



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant in the

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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Who we are

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The [Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies \(RSCAS\)](#) is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The [Florence School of Banking and Finance \(FBF\)](#) is a key reference point for training and debate on banking and finance policy at the European level. Since its establishment in 2016, more than 17,000 participants from over 75 countries have taken part in over 200 training and debate activities of the School. Participants include professionals from European and non-European central banks, supervisory authorities, European institutions, academia and the private sector.

Employment details

Contract type Part-time 50% (15/30, 20 hours/week)

Length of contract	2 years, start date as soon as possible. This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.
Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1.900 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Place of work	Paris, France or to be agreed with FBF Director (salary simulation based on place of work Paris, France)

About the project

Project Director	Prof. Thorsten Beck
Project details	The Florence School of Banking and Finance addresses a broad range of topics in banking and finance, including digital and AI-driven finance, cyber and operational risk, sustainable finance and climate-related risks, financial stability and bank resolution, banking supervision, financial literacy and EU financial governance. The School collaborates with central banks, regulatory and supervisory authorities, international institutions, academia and the private sector, maintaining a wide international network.
Job description	The Research Assistant will provide research support to the Project Director and the team on the update of the French National Financial Education Strategy . Main tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting policy-oriented desk research in the field of digital finance and financial education; • Collecting and analysing country-specific evidence related to financial literacy initiatives in France and Europe; • Contributing to the drafting of reports, with a focus on artificial intelligence and financial literacy; • Supporting the design and delivery of training initiatives (including workshops and hackathons), both in Paris and online; • Maintaining and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders at French and European level.

Qualifications and experience

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- Minimum of two years' hands-on professional experience in banking and finance;
- Solid proven expertise in digital finance and/or financial education, with engagement in artificial intelligence and financial literacy/inclusion;
- Strong analytical skills, both quantitative and qualitative, acquired through previous experience;
- Excellent demonstrated communication and drafting skills in English, acquired through previous experience;
- Excellent proven command of French (native or equivalent proficiency);
- Proven ability to work both independently and collaboratively within international, multicultural teams.

Desirable:

- PhD, or close to completing a PhD, in Economics, Finance, Public Policy, Political Science, or in a related field;
- Proven experience in contributing to international and/or European projects in digital finance/financial education;
- Proven strong understanding of France's institutional and policy framework.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English and French, both spoken and written (CEFR level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **07 June 2026** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested

Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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