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Brief description of the institution

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is one of the major public universities of Spain. It is 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.

Description of the Centre/Research Group

The **AFIN Centre** and **Research Group** welcomes applicants for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships to 12 from 36 months research within the field of reproduction,

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childhood and family. The AFIN Research Group is based at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona campus in Bellaterra, Barcelona.

The AFIN Centre and Research Group is a consolidated interdisciplinary and international research group, with highly experienced researchers with training in different disciplines in the social sciences (such as social, cultural and medical anthropology, sociology, education, law, medicine, psychology, and social work). AFIN focuses on the study of human reproduction (adoption, ARTS, gamete and embryo donation, third-party reproduction, surrogacy); sexual and reproductive health and rights; fertility preservation, pregnancy and birth; cross-border health and care, family, childhood, youth and sex/gender issues. It combines qualitative and quantitative methodologies with an ethnographic approach and a strong commitment for ensuring knowledge transfer to reach the communities and society as a whole.

Project description:

AFIN-UAB welcomes an applicant to Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships to enhance the creative and innovative potential of the research, through the training and international mobility. 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 –children and adults– born through these processes. Therefore, a candidate with a high research profile that aims to analyse the cultural, social and political aspects of the following fields – but not limited to – will be prioritize:

- Human Reproduction, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Cross-border Health and Care
- Family and Kinship
- Childhood and Youth Studies
- Sex and Gender Studies
- Health and Gender Studies
- Personhood, Body, Health, Death

Modalities of participations

There are two types of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (previously called Individual Fellowships):

- a) European Fellowships (EF):
 - Held in EU – MS/AC
 - Open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe.



- Can help to restart research careers after a break such as parental leave.
- Can also help reintegrate researchers coming back to Europe.
- **NEW** They can include a secondment period of up to 8 months in another organisation anywhere in the world, where this would boost the impact of the fellowship.
- Duration of the projects financed in the EF ranges from 12 to 24 months.

b) Global Fellowships (GF)

- Fund secondments in a Third Country (TC) outside Europe for researchers based in MS / AC.
- There is a mandatory one-year return period.
- **NEW** They can include a secondment period of up to 8 months in another organisation anywhere in the world during the outgoing phase, where this would boost the impact of the fellowship.
- Duration of the projects financed in the GF is 24 to 36 months (12 – 24 outgoing phase + 12 months final European phase).

Who can apply?

- At the deadline for the submission proposals, researchers shall have obtained a doctoral degree or defended their doctoral thesis.
- **NEW** - They should have a **maximum of 8 years full-time** equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree.
- Also, researcher need to comply with the mobility rules require in MSCA-PF:
 - European Fellowships: The applicant must not have resided or carried out their main activities in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the above-mentioned deadline.
 - Restarting their career: Special conditions apply to those researchers who have had a break during their career. The years spent outside research and years dedicated to career breaks (for example, parental leave) will not count towards the limit of postdoctoral experience (8 years).
 - Return to Europe: Special conditions apply to those researchers wishing to reintegrate from a TC to a MS / AC. For such conditions to apply, the researcher must be a national or long-term resident of MS / AC (long-term: period of full-time research activity in MS/AC of at least 5 consecutive years). The researcher must be residing in a TC by the time of the deadline or have moved directly from a TC to a MS / AC within the last 12 months prior to the deadline.
 - Global Fellowships:



- Open to postdoctoral researcher nationals or long-term residents of MS / AC (long-term: period of full-time research activity in MS/AC of at least 5 consecutive years).
- The postdoctoral researcher must move or have moved from any country to the TC of the outgoing phase.
- The postdoctoral researcher must comply with the mobility rule in the Third Country of the outgoing phase: not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the TC for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.

Documents to be submitted to AFIN and deadlines:

Interested candidates are asked to submit:

- An outline of the proposed research project (max. 3 pages), including state of the art, methodology, impact and implementation.
- A copy of the most recent CV, containing names and contacts of at least two references
- A letter of interest explaining the applicant's motivation to be hosted by AFIN-UAB (max. 1 page).

AFIN Deadline: June 30th, 2021.

Notification of acceptance: not later than 5th, 2021.

Submission to MSC-PF: October 12th, 2021, 5 pm (CET, Brussels). Results are expected to be sent to applicants by early 2022.

Further information: Official MSC Postdoctoral website