

## Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) – PhD Candidates in Sociology & Demography

PhD Position on “**Families, Inequalities, Life-Course & Well-Being in Contemporary Societies**”

**PhD Supervisors:** Prof. Pablo Gracia (UAB/CED) and Dr. Maike Van Damme (CED)

### **PhD Position Description:**

We call for **Expressions of Interest** from outstanding candidates to conduct an innovative PhD in Sociology and Demography (3+1 years) at the [Centre for Demographic Studies \(CED\)](#) and [Autonomous University of Barcelona \(UAB\)](#). Under the supervision of [Pablo Gracia](#) and [Maike Van Damme](#), you will work on a cutting-edge project in the broad areas of families, life course, social inequalities, and well-being using advanced quantitative methods, embedded in an international context of scientific excellence in population and social sciences ([CED](#)). This is a 3+1 years PhD. This means that the 4<sup>th</sup> year will depend on achieving additional funding. However, the two supervisors will provide proactive support for the candidate to get additional funding. Payment is ~25,000 euros per year (with no fee costs). Additional resources for PhD training and conference travelling are offered.

We are interested in candidates who want to write an innovative PhD thesis in the broad areas related to **Families, Social Inequalities, Life Course and Well-Being & Health**. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- The effect of parental separation on the well-being and/or (mental) health of parents and children
- Socioeconomic inequalities in couple dynamics and child well-being
- Household dynamics and life-course trajectories in cross-national perspective
- The role of digital transformations in family/intimate lives and youth outcomes

### **Key Requirements and Skills:**

- BA or MA in sociology, demography, economics, social policy, public health or related fields
- Excellent academic record
- Strong interest/background in at least one of these areas: families, inequalities, life-course, well-being
- Advanced quantitative methodological skills in social sciences and/or population research
- Excellent experience with using one or more relevant statistical software (i.e., R, Stata, Python)
- Strong theoretical and research design skills
- Excellent written and spoken English
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively

### **Process:**

Expressions of Interest must be submitted (PDF) via email to [pgracia@ced.uab.es](mailto:pgracia@ced.uab.es) and [mvandamme@ced.uab.cat](mailto:mvandamme@ced.uab.cat) with the subject line “*Expression of Interest – PhD Position in Sociology & Demography*”.

Applications must include:

- Motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- CV in their preferred format
- Two research samples (ideally in English)
- Contact details of two referees
- Copy of ID/Passport
- Degree certificates with all their BA grades and (if applicable and possible) certificate of MA grades

**Deadline:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 17:00 CET (Spanish standard time)

**Interviews:** Shortlisted candidates will be quickly invited for an online interview that will take place on the Friday of the application week (that is three days after the deadline) at some point between 9:30 and 15:00.

**Expected Starting Date:** September 2026

For informal inquiries, you are encouraged to contact us: [pgracia@ced.uab.es](mailto:pgracia@ced.uab.es); [mvandamme@ced.uab.cat](mailto:mvandamme@ced.uab.cat)