

## **Social Research Call**

***Title:***

*Mid-term effects on employment and children's education of a guaranteed income programme*



***Acronym:*** MTEGIP

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***Host organisation:*** Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

***Main purpose of the project:***

The project seeks to evaluate the causal impact of a generous guaranteed income programme, called B-MINCOME, implemented in the city of Barcelona over two years, on the employment behaviour of recipients and the education attainment of their children, five years after the end of the programme.

***Design/methodology/approach:***

Since the B-MINCOME programme was designed as a Randomized Controlled Trial, after ensuring the integrity of the experiment, causal effects can be easily obtained by means of simple OLS regressions. Given the difficulty to interview the programme participants five years after the completion of the trial, the project will rely on administrative records to study the main outcomes.

***Potential results:***

The project will inform about two types of results. First, it will show whether the guaranteed income programme reduces employment of participants relative to the control group five years after it end, and it will explore what mechanisms drive the potential employment effects. Second, it will inform about the potential impact of securing a minimum level of income on the educational attainment of children.

***Social relevance of the research:***

By studying their impact on employment and education, the findings of this research will provide insights into the design of cash transfer benefit programmes that seek to top up the income of the household up to a pre-established minimum standard, a policy typically used in Western societies to address economic poverty.

***Originality/value of the project:***

This project will provide for the first time evidence on the effects of a generous guaranteed income programme on employment, five years after the end of the programme. It will also show how these effects change when key design parameters of the programme are modified. Finally, it will provide for the first time evidence on the effects of a generous guaranteed income programme on the educational attainment of the children of recipients.