

Call for expressions of interest: **Position of Research Assistant (RA)**

The University of Bologna team (from the Departments of Economics and Statistics) for the European H2020 funded COORDINATE project (<https://www.coordinate-network.eu/>), is looking to recruit an individual to a full-time, two-year (“one plus one”) position as a **research assistant (RA)**. The (gross annual) salary would be approximately 24 000 euro.

The COORDINATE Project

The project is part of a larger program to develop GUIDE: Eurocohort (<https://www.eurocohort.eu/>), the first harmonised comparative birth-cohort panel survey for social science research in Europe. COORDINATE aims to initiate the community of researchers and organisations across twelve or more European countries, that will drive forwards the coordinated development of this cohort panel survey. This aim is to be realised through the pursuit of three objectives:

1. Facilitate improved access to international birth-cohort panel and cross-sectional survey data.
2. Extend consortium network to maximise EU and European coverage for the proposed full GUIDE/Eurocohort survey.
3. Undertake joint research in the form of a large-scale cohort pilot survey using a harmonised instrument and research design in key European countries

Activities for the Research Assistant

The research assistant would contribute to three streams of work:

- (i) Network mapping exercise. The University of Bologna team is involved in an exercise of mapping of infrastructures, key scientists, data users and investments for survey research in Europe, with particular focus on surveys pertinent to children and young person’s wellbeing. An interim report on this exercise will be completed by October 2022; the RA would make a major contribution to completing the final report on the mapping exercise.
- (ii) Writing policy briefings. The University of Bologna team will develop policy briefings focussing on case studies where longitudinal data, and particularly longitudinal data on child and youth wellbeing, has had an important impact on the formation of public policies. The RA would contribute to writing some of these briefings.
- (iii) Project reporting. The RA would support the University of Bologna team, working in collaboration with other units of the international consortium, with the task of preparing reports on progress with the activities and deliverables requested for the COORDINATE project.

Candidate Profile

The candidate would need to have a laurea magistralis, or equivalent degree, in economics or statistics. Project outputs will be written and presented in English and so a very good knowledge of English is essential; this can be either through having undertaken a degree course that is taught in English, or a certified level of C1 or above.

The position might be of particular interest to candidates aiming to eventually pursue a career in public or private institutions involved in public-policy debate and in policy evaluation and/or policy formation.

The University of Bologna team on this project includes Prof. Giulio Ecchia, Prof. Chiara Monfardini, and Prof. Matthew Wakefield. Interested candidates should send a CV to matthew.wakefield@unibo.it.