



Two 3-year research positions in Demography / Public Health

ERC Consolidator Grant project HEALIN Center for Demographic Studies (Barcelona) Code: R301-02/2021 Temp.

Post Title	Researcher (R3B)
Post Status	3-year contract
Entity	Centre for Demographic Studies
Location	Campus Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 08193 Bellaterra, Spain
Reports to	Director of the Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED), Bellaterra, Barcelona
Essential	International career; Research Performance; Teamwork
Gross Salary	R3(B) on CED's Salary Scale: €30.360-€37.560 per year
Hours of Work	37,5 per week
Closing Date	31st of January 2021

Two temporary researcher appointments are offered for social scientists with excellent analytical and writing skills who have completed their PhD. The selected candidates will be invited to join the project "Healthy lifespan inequality: Measurement, trends and determinants". The HEALIN project is funded by the European Research Council as a Consolidator Grant and will be led by Dr. Iñaki Permanyer at the Center for Demographic Studies (CED) in Barcelona.

Profile of the Candidate

Aspiring candidates should have a solid background in Demography, Public Health and/or closely related disciplines. Researchers interested in population health, population ageing and health inequalities are particularly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to candidates with strong quantitative and writing skills.

The candidates will be invited to collaborate with the PI and will be given ample space to develop their own research agenda within the broad scope of the project's goals, which include:

- Conducting comparative cross-national research on health inequalities on the basis of socio-demographic and health surveys, and other population health registers.
- Documenting and analyzing the extent of inequality in the distribution of healthy and unhealthy lifespans across individuals living in different populations.
- Exploring, cleaning and analyzing the population health registers for the population of Catalonia (with 7.5 Million residents).

Employment Conditions

The selected candidates will be invited to join the project in the second trimester of 2021 but the starting date is flexible. We offer a 3-year contract and the starting salary will be commensurate with experience (between €30.360 and €37.560 gross annually). Budget is available for the attendance of conferences, training and other research-related expenses. The candidates will be encouraged to develop their own research agenda, collaborate with the PI and other members of the center, to present their results in international conferences, and to publish in top social sciences journals. There are no teaching obligations.

Project description

The HEALIN project aims at investigating a currently unexplored area of research: what is the extent of inequality in the distribution of healthy and unhealthy lifespans across individuals? For that purpose, it proposes to construct a new class of population health measures: the 'healthy lifespan inequality' indicators. The project main aims' include (1) Investigate the trends and determinants of healthy lifespan inequality; (2) Assess whether the specific ages and causes that drive changes in these indicators are the same ones determining the changes in other population health indicators (like 'life expectancy', 'health expectancy', or 'lifespan inequality'); and (3) Investigate how these indicators behave across and within countries and socio-economic groups. In addition to traditional socio-economic and health data sources, the project will complementarily draw from the vastly underutilized health registers for the population in Catalonia. Their large size and micro-level design allow for the investigation of trends in healthy lifespan inequality with unprecedented detail.

About the Center for Demographic Studies (CED)

The Centre for Demographic Studies (CED), located on the Campus of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), has around 70 members: scientific, technical and administrative staff, associated researchers belonging to the UAB, graduate and doctoral students and visiting fellows.

The CED ranks amongst the top European centers in demography and member of the Population Europe Network. CED's researchers are specialized in several research areas: fertility and family dynamics; inequality and social stratification; health and mortality; international migrations; housing, internal migrations and residential mobility. Over 65% of CED's budget comes from competitive grants, mainly from European and Spanish research agencies.

Conjointly with the UAB Department of Geography, the CED offers the Doctoral Program in Demography (<https://ced.uab.cat/en/doctorat/doctorat-en-demografia/>) which has granted 60 doctoral degrees since 2000 and has been awarded with the Mention of Excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Education. It is an active member of the European Doctoral School of Demography-EDSD and is currently hosting the school for the second time since its foundation. The CED also organizes

the Barcelona Summer School of Demography (<https://ced.uab.cat/courses/barcelona-summer-school-of-demography/>).

Application Process

The following documentation (in English) should be attached:

- Detailed curriculum vitae.
- One or two pieces of the most relevant academic work.
- One-page motivation letter.
- Names, affiliations and contact details of two or three persons who might eventually be contacted to provide information about the candidate.
- [Application form](#) and Passport (copy)

Applications should be sent by email to researchpositions@ced.uab.es with the following subject: "ERC HEALIN researcher application (family name of the applicant)". The deadline for application is January 31st, 2021. The final decision will be made by mid-March. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to give an online or in-person talk depending on how the covid-19 pandemic evolves.

Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within one working day of submitting your application online, please contact Teresa A. Cusidó (tacusido@ced.uab.es), on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, non-EEA applicants should note that it is the applicant's responsibility to secure a visa to travel to Spain prior to interview. Non-EEA applicants should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit and visa.

For application queries, please contact Hermínia Pujol (CED Human resources and Manager) hpujol@ced.uab.es

For more information on the project, please contact Iñaki Permanyer (Project PI) ipermanyer@ced.uab.es

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