

DIViNE Doctoral Network: PhD positions at UC3M

How to apply for the two MSCA Doctoral Candidate positions (DC2 and DC9) at the Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid:

DC2: Exogenous Shocks, Violent Legacies, and Democratic Resilience

- Supervisors: Dr. [Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca](#) (UC3M) and Dr. [Giulia Bistagnino](#) (Milan)
- Research stay: University of Milan
- Non-academic secondment: Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli (Milan)

DC9: Democratic Decline, Political Violence, and Cycles of Repression

- Supervisors: Dr. [Francisco Villamil](#) (UC3M) and Dr. [Brian J. Phillips](#) (Essex)
- Research stay: University of Essex
- Non-academic secondment: CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

Both positions are full-time, 36-month employment contracts funded by the Horizon Europe MSCA (grant agreement 101312379), with an expected start date of 1 February 2027. Candidates will enroll in the [PhD program in Social Sciences](#). The full job descriptions are published on EURAXESS:

- DC2: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/472197>
- DC9: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/472198>

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted through the UC3M **online application form**:

- https://aplicaciones.uc3m.es/formulario/DIVine_doctoral

Please submit the following documents:

1. CV, including names and contact details of two academic referees
2. Cover letter (max. 2 pages) explaining your motivation and preparation for this position
3. Research proposal (max. 3 pages, excluding references) outlining a PhD project that fits the parameters described above
4. Transcripts of your undergraduate and graduate studies (unofficial copies are fine at this stage)
5. A writing sample (max. 10 pages, this can be an excerpt from a longer text, such as a Master's thesis)

Application deadline: **11 November 2026, 23:59** (Madrid time). Only complete applications received by the deadline will be considered. For any questions, use this [contact form](#).