

2-Year Postdoctoral Position in Economics, specializing in Economics of risk and uncertainty and Environmental economics

Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) and **Center for Environmental Economics in Montpellier (CEE-M)** invite applications for a **2-year**, fully-funded postdoctoral position in Economics, with an emphasis on Economics of risk and uncertainty and Environmental economics. We are mainly interested in candidates specializing in Behavioral economics and/or Contract theory.

The postdoctoral researcher will join a team to work on the research projects [GREEN-Econ](#) (Transition Toward a GREENER Economy: Environmental Policies and Societal Adaptation) and Green-Society (Toward a greener economy: behavioral and societal adaptations to environmental changes), which are funded by the ANR and the MUSE initiatives, and analyze the transition toward a greener economy by studying the potential consequences of, and reactions of our societies to, environmental changes. The selected candidate may work on (i) new contractual arrangements between a principal (a public decision-maker) and a group of agents (farmers,...) designed to induce them to switch to less pollution-intensive production practices (possibly accounting for agents' limited rationality or the impact of psychological biases) ; or (ii) the analysis of new management institutions accounting for threats raised by long-term environmental changes, characterized by uncertain regime shifts driving irreversible threshold levels of scarcity on common-property natural resources.

Qualifications

- Have a PhD (or be close to completion) in Economics. He/she is expected to possess strong analytical skills and have a commitment to research excellence. He/she should also display a high level of team-spirit
- Applicants should be fluent in english. Prior knowledge of french is not required
- Experience in conducting theoretical and/or applied research using both analytical and numerical methods in one or more of the following areas is requested:
 1. Behavioral/Experimental economics (preferably specialized in decision making under uncertainty)
 2. Contract theory (with an interest in Environmental and natural resource economics)
 3. Environmental and natural resource economics (with an interest in studying decision making under uncertainty)

Experience with econometric software such as STATA, Matlab, or R is an asset.

Working conditions

The selected applicant is expected to begin his/her appointment around **September 2018**. The appointment is for 24 months (with a mid-term review). Gross salary will be competitive with other European research and academic institutions. The researcher is expected to spend time in both Marseille (at AMSE) and Montpellier (at CEE-M). Additional research funds will be allocated to the post-doctoral researcher to cover the expenses related to presentations at international conferences, or for carrying out economic experiments, as CEE-M hosts and manages the Experimental Economics Laboratory at Montpellier (LEEM).

Research team

The post-doctoral researcher will be supervised by **Nicolas Quérou** and **Hubert Stahn**, the scientific coordinators of the projects, and he/she will have the possibility to work directly with the research team members involved in the GREEN-Econ and Green-Society projects, [see the website of the GREEN-Econ project](#).

The post-doctoral researcher will be involved in all workshops planned within the GREEN-Econ project, which will take place in Montpellier and Marseille during the next two years. He/she will also benefit from the interactions with our existing international network, which is made of a large community of researchers specialized in Environmental economics and in Behavioral economics.

Application procedure

Candidates must send their application package consisting of:

- A cover letter (1 page)
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A job market paper
- Three reference letters
- A statement (1 page) that describes their motivation for working in our group

All documents must be sent as PDF files to querou@supagro.inra.fr; the reference code "GREEN-Econ-Society-Postdoc".

Applicants should also identify the area(s) they are applying for (from A to C). For any further question, please contact us by [e-mail](#).

Application deadline

We will begin considering applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled (thus there is no explicit application deadline). We aim to fill the position by **May 2018**, and encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

About Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE)

AMSE is a graduate school of research involving the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), the University of Aix-Marseille, the EHESS (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), and the École Centrale de Marseille. It includes over 80 faculty members and 70 PhD students working on (among others) *Decision, interaction and network, Environment and health, Econometrics and statistics, Finance and insurance, or Issues of market regulations and globalization*.

About Center for Environmental Economics – Montpellier (CEE-M)

CEE-M is a research unit involving the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), the University of Montpellier, Montpellier Supagro (a french Grande École), and the National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA). It includes around 30 faculty members and 20 PhD students working on Behavioral economics and Environmental economics. It is one of the main french research units in Environmental economics and Experimental economics, and it hosts and manages the Experimental Economics Laboratory at Montpellier ([LEEM](#)).

Both units are internationally oriented with a strong scientific ambition.