

## Cofund F. Braudel postdoctoral fellowships\_deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

Call for 9-month post-doctoral fellowships on interdisciplinary global change studies is open. The Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH, Paris) and OT-Med offer postdoctoral fellowships within the framework of the FMSH « Fernand Braudel-IFER » programme (International Fellowships for Experienced Researchers). This programme is carried out with the financial support of the European Union (Action Marie Curie – COFUND – 7th EU Research Framework Programme). The call concerns scientists proposing a research project at the interface of natural and social sciences in "Natural hazards and global change in Mediterranean region", with a particular focus on:

- 1. Vulnerability of Mediterranean coastal areas to natural hazards, including global change;
- 2. Adaptation to global change;
- 3. Modelling decision-making in context of risks;
- 4. Human-environment relationships in the past;
- 5. Biodiversity management and sustainable delivery of ecosystem services;
- **6.** International governance for environment;
- **7.** Sustainable development strategies and the responses of local populations.

Other research themes in connection with **research work packages of the Labex OT-Med** (**www.otmed.fr**) can be proposed. It is important to develop a human and social sciences aspect in the proposed projects.

Two fellowships are available. **One year extension of the initial contract is possible** (depending on the scientific results during the first 9 months).

The host laboratories are in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille (France).

## **Proposal preparation**

The candidates should **propose their research projects** in connection with their knowledge and previous experience and the **OT-Med research work packages (WP)** themes (section « Research on the OT-Med website : www.otmed.fr). **They should contact work package leaders** (their email



addresses may be found in the description of each work package), to verify if the project is in accordance with the WP priorities. The work package leaders may also suggest the potential supervisor among the OT-Med researchers and help to receive the letter of intention from the host laboratory director (see "application procedure" below). Once all the documents are ready the candidates should submit them online on the FMSH website. Online application platform will be open on 3rd March 2014 and the deadline for submission is 3rd April 2014.

## Eligibility

- **1.** Applicants must **reside outside France and belong to a non-French research institution** (university, academy of sciences, or other research organism).
- 2. Applicants can be of any nationality, but at the time of application, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in France for more than twelve months in the three years immediately prior to the call deadline.
- **3.** Applicants must hold a **PhD** (or equivalent) as at the date of application (i.e. dissertation successfully defended).
- **4.** Applicants must apply within six years of receipt of PhD. Exceptions may be granted in the case of a career break (e.g. interruptions due to maternity leave, illness, etc.).
- **5.** Applicants must be fluent in one of the working languages of the host laboratory; **fluency in French or English is preferable**.
- **6.** Applicants may **not apply to any laboratory in which the applicant has already worked** at any time during their scientific experience (including during doctoral studies).

## **Application procedure**

Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application form. Applications may be completed in French or English. Documents required:

- **1.** Application form (to be completed online).
- 2. Curriculum vitae.
- **3.** List of publications.
- **4.** Detailed research project proposal (5-8 pages, plus a bibliography of 2 pages maximum).
- **5.** Copy of doctoral diploma.



- 6. Summary of applicant's doctoral dissertation (2 pages maximum)
- **7.** Two (2) letters of recommendation from scientific scholars. These may be included in the online application or may be sent directly to one of the following address, by email ifer.incoming@msh-paris.fr; or by post: Fernand Braudel-IFER Fellowship Programme (please specify: incoming/outgoing); FMSH, Office 328; 190 avenue de France; 75648 Paris Cedex 13, France.The applicant must tick the appropriate box on the online form indicating that the letters will arrive separately. Please ensure that letters are received before the close of the call for applications.
- **8.** Letter of invitation from the director of the institution or research laboratory, agreeing to host the applicant for the duration of the fellowship. Documents 2 through 8 should be attached to the application as a single document (PDF, Word or Zip formats only)

Details (Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme website): <a href="http://www.fmsh.fr/fr/c/4721">http://www.fmsh.fr/fr/c/4721</a>
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