



RESEARCH NETWORK ON
SCIENCE RELIGION AND HEALTH

DEADLINE EXTENDED
8 MARCH 2026

SPRING SCHOOL 2026

SCIENCE, RELIGION AND HEALTH

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
27-29 May 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CALL

This is an open call to invite doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to apply for the international Spring School “Science, Religion and Health”, that will take place in the city of Barcelona from 27 to 29 May 2026.

FOCUS

The primary focus of the spring school is to provide a strong theoretical and methodological basis for early-career researchers doing social scientific research on the entanglements and boundaries between **science religion and health**. This edition will also place a special emphasis on how **gender** and **sexual diversity** shape, and are shaped, by these intersections. The Spring School is organized around a combination of public lectures by recognized scholars in this field and paper sessions where participants will present their ongoing research in small groups to get feedback. The program will also include one-to-one encounters between early-career scholars and senior scholars.

We welcome applicants working on these themes from a variety of disciplines including sociology, anthropology, history, religious studies, philosophy and political science. We ask applicants to submit an abstract and a CV. The selection committee will prioritise research that has an empirical dimension and is carried out from the perspective of social sciences or humanities.

Projects may address, but are not limited to the following dimensions:

- The mobilization of science and religious/spiritual knowledges in understandings of life, illness, and death.
- Debates, controversies, and dynamics around biomedical technologies (assisted reproductive technologies, vaccinations, chemotherapy, genetic therapy)
- Religious, ethnic, and sexual diversity in the healthcare system.
- Religious diversity & chaplaincy in healthcare settings
- The crystallization of science and religious debates in the public sphere. including questions of gender, sexuality, and moral authority.



DETAILS

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

- Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York
- Rebeca Catto, Kent State University
- Gabriela Irrazábal, RMIT EUROPE-UBA/CONICET
- Rosa Martinez Cuadros, OsloMet University

Network and academic coordinator:

- Mar Griera, Autonomous University of Barcelona

Number of participants: This Spring School will convene a multidisciplinary and international group of 10 early research career scholars.

Funding: Participation and stay for young scholars and researchers are funded by the organisation and participants should only pay for their own travel expenses to Barcelona. In some circumstances, the organisation can also provide funding for travel expenses.

Output: The spring school will be the starting point of a (voluntary) Tutoring Program in which senior and early-career scholars will work together (online) in monthly meetings for the duration of 5 months towards the preparation of a research paper.

Applicants are asked to write a one-page motivation letter describing his/her academic trajectory, research interests, and explaining how this spring school would benefit their work.

We especially welcome applications from socially underprivileged groups.

Eligibility: students registered for a PhD in the social and human sciences and early postdoctoral researchers (up to 3 years after completing PhD).

Organisation: the Spring School is organised by the International Research Network on Science, Religion & Health, the research group ISOR (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona). The network was initially funded by the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief (INSBS).



GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION

- Proof of registration in a PhD programme or postdoctoral position
- CV summary (max. 3-pages, PDF format)
 - Your Full Name
 - Academic affiliation (department, university)
 - Country (where registered for PhD)
 - Year of study (for PhD)
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Name, institutional affiliation, and email address of your primary supervisor
 - Key publications, awards, participation in research projects
- Abstracts should contain:
 - Title of paper
 - Keywords (up to 4)
 - The research questions
 - Theoretical framework
 - Methodology
 - Preliminary findings or conclusions
 - The novel contribution and significance of your research
 - Maximum of 800 words (excl. title)

If you are selected you will be required to submit a manuscript of a working paper (about 3,000 words, including references) by May 2nd. Papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to peer discussants.

You can submit your application via this online submission form:

<https://bit.ly/schoolSRH2026>

DEADLINES

The application must be submitted no later than ~~27th February 2026~~ **NEW DEADLINE: 8th March 2026**

Successful candidates will be informed by **15th March 2026**

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the summer school and application procedure, please contact: rosa.m.cuadros@oslomet.no