

Call for expressions of interest for a 4-year PhD scholarship within the project RECYREM, *Recycling and environmental remittances* at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).

We invite expressions of interest for a full-time 4-year FPI predoctoral contract to pursue a PhD thesis within the Department of Political Science and the Institute for Government and Public Policy (IGOP) at the UAB. [Eva Østergaard-Nielsen](#), PI of the RECYREM project (PID2025-174646NB-I00), will act as supervisor of the successful candidate (co-supervision is possible).

We are looking for a highly motivated person interested in developing a doctoral thesis on a topic broadly related to the project (migration, environmental issues, migrant agency, remittances). Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science or a related and relevant social science discipline (adding to 300 ECTS credits) and have a strong methodological background. Proficiency in English is required; proficiency in Spanish or Romanian are valued. The selected candidate will also collaborate in the activities of the project, such as the development, analysis and dissemination of unique sets of qualitative and quantitative data.

We provide an engaging and supportive environment to pursue a PhD within the [PPIR programme](#) of the UAB, with opportunities for advanced methodological training, attendance at international conferences and seminars, and access to original data generated within the project.

Interested candidates can submit expressions of interest to eva.ostergaard@uab.cat, including a complete CV (with average final BA and MA grades and contact details of two referees) and a motivation letter (outlining their interest in the project and a brief presentation of their ideas for their PhD thesis) at their earliest convenience and preferably before 15/10 2026. The official selection process (formal call to be published in due course by the UAB) is expected to take place between October and December, and the contract is tentatively scheduled to start in the first months of 2027.

RECYREM investigates the relationship between migration and environmental challenges, in particular the formation, transfer and impact of environmental remittances. We examine whether and how migrants adopt environmental norms and practices in their countries of residence, share these through transnational networks and influence attitudes and behaviour in communities of origin. Our analysis will centre on how political socialization, habit formation, and societal and institutional trust interact with local governance and infrastructure to enable or constrain these processes. Focusing on issues of recycling, we will examine the bidirectional exchange of local and transnational knowledge. The data collection will draw on both surveys (with experimental components) and qualitative fieldwork/interviews.