

Pre-Scholarships

Duration: 7 months (from October 2024 to April 2025)

The University of Barcelona School of Economics invites applications for up to two pre-Scholarships to work on one of the following topics:

1. Industrial Organization, Political Economy, Environmental Economics
2. Health Economics
3. Development, Macroeconomics, Welfare Economics, Labour Economics, Education, Informal Economics, Welfare State
4. Dynamic microsimulation. In this case there is a possibility to develop an Industrial Doctorate in close interaction with a policy institution

Options 3 & 4 would be developed within the framework of the [SUSTAINWELL project](#).

We are seeking candidates at the pre-doctoral level interested in joining the [PhD in Economics programme at the University of Barcelona](#) in the academic year 2024-2025. Opportunities for PhD supervision are welcome, and candidates will be assisted in applying for full scholarships to start on May 1, 2025. The successful candidate will develop his/her research under the supervision of researchers belonging to the [BEAT research institute](#).

Essential skills:

- Excellent quantitative and data analysis skills for economic research
- Experience in data cleaning and preparation and proficiency in Stata
- Committed and collaborative team player with the ability to work constructively and effectively with international and interdisciplinary research partners
- Able to manage their own areas of responsibility independently without constant direct supervision
- High levels of accuracy and attention to detail, along with a demonstrated ability to take responsibility for the delivery of research outputs
- Good writing skills in English
- Ability to undertake literature reviews and synthesize evidence effectively

Additional skills, besides knowledge of the specific literature [depending on the topics mentioned above]:

1. Experience using econometric methods for quasi-experimental analyses
2. Experience using econometric methods applied to the field
3. Knowledge and/or experience in working with Overlapping Generations models
4. Experience using econometric methods and in dynamic microsimulation

Applications

Only complete applications will be considered [Step 1 and 2]. Candidates must:

1. Complete the application to [PhD in Economics programme of the University of Barcelona](#) **before March 15, 2024**.
2. Send a letter of interest (500 words max in pdf) to school.economics@ub.edu **before March 31, 2024**, indicating your past experience, interest in the areas covered by the project, why you would be a great candidate, and what you expect to like the most and least about the position. Please use the following email subject: "BEAT-CAEPS" followed by "the number of the topic of your interest" and "your name and surname" [for instance, "BEAT-CAEPS + 1: Mary Black"]

Email enquiries should be directed to: school.economics@ub.edu

The University of Barcelona is a leading center in southern Europe, deeply committed to excellence in research. With a longstanding tradition in teaching, it offers a wide array of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs in Economics and Business. Within this framework, the [UB School of Economics](#) serves as a pivotal platform for research and graduate education in Economics.

The PhD in Economics programme has been awarded the distinction of Excellence following a comprehensive and rigorous external evaluation conducted by the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency [AQU]. This recognition acknowledges the quality and impact of the research conducted within the framework of the PhD programme.