



**Part-time researcher in Demography / Sociology (ref. R201/2023)**

**Child Poverty and neighbourhood opportunity structures**

**Center for Demographic Studies (Barcelona)**

<b>Post Title</b>	Post-doctoral Researcher (R2A-B)
<b>Post Status</b>	1-year part time contract
<b>Entity</b>	Centre for Demographic Studies/Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics
<b>Location</b>	Campus Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 08193 Bellaterra, Spain
<b>Reports to</b>	Director of the Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED), Bellaterra, Barcelona
<b>Essential</b>	Qualitative researcher; Research Performance; Teamwork
<b>Gross annual Salary</b>	R2(A-B) on CED's Salary Scale (pro-rata): R2A €21.930-25.530 R2B €27.658-31.258
<b>Hours of Work</b>	Part time 11-18h per week to be agreed. Flexible working hours.
<b>Closing Date</b>	27 February 2023 at 14:00

A postdoctoral appointment is offered for social scientists with excellent analytical and writing skills who have recently completed or are close to completing their PhD. Given the nature of the project fluent Spanish is required, as well as command of Catalan and English. The selected candidate will be invited to join the project "Child Poverty and neighbourhood opportunity structures" at the Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics. The project will be lead by Dr. Alba Lanau and includes researchers from Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. The project is funded by the Barcelona city council (Ajuntament de Barcelona) and will run for a total of 18 months during 2023-24.

## **Profile of the Candidate**

Aspiring candidates should have a solid background in Sociology, Anthropology, Demography, Geography and/or closely related disciplines and experience in the application of qualitative research methods. Researchers interested in social and economic inequality, poverty, marginalization, stratification, and childhood are particularly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to candidates with strong qualitative and writing skills as well as applicants from underrepresented groups.

### ***Essential:***

PhD (completed or close to completion) in Sociology, Anthropology, Demography, Geography and/or closely related disciplines

Professional experience in qualitative research projects. Experience in communicating scientific results (e.g. in academic presentations, reports, academic articles).

Languages: Spanish (Native standard), Catalan, English

Ability to work as part of a team as well as independently

Good organization skills

Computer/IT skills

### ***Desirable:***

Experience working with vulnerable groups

An interest in poverty, vulnerability and economic insecurity

Experience conducting qualitative interviews

## **The role**

“Child Poverty and neighbourhood opportunity structures” is a mixed methods project. The candidate will help coordinate the qualitative data collection and collaborate with the team in the production of project outputs including reports, journal articles and other dissemination materials. The candidate will be provided the opportunity to lead on the publication of articles with the support of team members. This is an opportunity for recent graduates to be part of a strong research team and expand their publications. As part of the project there is funding to travel to conferences and research meetings to present results.

Key tasks include:

- Qualitative fieldwork coordination (qualitative interviews) in collaboration with the PI and research team

- Support in data collection and data management
- Qualitative data analysis
- Collaboration in dissemination activities
- Collaboration in the preparation of the final report and other academic outputs
- Dissemination of results to diverse audiences

### **Employment Conditions**

The selected candidate will be invited to join the project as soon as possible. The salary will be commensurate with obtained qualifications and research experience according to CEDs salary tables (see above). Budget is available for the attendance of conferences, training and other research-related expenses. There are no teaching obligations.

### **Project description**

This project aims to assess how low income households with children in Barcelona manage the resources available to them (including income, but also networks, public and private services) to address situations of vulnerability. The project examines both the strategies deployed by citizens when they are faced with a critical situation, and the approaches and resources that organizations and service providers use to support citizens when they encounter such situations. Thus this approach moves beyond deficit based orientations and descriptions by showing gaps and needs but also coping strategies and support.

#### Specific objectives

- To identify the combination of resources (including public services as well as other public and private resources) used by households to address critical situations, To develop a typology of welfare strategies used by households with low resources to address critical situations
- To determine how households' strategies vary according to their own resources
- To determine whether and how households' strategies are influenced by their neighbourhood characteristics
- To identify how households can best be supported to improve effective access to services

### **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 centres 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, Catalan or Spanish) should be attached:

- PhD/Master Title
- Detailed curriculum vitae
- DNI/Passport

Applications should be sent by email to [demog@ced.uab.es](mailto:demog@ced.uab.es) with the following subject Call R201/2023.

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 Hermínia Pujol ([hpuijol@ced.uab.es](mailto:hpuijol@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 more information on the project, please contact Alba Lanau (Project PI) [alanau@ced.uab.es](mailto:alanau@ced.uab.es)

### **Equal Opportunities Policy**

CED is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. CED also works to promote work/life balance and facilitates this through Centre policy and practices.