

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The [Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy \(BIAP\)](#), a María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (CEX2021-001169-M), is offering **5 three-year predoctoral positions in philosophy**; of these 5 positions, 3 will be based at the University of Barcelona, 1 at the Pompeu Fabra University, and 1 at the University of Girona

**The gross salary is €24.000 per annum.**

Candidates can apply from 16 November 2023.

~~The deadline for applications is set for 01 December 2023, at midnight (CET).~~

**The new deadline for applications is set for 08 January 2024, at midnight (CET).**

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

From 2010 until 2014, the [LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy](#) (University of Barcelona) teamed up with the [Law and Philosophy Research Group](#) (Pompeu Fabra University) and the [Legal Philosophy Research Group](#) (University of Girona) for a collaborative research project financed by the Spanish Ministry's prestigious Consolider programme. To formalize the partnership between the three research groups involved, in 2016, the three universities came together to create BIAP, which recently became a *María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence*, a status conferred for 5 years and involving award of a €2M grant for a 4-year collaborative research project on the nature and role of evidence. As part of its strategic research programme, BIAP seeks to attract national and international talent working on issues within the project's remit.

The project's core objectives are (i) to explore and systematize the different roles, and scope, assigned to evidence in a variety of well-defined contexts of enquiry, (ii) to develop a coherent overall conception of the nature of evidence, and of evidential support, across the aforementioned contexts of enquiry, and (iii) to determine the lessons to be drawn from this conception for the uses and roles that evidence should have in the public sphere. The project is articulated into a total of six research work packages, with a seventh work package dedicated to outreach and transfer of knowledge activities. The five predoctoral positions offered in this call are for the following five research work packages led by members of BIAP:

[WP1] Evidence in epistemology (led by [Sven Rosenkranz](#))

[WP2] Evidence and the law (led by [Jordi Ferrer](#))

[WP3] Evidence in science (led by [José Antonio Díez](#) and [Carl Hoefer](#))

[WP5] Evidence and philosophical method (led by [Manuel García-Carpintero](#))

[WP6] Evidence, politics, and the public sphere (led by [Josep Joan Moreso](#) and [Serena Olsaretti](#))

For further details concerning the research objectives of each work package, visit [here](#).

## Candidate profile

Successful candidates will be assigned to one of the aforementioned five research work packages (WP1, WP2, WP3, WP5, and WP6), depending on their research interests. Successful candidates for **WP1, WP3 and WP5** will be expected to enrol in the **University of Barcelona's full-time doctoral programme *Cognitive Science and Language (CCiL)*, research line *APhil (Analytic philosophy, ref. 101133)***, and to choose a dissertation project contributing to the research goals of one of the aforementioned three work packages.

The successful candidate for **WP2** will be expected to enrol in the **University of Girona's full-time *Joint Doctoral Programme in Law, Economics and Business***, and to choose a dissertation project contributing to the research goals of the aforementioned package.

The successful candidate for **WP6** will be expected to enrol in the **Pompeu Fabra University's full-time doctoral programme *PhD in Law***, and to choose a dissertation project contributing to the research goals of the aforementioned package.

## Contract conditions

Successful candidates for the five work packages will be employed by the University of Barcelona and be given a one-year contract, renewable for a second and third year, depending on satisfactory performance. Contracts are set to begin in February 2024 (for non-EU citizens who have to apply for a work and residence permit, the deadline can be extended for up to 3 months).

**The gross salary of each contract is €24.000 per annum.**

BIAP will cover the doctoral programme enrolment fees.

## Eligibility criteria

Candidates from any country can apply, including non-EU members. To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants for WP1, WP3 and WP5 should meet the requirements for enrolling in the University of Barcelona's full-time doctoral programme *Cognitive Science and Language (CCiL)*, research line *APhil (Analytic Philosophy)*. For further details visit [here](#).
- Applicants for WP2 should meet the requirements for enrolling in the University of Girona's full-time *Joint Doctoral Programme in Law, Economics and Business*. For further details visit [here](#).
- Applicants for WP6 should meet the requirements for enrolling in the Pompeu Fabra University's full-time doctoral programme *PhD in Law*. For further details visit [here](#).

BIAP strongly encourages applications from women and members of other groups underrepresented in the profession.

## Application material

**Each candidate can apply for at most two of the five positions.**

Candidates applying for two positions must submit a separate application for each position. Candidates must mandatorily indicate the work package position they wish to be considered for in the cover letter of the application material (see below).

**The application package should include all of the following:**

- The completed application form, available [here](#).
- Copy of bachelor's degree and academic transcript.
- Copy of university master's degree certificate and academic transcript, or equivalent. [If applicants have not obtained their university master's degree (or equivalent) by the call's closing date, they must submit a letter written and signed by the head of their department or the coordinator of their master programme, confirming that their master's degree (or equivalent) is expected to be awarded before 01 January 2024].
- Cover letter describing the applicant's research interests, and the WP to which the application is directed.
- An up-to-date CV.
- Sketch of a dissertation project (800 - 1500 words).
- Sample of written work representative of interests and research aptitudes (5000 words or less).
- Two confidential letters of reference, to be sent separately by the referees.
- Candidates that have completed their studies abroad must upload, together with the rest of the application documents, the certificate of equivalence of their average grades of both their bachelor's and university master's degrees (or equivalent) in accordance with the academic grading scale of Spanish universities (*Declaration of Equivalence of Average Grades in University Academic Transcripts Obtained at Centres Abroad*), by following [this link](#). [Please note that there is no English version of the procedure, only the official, Spanish one, provided by the Spanish Ministry *Ministerio de Universidades*].

**All application documents should be converted into one single PDF file that should not exceed 2MB in total.**

## Application procedure

Applications, including all the requested application material (except the reference letters), must be submitted before the deadline via the 'Generic Request' system, the general registry of the University of Barcelona. Follow [this link](#).

To this end, it is necessary for applicants to first register as users [here](#).

A PDF with further instructions on the 'Generic Request' system is available [here](#).

After submission, a copy of the application material – in one single PDF file – must be sent to [biap.barcelona@gmail.com](mailto:biap.barcelona@gmail.com) (email subject: BIAP\_PREDOC\_candidate's surname).

Confidential reference letters must be sent to [biap.barcelona@gmail.com](mailto:biap.barcelona@gmail.com) (email subject: BIAP\_PREDOC\_candidate's surname).

## Selection and recruitment procedure

There will be five selection committees (one per advertised position). The selection committees will review all complete applications, check for eligibility, and draw up, no later than middle/end of January, a shortlist for each WP from among those candidates reaching a minimum evaluation score. The successful applicant for each WP will be notified shortly after the shortlist has been agreed.

Successful candidates then have a maximum of 5 working days to accept the offer. If the candidate ranked 1st declines the offer, the candidate ranked 2nd will receive an offer, and so on, until the end of the shortlist is reached. If no shortlisted candidate accepts the offer, a new call will be issued.

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