

Job Opening - Research Assistant

About the position

The Principal Investigators (PIs) Caterina Calsamiglia, Giacomo de Giorgi and Laia Navarro-Sola are seeking highly motivated and qualified individuals for four positions of Research Assistants to support the impact evaluation of an educational intervention in Spain targeting socio-emotional skills. The Research Assistant position offers an opportunity to gain first-hand field experience in the implementation of a randomized control trial.

The research project is a large-scale randomized control trial in secondary schools in Spain to evaluate a teacher professional development intervention to foster socio-emotional skills using in-classroom technology and formative assessment practices.

The four Research Assistants will be based in Spain, two in Barcelona and two in Sevilla. We are looking for a full-time commitment period of 19-22 months, with starting date June 1st, 2022.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Managing day-to-day research activities and monitoring their quality.
- Visiting schools and supervising the fidelity of intervention implementation and integrity of the research design.
- Programming survey questionnaires on the appropriate platform.
- Collecting data from schools and entering it following established protocols. Supervising data collection and data entry processes when performed by external actors.
- Assisting in data cleaning and preliminary analysis.
- Supporting the preparation of documents and presentations for the PIs as well as dissemination activities.
- Documenting all activities related to the project.

Qualifications

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree. (Degrees in economics, public policy, human development, education, evaluation, social education or social work preferred but not required).
- **Quantitative skills:** Technical understanding of experimental evaluation methods. Working knowledge of Stata, and experience with data management, data cleaning, and regression analysis.

- **Work experience:** A minimum of 1-year of work experience is preferred but not required. Experience participating in the implementation of randomized experiments is desirable.
- **Project management skills:** Attention to detail; excellent organizational skills; experience in teamwork strongly preferred; proven ability to be flexible, self-motivating, able to work independently; proven ability to juggle several tasks at one time; ability to successfully complete assigned tasks and meet deadlines; ability to deal with unstructured and changing environments; ability to communicate deviations from project plans and timelines and take appropriate action as required.
- **Language:** Excellent oral and written communication skills in Spanish is required; English fluency is desirable but not required.

How to apply

Candidates must have authorization to work in the European Union. The hiring process will be conducted by the principal investigators and logistically supported by the implementing partner in Spain, the Fundació Bofill.

Complete applications including a **motivation letter, CV, academic transcripts, and at least 2 letters of reference** should be sent to hr@pentabilities.com. Indicate the position you are applying to in the email subject. Reference letters can be sent separately to the same address. Note that applications with incomplete submissions will not be considered. The screening of applications will start immediately and it will be conducted on a rolling basis.

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