

Faith and research, together in Barcelona.

Christian Academics Barcelona is a fellowship of postgraduates, postdocs and academics across Barcelona's universities and research centres. We meet monthly to think about faith and scholarship, pray for one another and host open events on the big questions of our fields. The group started in autumn 2026 at the invitation of the Association of Christian Postgraduate Groups (IFES Europe).

WHO IT'S FOR

Anyone doing or supporting research in the city: PhD and research Master's students, postdocs, lecturers, professors and research staff, from any institution, discipline or church background. English is our working language; Spanish and Catalan are always at the table.

WHAT WE BELIEVE, AND WHAT WE ARE NOT

Not a church, not a denomination, not a student society: we send people back to their own church strengthened. Our leaders affirm the IFES doctrinal basis; members don't sign anything. Christians of every tradition are welcome, and so are friends who are not Christians, especially at the open events.

WHAT WE DO

- **Monthly meal and discussion**, second Wednesday, 19:30: a short framing, a real conversation (this year the Gospel & Academia Project's *7 Distinctions* study guide) and prayer for one another's research, supervisors and deadlines.
- **Open evenings** a few times a year, in a bar or a university room: a Christian academic addresses a big question of their field, and anyone can push back.
- **Practice talks** twice a year, welcome evenings for new arrivals in autumn and January, a social each term.

WHO'S BEHIND US

The Association of Christian Postgraduate Groups links around thirty self-led groups in ten countries and gives each a senior academic mentor. It is the postgraduate initiative of Good News for the University, IFES Europe's ministry for the gospel and academic work. In Barcelona we work alongside GB Unidos, Spain's IFES movement, which has its headquarters in the city. Leader: Christoph, finance PhD candidate at ESADE, Forming a Christian Mind Fellow (Cambridge), member of the FEUER Academic Speakers' Network and of Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Piedra de Ayuda.

HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP

1. Tell the researchers in your congregation about us, or, with their permission, tell us about them.
2. Announce our welcome evening, *Thriving as a Christian in academia in Barcelona*, planned for Wednesday 11 November 2026 (date to be confirmed), and the monthly meetings.
3. Host us once: a room for 15–20 people on a Wednesday evening. We bring the food.
4. Pray for the group, and for the Christians in Barcelona's labs and libraries who don't yet know each other.