



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Research Assistant in the

# Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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### Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The [Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies](#) (RSCAS) carries out research on major issues facing Europe, bridging the worlds of academia and practice through interdisciplinary research.

The Research Assistant will be based at the [Migration Policy Centre](#) (MPC) which is part of the RSCAS and is a multi-disciplinary research center that conducts advanced research on the transnational governance of international migration, asylum and mobility. It aims to provide new ideas, rigorous evidence and critical thinking to inform major European and global policy debates.

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Part-time 20% (6/30, 8 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	6 months, start date as soon as possible  This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 550 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

**Place of work**

To be agreed with Project Directors (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

## About the project

**Project Directors**

Prof. James Dennison and Prof. Andrew Geddes

**Project details**

[Values, issues, and socio-political behaviour at Europe's border: Towards a psychological model of migration \(PSYMIG\)](#)

PSYMIG asks why do some people migrate while others do not? Why are only some willing to do so irregularly? Extant explanations focus on socio-demographics, political and economic contexts, and migrant networks. This project proposes a new psychological model to be tested by collecting survey data in Montenegro, an ideal case. The project will strengthen collaboration—based on internationalisation and excellence—and capability between the EUI and outstanding scholars at the University of Montenegro in a strategic region. Future research will test this model globally—the aim of a Horizon bid—while policymakers will better achieve key objectives by using its findings.

**Job description**

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Reviewing literature, designing surveys and analysing original data on migration intentions, behaviours and beyond;
- Contributing to write working paper on migration issues.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- MA (or equivalent according to EHEA) in social sciences;
- Applied statistical skills (R, Stata) acquired through previous experience.

**Desirable:**

- Proven experience working with survey;
- Proven knowledge of migration issues and/or social psychology
- Demonstrated experience in data visualisation.

**Languages**

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

<b>Deadline</b>	The closing date for applications is <b>15 March 2024</b> at midnight (Florence time)
<b>Contact details</b>	For more information contact James Dennison ( <a href="mailto:james.dennison@eui.eu">james.dennison@eui.eu</a> )
<b>How to apply</b>	Fill in the <a href="#">online application form</a> and upload documents as requested

### Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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