

## Expression of Interest



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#### Research Area

- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

### Brief description of the institution:

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is one of the major public universities of Spain. It is located in Bellaterra, close to Barcelona. Currently, UAB offers 87 bachelor's degrees, covering a wide range of fields such as humanities and arts, social sciences, health sciences, technology and physical sciences. Furthermore, the UAB offers 133 Master's degrees, as well as 8 Erasmus Mundus Master's degrees; more than 1,114 PhD dissertations have been elaborated within its doctoral programs. The University has over 37,700 students, almost 3,700 researchers and teaching staff, and it hosts more than 6,000 foreign students. UAB is the first-ranked university in Spain according to the World University Ranking (THE WUR 2016-2017). QS top 50 under 50 Ranking 2016 based on QS-WUR 2016-2017 data, which includes universities founded less than 50 years ago, the UAB ranks 9th in the world ranking, 2nd at European level, and is the first-ranked Spanish university. It ranks first in the World University Rankings (THE WUR 2015-2016) and it is the second university in Spain in volume of scientific activity Scimago Institution Rankings World Report (SIR WR 2016). Since the beginning of EC Horizon 2020 programme (1/1/2014) the UAB has been funded with +32M€ for +60 Horizon 2020 European Projects, where 8 are led by UAB, including 8 ERC projects. Regarding the Marie Curie Actions, within the framework of FP7 UAB participated

in a total of 45 projects (at least one for each action) and hosted 51 fellows. For H2020 we have been awarded in 23 MSCA, 13 of them Individual Fellowships

**Brief description of the Centre/Research Group (including URL if applicable):**

The AFIN Centre and Research Group (<http://grupsderecerca.uab.cat/afin/>) is an interdisciplinary, inter-university and international research group focusing on basic and applied research in the social sciences, humanities and health sciences. It is internationally known for the quality of its research into subjects such as human reproduction -adoption, ART's, gamete and embryo donation, third-party reproduction, surrogacy-, sexual and reproductive health and rights -fertility preservation, pregnancy, birth-, cross-border health and care, family, childhood, youth and sex/gender issues.

Since its creation in 2004, AFIN has been characterized by its interdisciplinary focus, its academic relationships with other national and international research groups and institutions, and a clear commitment to ensuring that its research findings reach the citizens and communities.

Professionals from the field of social, cultural and medical anthropology, sociology, education, law, medicine, psychology, and social work from several domestic and international universities and institutions, organizations and services, from both the public and private sectors belong to AFIN.

Now, AFIN Research Group would like encourage a suitably qualified researcher from outside Spain to apply for a MSC-Individual European Fellowship to come to UAB for 24 months, from Sep-2018, to pursue research into a topic agreed with the research group and under supervision from one of the research group's active researchers.

AFIN Research Group is based at the UAB campus in Bellaterra, Barcelona.

**Project description:**

In most Western societies never before have parents had their first children as late as in recent decades which also marked the emergence of a host of new anxieties about children health, welfare, education. Massive postponement is attributed to the clash between the optimal biological period to have children with obtaining additional education, building a career, access to a job and a house. Parallel, changes in reproductive technologies and in legal and social rules on sexuality and marriage have allowed to single, same sex and heterosexual couples and persons to become parents. Nevertheless, many people all over the world desire children that they are not able to produce on their own. Thus, new strategies for making families that imply 'third-parties' contributions emerged beyond the *natural limits* imposed by age, sex and biology.

From an interdisciplinary perspective and through the combination of quantitative and multi-sited qualitative methodology, AFIN Research Group analyses the challenges (at individual, family and social levels) of changes in reproductive patterns to identify the collaboration and tensions between the interests and rights

of intended parents, 'third-party' providers, intermediaries/*brokers* and the individuals born through these processes.

AFIN Research Group would like encourage a suitably qualified researcher from outside Spain to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual European Fellowship to come to UAB for 24 months, from September 2018, to pursue research into a topic agreed with the AFIN Research Group and under supervision from one of the research group's active researcher.

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### **Applications**

- CV
- Brief statement
- 2 reference Letters

Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>,2017

### Additional Information

- European Fellowships last from 1 to 2 years, Global Fellowships from 2 to 3 years.

These fellowships provide generous living allowances, travel costs and family allowances. The aim is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of the researcher, through advanced training and international mobility. *Applicants must have a PhD or at least four years' full-time equivalent research experience at the deadline for submitting proposals.* They cannot have lived or worked in Spain for more than 12 months in the previous 3 years.

For fellowships starting in Sep-18, the submission period closes on Sep-17.

Further information: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/actions/if/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/actions/if/index_en.htm)