

Position Description

1. General information

Position reference	ULA-PF2: Mental Health Ecosystems Design and Management
Research area	Area of social policies and health management, for making a decisive contribution to support decision-making and design policies in these frameworks. Smart navigation mental health management system for improving decision making.
Research fields	Health Engineering; Health Ecosystems Design and Management; Decision Support Systems; Mental Health
Supervisors	• Carlos García Alonso (Universidad Loyola Andalucía) • José Alberto Salinas (Universidad Loyola Andalucía) • Luis Salvador Carulla (University of Canberra) • Nasser Bagheri (University of Canberra)
Available research capabilities	Wide international research network including top-level institutions. Wide access to health and socio-economic databases from governments. Software development facilities and appropriate hardware support.
Find out more about the research groups	• https://www.uloyola.es/en/research/institutes/institute-of-social-and-health-policies • https://researchprofiles.canberra.edu.au/en/organisations/health-research-institute-3/
Position funded by	• COFUND, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Horizon Europe, European Union • Fundación Universidad Loyola Andalucía • University of Canberra
Employing entity	Fundación Universidad Loyola Andalucía
Seconding entity	University of Canberra
Foreseen start date	June 2026
Gross annual salary	37,000 EUR plus complements defined below

2. Expected Candidate Profile

The expected candidate profile for the position is as follows:

- Major interests in health management, health policy, health services performance evaluation, and ecosystem evaluation.
- Advanced navigation tools, advanced models (causal), digital twins, navigation of mental health systems, general artificial intelligence.

3. Employment Conditions

Fundación Universidad Loyola Andalucía offers a 36-month (3-year) postdoctoral full employment contract to work at its facilities in Córdoba, Spain as part of the AuSpire researcher training program, co-funded by the European Commission under the MSCA

COFUND scheme. The total working hours per week are 37.5 and there is a probation period of 12 months.

The remuneration, in line with the European Commission rules for Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant holders, will consist of a gross annual salary of 37,000 EUR. The definite amount to be received by the Postdoctoral Fellow is subject to Spanish tax legislation.

The position will be jointly supervised by Fundación Universidad Loyola Andalucía (Employing Entity) and the University of Canberra (Seconding Entity), where the Postdoctoral Fellow must undertake a secondment at the premises of the latter in Canberra, Australia for up to 12 months.

Additionally, the program includes compulsory annual in-person workshops at various locations across Spain, along with online training and networking activities.

Benefits include

- 4,000 EUR relocation for employment stipend to cover costs associated with taking up employment (flights, visa, insurance, etc.), to be distributed monthly as a top-up to the gross salary.¹
- 9,000 EUR relocation for secondment stipend to cover compulsory project-related travel and accommodation costs (flights, visa, insurance, accommodation, etc.).¹
- 3,000 EUR travel stipend to cover flights and accommodation for participating in compulsory AuSpire training and networking events in Spain over the 3 years.¹
- 314 EUR monthly family allowance offered to candidates who meet the criteria.^{1 2}
- Becoming a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow and be invited to join the [Marie Curie Alumni Association](#).
- Spanish Social Security coverage.
- Sick leave.
- Parental leave.
- 38 natural days of paid holiday leave.
- Access to all the necessary facilities and laboratories at Universidad Loyola and University of Canberra including the participation in academic activities and the possibility to network with top-level European and Australian research centres.
- Access to research and training facilities. The candidate can participate in all training activities organised by Universidad Loyola and University of Canberra.
- Access to data, servers and computer-based tools are guaranteed.

¹ The definitive amount to be received by the Postdoctoral Fellow may be subject to Spanish tax legislation.

² According to MSCA-COFUND requirements, Fellows with family obligations are entitled to a family allowance (i.e. persons linked to Postdoctoral Fellow by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country or region where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the Postdoctoral Fellow).