is required. For pre-doctoral students, training in Demography or quantitative methods will be valued. Ideally, we look for full-time researchers. However, for post-docs, those candidates looking for summer

positions or quarter-based jobs will also be considered based on their potential contribution to the project. This might include senior scholars.

How to prepare your application?

Please, send a **Curriculum Vitae**, **copy of degree titles** and **transcript of records**, a **motivation letter** (max. 2 pages), **two samples of independent research** (academic publications, working papers, or a copy of the master thesis for pre-docs), and a **list of three potential referees** to be contacted if the PI considers it appropriate. To be considered, **apply online via the UAB platform by Friday 27th of April, 2023**.

[Follow this link for the pre-doc call.](#)

[Follow this link for the post-doc call.](#)

For informal inquiries, please email Rita Trias at rtrias@ced.uab.es using the heading “CORESIDENCE call for applications”. The **selection procedure** will consist of at least two stages. First, the selection committee will review and evaluate all applications. Second, short-listed candidates will be invited to a personal interview. This may include a short written exercise regarding the interpretation of some data or an analysis of an academic paper.

In the **motivation letter**, **pre-docs** are invited to summarize potential topics for a PhD dissertation based on the contents of the project’s proposal ([please see a summary of the proposal in the CORESIDENCE website](#)). Applicants are encouraged to develop preliminary research questions based on the main research objectives of the proposal and specify in which regions of the world they are interested. **Post-docs** are invited to develop research objectives related to the project’s proposal. All candidates are expected to provide evidence (including examples) showing how they meet the selection criteria for the position. This may include describing how relevant skills, abilities, experience and knowledge enable them to develop the job effectively.

What happens during and after the project?

Successful candidates will work from one of the two CED-UAB adjacent buildings located on the UAB Campus. They will be formally employed by UAB but develop their research activity at CED. Team meetings will be held in person weekly, usually on Friday mornings. All members of the team are invited to attend CED’s social and research activities. Individual desks of exclusive

use will be provided to all members of the team as well as personal computers and other equipment. The UAB has provided new office space for the CORESIDENCE team. It enjoys a beautiful view of the UAB campus's main valley and it is only two minutes away (walking distance) from the train station that connects UAB with Barcelona's city center in 45 minutes. Most researchers live in Barcelona and commute to CED daily. Although Barcelona is becoming a more expensive city to live in, the conditions of the fellowship are high enough to allow candidates to live in the city.

Pre-docs are expected to successfully finish their PhD in three years and look for post-doctoral positions after it. The project's PI and other researchers at CED will actively guide students and provide support to find good post-doctoral opportunities. Based on student performance and prospects to complete the dissertation, funding could be extended for a few months to ensure a correct end and defense of the thesis.

During the project, **Post-docs** will be able to assess the research atmosphere at CED-UAB and decide if they would like to pursue an academic career in Barcelona. The PI will provide support and guidance to post-docs along the fellowship to maximize their future careers. This includes support for applying for their grants and opportunities to supervise pre-doctoral students and gain teaching expertise. Note that the advertised positions have no teaching obligations. Different grants are available to post-doctoral researchers at different stages (i.e. Ramón y Cajal, Juan de la Cierva, Beatriu de Pinós etc.). CED is one of the most successful institutions in Spain in gaining competitive grants and research funding, some conducive to European Research Council (ERC) grants. At present, ERC grants are known to open many doors in the current Spanish academic scenario. This should certainly not be out of the scope of any candidate that joins the CORESIDENCE project at CED-UAB.