

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Postdoctoral Research Position

Department of Political Science | Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

About the Position

The Department of Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) invites applications for a postdoctoral researcher position associated with the research project “Firms and Workplace Political Mobilisation in Europe” (FIRMPOL), funded by the Agència Estatal de Investigació (AEI) and led by PI Irina Ciornei.

FIRMPOL is the first systematic comparative study of employer-led political mobilisation in democratic contexts, examining how and why private firms seek to influence employees’ political views and behaviours across six European countries (France, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Spain, and the UK). Drawing on original survey experiments with both employers and employees, the project develops a comprehensive typology of workplace political mobilisation —ranging from informational and policy-advocacy strategies to structural, electoral, and clientelist forms— and tests hypotheses about the institutional, sectoral, and firm-level factors that shape mobilisation. The project also assesses the political consequences of such mobilisation for workers’ attitudes toward democratic institutions and their electoral behaviour, bridging the fields of political economy and political behaviour.

Position Details

- Contract type: Postdoctoral research contract
- Working hours: 30 hours per week
- Annual gross salary: €30,000
- Duration: 01/10/2026-31/03/2028
- Location: Department of Political Science, UAB, Bellaterra, Barcelona
- Language of work: English
- **Application deadline: 24/06/2026**
- More info on the UAB page (catalan only): <https://tauler.seu-e.cat/detall?idEns=11&idEdicte=631741>
- Application link: <https://seleccio.uab.cat/seleccio/login/auth>

Key Responsibilities

- Design and implement survey experiments on workplace political behaviour and mobilisation
- Conduct quantitative data analysis and contribute to the project's empirical outputs
- Collaborate in writing and co-authoring peer-reviewed publications
- Present research findings at international academic conferences
- Contribute to the intellectual life of the Department of Political Science
- Participate in project coordination and reporting activities as required

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements at the time of application:

- PhD in Political Science, Economics, or Sociology (degree must be awarded before the start date)
- Substantive interest in political behaviour and political economy
- Advanced knowledge of survey experimental design and implementation
- Strong command of quantitative research methods (e.g., regression analysis, causal inference techniques, multilevel modelling)
- Proficiency in English, both written and oral, to a standard required for academic publication and presentation
- Demonstrated research output (publications, working papers, or dissertation chapters) in relevant areas

Application Materials

Applications must be submitted in a single PDF document and include:

- PhD diploma
- Cover letter (maximum 2 pages) outlining research experience, fit with the project, and motivation for the position
- Curriculum vitae (including a list of publications and/or working papers)
- Writing sample (e.g., a journal article, working paper, or dissertation chapter; maximum 15,000 words)
- Names and contact details of two academic referees willing to provide letters upon request

How to Apply

The abovementioned documents should be submitted on the following platform before **June 24th 2026**. Only applications submitted on this platform will be evaluated.

<https://seleccio.uab.cat/seleccio/login/auth>

For further inquiries please send an email to irina.ciornei@uab.cat with the subject line "Postdoc Application – Workplace Political Mobilisation". Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Interviews are expected to be held during the first two weeks of July 2026.

The UAB is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in its recruitment processes. Applications from candidates of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged.