

Proposal of Research Assistantship

MSc in Economics and Development, Università degli Studi di Firenze

SECTION 1 – KEY INFO

Research Project Title	Community Health Centers and Primary Healthcare in Italy
Proposing professor	Lisa Grazzini, lisa.grazzini@unifi.it
Workload	150 hours, to be recognized as B004980 Tirocinio (6 ECTS).
Time period	Feb. 15, 2026 – July 15, 2026.
Working place	<input type="checkbox"/> At the Dipartimento di Scienze per l'Economia e l'Impresa <input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____

SECTION 2 – BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH PROJECT

The aim of this research project is to analyse how the recent reform of the Italian Healthcare System financed by the NRRP (Ministerial Decree no.77, May 23, 2022) will reshape the territorial organization of healthcare services and the development of e-health, with particular emphasis on Community Health Centers (see the ongoing transition from the “old” Case della Salute to the “new” Case di Comunità).

The project addresses several research questions, including: What is the impact of Community Health Centers on the quality and efficiency of the healthcare system? How does the organization of General Practitioners affect healthcare quality and efficiency? What is the effect of e-visits on the quality and efficiency of healthcare provision?

SECTION 3 – DETAILS ABOUT THE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Objectives

After the research assistantship, the student will be able to

- Know the main institutional features of the Italian territorial healthcare system.
- Collect data (administrative, socio-demographic, etc.) from online sources.
- Write a critical review of the scientific literature on an advanced topic.
- Interpret and present the results of a scientific analysis in a professional manner.

Main Tasks for the Research Assistant

- Literature review: identifying and filing the most relevant papers and reports in the literature
- Cleaning and merging of different datasets; creation of variables of interest.
- Performing descriptive statistical analyses.

- Preparation of graphs, maps, and tables to visualize the results; contribution to the drafting of sections of a research report.

Tools and Methodologies

- Qualitative and Quantitative analysis, Survey design.

Tentative Schedule of the Student's Work

- Stage 1 (Month 1): Literature review and bibliography; search and collection of sources of data.
- Stage 2 (Months 2-3): Data work; descriptive data analysis.
- Stage 3 (Month 4): Interpretation of results.
- Stage 4 (Month 5): Writing of a report about the results of stage 3, including graphs and tables.

SECTION 4 – SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS

Application Requirements

- **Essential Requirements:**

- Italian mother tongue or Certification of Italian language proficiency at C1 level
- Some experience with data management

- **Preferential Requirements:**

- An exam on Public Finance or Public Economics at undergraduate level

Date: 8-1-2026

Signature of the proposing professor:



SECTION 5 – THE STUDENT

Student's name and surname: _____

Immatriculation number: _____

Email address at Unifi: _____

Curriculum in the MSc Economics and Development: Economics / Development Economics

SECTION 6 – DUTIES OF THE PROFESSOR, DUTIES OF THE STUDENT, ECTS RECOGNITION

The detailed schedule of the student's activities will be determined jointly by the professor and the student, taking into account the student's other courses in the MSc Economics and Development.

The professor will be available to guide the student and provide the materials and support which are necessary for the research assistantship. The professor will monitor the student's progress, will provide constructive feedback, and will prepare a final evaluation of the student's work.

Before the research assistantship begins, the student will follow the online course HS Workers' General Training – 2026 available at <https://formstudelearning.unifi.it/course/index.php?categoryid=2>, pass the exam for this course and will send to the professor proof of having passed the exam. The student will then diligently perform the activities the research assistantship requires, will meet deadlines, will treat the data and information related to his / her activities as confidential, will fill a logbook of his / her activities and will prepare a final report about her / his research assistantship.

In order to earn 6 ECTS as B004980 Tirocinio, the student will send the following documents to english.msc@economia.unifi.it:

- logbook of his / her activities which certifies at least 150 hours of work in the research project (signed by the professor);
- a report about his / her research assistantship;
- answers to a questionnaire about his / her research assistantship;

The professor will send to english.msc@economia.unifi.it a final evaluation of the student's work.

The above is consistent with the "Regolamento per la disciplina delle attività formative interne come assistente alla ricerca del corso di laurea magistrale in Economics and Development". The professor and the student have read such a document and accept its content.

Date: _____

Professor's signature: _____

Student's signature: _____