

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The [Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy \(BIAP\)](#), a María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (CEX2021-001169-M), offers **3 two-year postdoctoral positions in philosophy** based at the University of Barcelona, the Pompeu Fabra University, and the University of Girona. **The gross salary is €36.000 per annum.**

The call opens on 21 December, 2023.

The deadline for applications is 31 January, 2024. Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

From 2010 to 2014, the [LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy](#) (University of Barcelona) teamed up with the [Law and Philosophy Research Group](#) (Pompeu Fabra University) and the [Legal Philosophy Research Group](#) (University of Girona) for a collaborative research project financed by the Spanish Ministry's prestigious Consolider programme. To formalize the partnership between the three research groups involved, in 2016, the three universities came together to create BIAP, which recently became a *María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence*, a status conferred for 5 years and involving award of a €2M grant for a 4-year collaborative research project on the nature and role of evidence. As part of its strategic research programme, BIAP seeks to attract national and international talent working on issues within the project's remit.

The project's core objectives are (i) to explore and systematize the different roles, and scope, assigned to evidence in a variety of well-defined contexts of enquiry, (ii) to develop a coherent overall conception of the nature of evidence, and of evidential support, across the aforementioned contexts of enquiry, and (iii) to determine the lessons to be drawn from this conception for the uses and roles that evidence should have in the public sphere. The project is articulated into a total of six research work packages, with a seventh work package dedicated to outreach and transfer of knowledge activities. The three postdoctoral positions offered in this call are for the following three research work packages:

- [WP2] Evidence and the law (University of Girona)**
- [WP3] Evidence in science (University of Barcelona)**
- [WP6] Evidence, politics, and the public sphere (Pompeu Fabra University)**

Each of the three postdoctoral positions advertised here is allocated to exactly one of these three work packages. Successful candidates are expected to work on issues within the remit of the relevant work package they apply to join (for further details concerning the research objectives of each work package, go to <https://www.ub.edu/biap/strategic-programme/>).

Selection criteria

Candidates from any country can apply, including non-EU members. To be eligible, candidates for WP2 and WP6 must hold a PhD degree in law; candidates for WP3 must hold a PhD degree in philosophy. Apart from the standard criteria of academic quality, selection will be guided by the following criteria:

- Candidates should command the English language in both written and spoken form.
- Candidates should have a solid background in analytic philosophy.
- Depending on the position they apply for, candidates should be familiar with
 - o tools for addressing issues in legal epistemology and the law of evidence (WP2),
 - o tools for addressing issues in philosophy of science (WP3),
 - o the philosophy of law (jurisprudence), morality and politics (WP6).

BIAP strongly encourages applications from women and members of other groups underrepresented in the profession.

Application material

The application package should include all of the following:

- cover letter describing the candidate's motivation,
- curriculum vitae (incl. list of publications, if any),
- PhD certificate or equivalent,
- research proposal (max. 2.500 words),
- 2 writing samples (in English and of reasonable length*),
- 2 confidential letters of reference (to be submitted by academic referees under separate cover).

*Entire theses will not be accepted.

Application procedure

Applications, including all the requested application material, must be submitted before the deadline. The requested confidential reference letters must also be submitted before the deadline.

All application documents (except the confidential reference letters) should be converted to PDF, not exceeding 2MB in total.

Applications, including all the requested application material (except the reference letters), must be submitted before the deadline via the ‘Generic Request’ system, the general registry of the University of Barcelona. Follow [this link](#).

To this end, it is necessary for applicants to first register as users [here](#).

A PDF with further instructions on the ‘Generic Request’ system is available [here](#).

Each candidate can apply for at most one of the three positions. Applicants must mention the corresponding work-package-specific call identifier in their cover letter and in the application form.

The work-package-specific call identifiers are:

BIAP_POSTDOC_WP2

BIAP_POSTDOC_WP3

BIAP_POSTDOC_WP6

After submission, a copy of the application material – in one single PDF file – must be sent to biap.barcelona@gmail.com (email subject: BIAP_POSTDOC_ *candidate's surname*).

Confidential reference letters must be sent to biap.barcelona@gmail.com (email subject: BIAP_POSTDOC_ *candidate's surname*).

Selection and recruitment procedure

There will be a selection committee for each of the three positions. Each selection committee will review all applications for the respective position, check for eligibility, and, in close collaboration with the corresponding work package team, draw up a longlist from among those candidates reaching an evaluation score of at least 50%. Longlisted candidates will then be invited for interview. Online interviews are expected to be held within 10 working days after the deadline. After the interviews, and no later than the end of February, each panel will draw up a shortlist, ranking the shortlisted candidates according to standard scientific criteria and the extent to which the candidates’ academic profiles fit the institute’s research agenda. The successful applicant will be notified shortly after the shortlist has been agreed.

Successful candidates then have a maximum of 10 working days to reach a decision. If the candidate ranked 1st declines the offer, the candidate ranked 2nd will receive an offer, and so on, until the end of the shortlist is reached. In case of acceptance, successful candidates then have a maximum of 3 months (if EU-citizens) or 6 months (if non-EU citizens) to provide all necessary documentation and sign the contract.

For non-Spanish citizens, the necessary documentation will include an official recognition of equivalency of their PhD by the University of Barcelona's Doctoral School ('Escuela del Doctorado'), a Spanish social security number (NASS), and evidence of the holding of a Spanish bank account. For non-EU citizens, it will also include a work and residence permit (visa) for Spain, to obtain which will require additional documentation to be presented at a Spanish consulate/embassy (e.g., a police clearance certificate). The University of Barcelona will issue a document certifying the offer of employment that will have to be submitted alongside these documents to obtain a work visa. Non-Spanish EU citizens must obtain a NIE (an identification number for foreigners); non-EU citizens must obtain a TIE card (an identification card for foreigners) upon their arrival.

Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications for all three positions is **31 January, 2024** at midnight (CET).