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# PhD positions

The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) invites applications for **two, four-year, fully funded PhD positions** on a project entitled "**REPGOV: Representative Government through Democratic Governance**". The project is funded by a European Research Council (ERC) advanced grant and led by [Professor Anthony Bertelli](#), IBEI Senior Research Associate and the Sherwin-Whitmore Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at Pennsylvania State University.

**What is the project about?** REPGOV emerges from ideas at the core of Professor Bertelli's recent book, *Democracy Administered: How Public Administration Shapes Representative Government* (Cambridge University Press, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781316755167>). More information can be found at <https://wp.me/p1C7QG-9H>

**What is the role of the pre-doctoral researchers?** Successful applicants will be core members of the REPGOV team, and they will contribute to the empirical analysis at the core of the project. PhD research on the REPGOV project will focus on quantitative and/or qualitative studies in one of four European countries the project will explore: Spain, Italy, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

**What are the requirements for the positions?** Applicants must have earned a recent Masters' degree in political science, public administration, law, sociology, public policy, management, economics or a cognate subject. Proven knowledge of both quantitative and qualitative research methods as well as experience in field research is very important. Proposed projects will be evaluated according to their rigor, feasibility, and the additional insights they can provide to the REPGOV project. Successful applicants must be willing to commit to a four-year PhD research project based in Barcelona (although field work in one of the aforementioned countries will be required). Applicants must have excellent English language skills (i.e., both oral and written fluency), as well as proficiency in either Spanish, Dutch, French or Italian. Successful applicants will be requested to apply for the PhD Program in Political and Social Sciences at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra under the supervision of Professor Anthony Bertelli on or before 27 February 2022. The start date will be no later than 1 October 2022.

**Applications must be submitted by 15 February 2022**

Applications must be submitted via email to the REPGOV project manager, Dr. Alba Solà-Garcia ([asola@ibei.org](mailto:asola@ibei.org)). Each application should include:

- A motivation letter (1 page).
- A current CV.
- A research proposal (maximum 3000 words).



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