

A) Department

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C) Description of the department (max 1600 characters with space)

Founded in 1985, the Department of Applied Economics (DEA) has a longstanding tradition as a research and teaching institution in Applied Economics. There are currently 35 full-time DEA faculty members and new recruits have been selected among applicants from high level international universities. The department's research environment also benefits from the presence of a significant number of graduate and post-graduate students. DEA graduate programs include a PhD (awarded with the official recognition from the Spanish Ministry of Education) and three Masters. In 2015, the Master in Applied Research in Economics and Business and the Master in European Integration (MIEE) were awarded the recognition of International Master's Programme (IMP) by AGAUR. DEA hosts researchers and visiting students from universities across the world. Likewise, DEA Faculty regularly carries out research and teaching visits at well known international institutions (IMF or OECD) and universities (recently including Boston University, the University of Southern California, the University of California Berkeley, The University of Queensland, Cornell University and Maastricht University). DEA is also very active in leading research projects that have a strong scientific interest and are valuable for decision makers. These projects usually benefit from the financial support of the public administration (European Commission, Spanish Government's Ministerio de Economía and Competitividad and Generalitat de Catalunya) and private companies.

D) Area of Research

Economic Science (ECO)

E) Research/Project description (max 1800 characters with space)

The DEA is willing to host a Marie Curie fellow carrying out academic research in one of the following areas of expertise of the faculty:

- **Applied microeconomics.** Research topics of interests are applied industrial organization (regulation and network industries), infrastructure and transport economics, urban sprawl, city congestion and the impact of infrastructure on urban growth.

- **Applied macroeconomics.** Research performed in this area involves the study of the macroeconomic effects of the integration process, economic development, migration flows, productivity, unemployment dynamics and other labor market issues.
- **Public policies.** This area includes research on pensions and social public expenditure, fiscality and public good provision, ecological economics and environmental economics, R&D policies, policy issues on poverty and inequality, education policies, rural policies for development.

The applicant is expected to perform high quality research and produce academic papers suitable be published in leading academic journals. In addition, she/he also expected to participate to the research activities organized at the department as participation to seminars, workshops and other initiatives patronized by our PhD program.

F) Who can apply ?

At the deadline for the submission of individual proposals (September 14th 2017), researchers MUST fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of documented full-time equivalent research experience.
- Must be a European citizen and not having 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.

G) Application documents for the selection of the host center and deadline

Candidates must submit:

- A letter of interest with the motivation to join our Faculty, research interests and a general idea about the content of the proposal.
- A copy of the most recent CV; names and contacts of at least two reference scientists that known the candidate.

The previous material must be sent to the following address: rosella.nicolini@uab.cat

Deadline: Preferably, applications have to be received by June 19th 2017.

All applications will be reviewed and candidates will be informed about the results of the selection process by June 30th 2017.

Selected candidate(s) will be provided with the contact of the leading researcher they will be in touch in order to prepare the final application to be submitted on September 14th 2017 (Official Horizon 2020 website).