



Vacancy:

Post-doc (or pre-doc) positions attached to the IC3JM's "Polarization, Identity and Misinformation (PIM) Lab" at University Carlos 3 Madrid.

The Department of Social Sciences at the University Carlos III Madrid (UC3M) and the [IC3JM institute](#) seeks to hire up to 2 post-docs (or advanced pre-docs¹). Each recruit will be offered a 1-year contract, potentially renewable one time, for a maximum of two years.

Salary is competitive and generous with regards to living standards. Post-docs can expect a pre-tax yearly salary of around 47k euros. Pre-docs can expect a 30-35k euros (pre-tax) yearly salary. Recruits may work remotely up to 25% of the time.

The positions are funded through a European Research Council (ERC) consolidator grant led by Dr. [Simon Chauchard](#). Accordingly, hires will be associated to the development of the new Polarization, Identity and Misinformation (PIM) Lab and to the "POLARCHATS" ERC project, focused on misinformation and its consequences in the Global South.

Recruits will be core member of the POLARCHATS team and of the PIM lab, and they will (based on a roadmap determined during the final stages of the selection process) co-author some of the analyses at the core of the ERC POLARCHATS project. As a rule of thumb, recruits should be expected to spend *at least* 30-50% of their time on POLARCHATS-related projects, in collaboration with [Simon Chauchard](#) and a network of co-authors.

Recruits will also contribute to the organization of the [PIM lab](#).

¹ The term "pre-doc" here refers to students currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at another institution who may wish to spend a year in the lab/



Requirements

Applicants for pre-doc positions must have earned a recent Masters' degree in political science, data science, computational social science, psychology, sociology, economics, or a cognate subject (feel free to ask simon.chauchard@uc3m.es if you are not sure whether you are eligible) and be near the completion of their doctoral studies.

Applicants for post-doc positions must have earned or be close to earning a Ph.D. degree in political science, data science, computational social science, psychology, sociology, economics, or a cognate subject (feel free to consult simon.chauchard@uc3m.es if you are not sure whether you are eligible).

Proven knowledge of quantitative research methods/data science and the ability to develop a research agenda compatible with the focus of the POLARCHATS project are the two most important criteria according to which candidates will be evaluated.

Experience in field research, survey methodology, experimental methods, data collection will also be valued, as will fluency in Portuguese or any Indian language, and programming skills. While applicants are NOT expected to come in with each of these skills, they ideally have some of them.

Applicants must have excellent English language skills (i.e., both oral and written fluency). The operating language of the IC3JM, the project and of the PIM lab is English.

This year, to add to the skillset of the current [PIMlab team](#), we are especially looking to recruit scholars to assist with:

- the India component of the project (one of the positions is earmarked for a researcher with experience working in and on India)

OR

- computational social science skills, to analyze a new, large dataset of social media data.

Candidates with other relevant profiles (for instance in political behavior or experimental methods) should however apply, as other skillsets remain in demand.

Women and/or members of underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.



How to apply

Initial pre-applications must be submitted via email to Dr. Simon Chauchard (simon.chauchard@uc3m.es). These should be in English and include:

1. A motivation letter (2 pages max), explaining the applicant's current research interests and the research they hope to carry over the next few years. The letter should include functioning links to their website and to papers/PaP/publications.
2. A CV.
3. Graduate school transcripts.

Short-listed candidates will subsequently be invited to submit additional materials and/or to an interview with Dr Chauchard and IC3JM colleagues.

Timeline

- **Pre-applications (see detailed instructions below) are due by January 8th, 2024, though application will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and candidates are encouraged to apply before that date.**
- **Short-listed candidates will be invited to submit additional documents before January 15th.**
- **The start date is flexible in the June-September 2024 calendar year.**