

Junior Professorship in social sciences

UMR AGIR, Toulouse, France

Management of agrifood transitions

Join us to develop your social science research on the analysis of agri-food transitions. You will be welcomed into a transdisciplinary community invested in the creation of a Campus of Agri-food Transitions in Toulouse. Your task will be to develop a research and training program emblematic of the campus aiming to conceptualize, equip, and accompany agro-ecological and food transitions. You will be part of the social sciences team "Odyceé" of the UMR AGIR (AGroécologie, Innovations et teRritoires), an interdisciplinary UMR between social sciences and agroecological sciences gathering researchers and lecturer-researchers working on the study and accompaniment of agroecological transitions.

Working conditions

You will benefit from a fixed-term contract under French public law. After 3 years, you will have the possibility to be promoted to the position of Research Director, civil servant at INRAE, according to the 'Chaire de Professeur Junior (Junior Professorship)' procedure. Your salary will be between 41,000 and 57,000 Euros per year, depending on your past experience. You will have access to AGIR Joint Research Unit facilities: office, laptop and computer assistance, department vehicles, the research center restaurant at a preferential rate, and a budget of 70,000 Euros to finance your research. As part of your research program, you will recruit a PhD student for 3 years and a post-doc for 2 years.

Functions

Research - Your research will focus on the processes at work in the evolution of agri-food systems and their impacts on their sustainability. You will study the role of intermediaries in transition processes and the forms of cooperation and learning that support sustainable transitions. You will thus produce knowledge to guide them and act in the complex and uncertain situations that characterize such transitions. You will conduct research that contributes, for example, to the analysis and support of transdisciplinary approaches and intermediation within Living-Lab, Transition Experiment and/or local public action settings. Your research will be based on the production of original empirical data supporting in-depth analyses mobilizing mixed methods of research, combining qualitative and quantitative.

The work already carried out in our research unit will offer freedom in the choice of fields of application: organic agriculture, digitization of agriculture, solutions based on biodiversity, production of knowledge for the agro-ecological transition, new production-food links.

A sustained investment in the collective life of the unit and the campus is also expected.

Research at INRAE

INRAE, the French national research institute for agriculture, food and the environment, is the leading research organization in these scientific fields. INRAE research aims to inform and enlighten the transitions of agri-food systems and the preservation of the environment. Doing research at INRAE means:

- producing and disseminating knowledge to respond to societal challenges
- mobilizing this knowledge for innovation, training, providing expertise and support for public policies,
- working with a diversity of stakeholders (academic, socioeconomic, associations, etc.) as well as citizens.

INRAE has 18 research centers structured in 14 research departments, 8,400 permanent and 3,100 contractual staff.

<https://www.inrae.fr>

UMR AGIR in Toulouse

AGIR is a joint research unit belonging to INRAE and National Polytechnical Institute of Toulouse. We conduct research on support for agroecological transitions. Resolutely interdisciplinary, we are structured in a team of researchers in humanities and social sciences, a team of agronomists and ecologists, and a team of designers. Our research aims to produce:

- knowledge that is useful for collective action and for the development of biodiversity-based agriculture
- methods to support their development (including serious games, decision support tools, and participatory approaches), and evaluation.

The unit has 80 permanent and 50 contractual staff.

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Education & training - You will be in charge of designing and teaching a total of 42 hours of courses on « transition » during your 3-year contract. The objective is to propose interdisciplinary sequences that bring together students from different backgrounds thereby contributing to the development of the Toulouse agro-ecological transitions campus. This campus, which is currently under construction, puts support for change and cooperation between different disciplines and professions (including agronomists, veterinarians, teachers, trainers, and citizens) at the heart of education. To actively participate in the development and influence of this campus, you will also be in charge of setting up and managing an annual international summer school.

Profile

To apply, there are no restrictions on age or nationality, but you must have a PhD. We are looking for a colleague who has completed at least 3 years of research in the field of change management, social learning, or transition studies, with experience in the management and facilitation of scientific projects. You must be willing to develop interdisciplinary approaches in research and training. The ability to use mixed methods, both quantitative (descriptive statistics, network analyses, classifications, factorial analyses, etc.) and qualitative methods (semi-structured interviews, thematic discourse analysis, etc.) would be a plus for the position. In addition, you need an excellent command of English and to already have made a name for yourself abroad through publications and your involvement in international networks.



Recruitment procedure

Applications will be available for download at <https://jobs.inrae.fr/chaire> in early March 2023. The selection committee will meet in April 2023 to examine your application. If you are selected for interview, in May 2023, you will be invited to present your professional profile and your research and teaching projects to the committee. If your application is accepted, you will be invited to take up your position in Toulouse between June and October 2023.

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