Call for Applications:

Predoctoral Research Contract for Doctoral Training (FPI), Associated with a "Knowledge Generation" Project Funded by MICIU

Predoctoral research contract for doctoral training (FPI) associated with the project "Housing and Mobility in the Reproduction of Inequality in Spain and Europe" - HOMEINEQ (Ref. PID2025-176488OB-I00), funded by MICIU/AEI/10.13039/ 501100011033 and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

CED internal reference: R103/2026

Background to the Call:

This call for applications is being published in advance of the final award decisions for projects funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Agencia Estatal de Investigación, AEI) and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), as well as the final award decisions for predoctoral research contracts for doctoral training. These awards are governed by Article 12 of the call for "Knowledge Generation Projects" and associated initiatives for the training of predoctoral researchers, dated 29 October 2025 and published in the Official State Gazette (BOE) on 31 October 2025. Accordingly, this call is conditional upon the final award decisions for the relevant projects.

The successful candidate will undertake research activities and a doctoral thesis within the Doctoral Programme in Demography at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), as part of project PID2025-176488OB-I00, hosted by the Centre for Demographic Studies (Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics, CED).

Project Overview:

The HOMEINEQ – ***Housing and Mobility in the Reproduction of Inequality in Spain and Europe*** (Ref. PID2025-176488OB-I00), funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU) and led by **Sergi Vidal** and **Riccardo Valente**, examines how housing and residential trajectories unfold across the life course and contribute to the reproduction of social inequalities. The project pays particular attention to how these relationships are shaped by demographic change, family systems, intergenerational processes, socio-spatial opportunity structures, and the financialization of housing.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will contribute to the implementation of the project, with specific responsibilities including:

- Developing doctoral research aligned with the project's scientific objectives.
- Contributing to literature reviews and the development of theoretical frameworks on residential inequalities, housing, and the life course.
- Supporting the preparation, management, and analysis of quantitative data, particularly longitudinal data.
- Applying statistical methods to investigate residential trajectories and inequalities in access to housing.
- Contributing to scientific publications, conference presentations, and other research dissemination activities.
- Participating in the research team's scientific and coordination activities.

Required Qualifications and Skills:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- A relevant academic qualification and an appropriate academic background to meet the admission requirements for the Doctoral Programme in Demography at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), preferably in Sociology, Demography, Economics, Statistics, Geography, or related disciplines.
- Advanced English proficiency (C1), both spoken and written.
- Advanced quantitative analytical skills and an interest in empirical social research.
- Knowledge of statistical methods and proficiency in data analysis software (R, Stata, or similar) would be considered an asset.
- Previous experience or demonstrated interest in social inequalities, housing, residential mobility, and life-course research would be considered an asset.

Employment Conditions:

- The successful candidate must take up the position at the host institution within a maximum of nine months from the first day of the month following publication of the award decision on the website of the Spanish State Research Agency (AEI). The employment start date must be the first day of the relevant month.
- A four-year employment contract is offered. If the candidate completes their PhD during this period, they may be eligible to enter the postdoctoral orientation stage (POP) for a maximum of one year. In all cases, the total duration of the contract may not exceed four years.
- Remuneration and eligible costs will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the relevant call issued by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU).

Application Procedure:

- Applicants must upload the following documents through the online application platform: a curriculum vitae (CV), academic transcripts and degree certificates for both their Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and a motivation letter.
- Applicants who completed their studies abroad must also submit the official declaration of equivalence of the average grades obtained for their Bachelor's and Master's degrees, available via the following **link**.
- The evaluation process will follow the criteria set out in Article 12.2 of the relevant MICIU call.
- The Evaluation and Selection Committee (CAS) will comprise the project's principal investigators and any additional members deemed appropriate, in accordance with the CED's Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment (OTM-R) policy.
- Interviews may be conducted where deemed appropriate.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by the end of November 2026.

Application submission period:

- From 2 to **20 November 2026 (until 11:59 p.m.)**

Further Information:

- For enquiries, please contact: demog@ced.uab.es
- Further information about the CED is available on our website.
- This call is subject to the provisions of the 2025 call for Knowledge Generation Projects and associated initiatives for the training of predoctoral researchers, within the framework of the Spanish State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research 2024–2027, as well as any decisions arising from that call.

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The CED adheres to the principles and requirements set out in the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. Recruitment will be carried out in accordance with the applicable provisions of Spanish employment law (*Estatuto de los Trabajadores*). The CED is committed to the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination, regardless of sex, marital status, nationality, political or religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or any other personal circumstance. The CED also promotes universal accessibility for persons with disabilities, provided that they successfully complete the selection process and can demonstrate that their disability is compatible with the performance of the duties associated with the position. Candidates wishing to submit suggestions or complaints regarding the selection process may contact us at demog@ced.uab.es