



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) is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute. It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The Research Assistant will be based at the [Centre for a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#), which is part of the RSCAS. The CDS is an academic hub gathering scholars, public enforcers, practitioners, and representatives of the industry and civil society to debate the challenges of digital transformation and its impact on markets and democracy. The Centre builds upon the experience gained during the past decade by the Florence School of Regulation – Communications and Media Area (FSR C&M) and by the Florence Competition Programme (FCP). With the establishment of the CDS, the two projects merge into a unique programme, broadening their focus beyond the regulation of the media sector and competition policy. Within the Robert Schuman Centre, the CDS sets the ground for close collaboration with the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom.

Employment details

Contract type	Part-time, 80% (24/30, 32 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months, Start date: negotiable
Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2.360 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

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

Place of work

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

About the project

Project Directors

Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu and Prof. Erik Jones

Project details

With its research, policy debate and training programme, the [Centre for a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#) aims at advising policy makers on how to cope with the challenges that digitalisation poses to markets and democracy. To do so, it adopts an interdisciplinary approach relying on in-house expertise in law, economics and political sciences. For a better understanding of the technical aspects of digitalisation, the Centre actively cooperates with computer scientists and engineers from partner institutions.

The Centre engages in the public debate on digitalisation by focusing on the following core areas:

- Innovation: this area deals with General Purpose Technologies, standardisation, and the evolution of IP rights in the digital context;
- Competition, with a strong focus on competition policy in digital markets;
- Regulation, to address the evolution of sectoral regulation in electronic communications, media and postal markets, as well as the emerging regulatory framework for digital platforms
- Democracy: this area assesses the role of digitalisation in the evolution of civic participation, good governance and fundamental rights.

Job description

The research assistant will provide assistance to Project Directors in the development and execution of research activities, with particular emphasis on economic analysis and empirical investigation.

Main tasks include:

- Assisting in the conceptualisation, design, and implementation of theoretical and empirical research projects in the areas of digital economy, innovation, and technology policy;
- Supporting data-related tasks, including data collection, construction, cleaning, documentation, and management, as well as the implementation of econometric and statistical analyses;
- Contributing to the preparation of research outputs, including academic articles, policy reports, background papers, presentations, and replication materials;
- Supporting the dissemination of research findings through the organisation and coordination of academic and policy-oriented events, such as seminars, workshops, training activities, roundtables, and conferences.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA (or equivalent according to EHEA) in Economics or related fields;
- Demonstrated research experience in theoretical economics;
- Strong communication skills acquired through previous experience;
- Proven work experience with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Desirable:

- PhD in Economics, or related field;
- Track record of relevant research and/or publications as well as demonstrated analytical skills;
- Proficiency in the use of software platforms for handling a wide class of economic models and/or econometrics (such as Latex, Dynare, Matlab, Markup, Stata, R, Mathematica...).

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **07 April 2026** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested

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