

Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) is recruiting

2 Post-doctoral Researchers (f/m)

- *Full time, 40 hrs/week*
- *Fixed term work contracts: 2 years with a possibility of extension up to 5 years max*
- *International and stimulating scientific environment*
- *Highly competitive salaries*

LISER invites highly qualified and motivated applicants for post-doctoral positions within the Department of Urban Development and Mobility. Our institute is looking for candidates who are able to handle and develop a research agenda in the following fields:

- **Political geography (Ref: 15-03)**

We are looking for candidates who hold a Ph.D. in geography or social sciences with an interest in European politics and regional or cross-border governance. Additionally, skills in network analysis (SNA, policy networks) would be an advantage. It is expected that the candidate engages in external project funding at the national and international science foundations. Candidates are expected to have a strong command in English and speak fluently either German or French.

- **Economic geography (Ref: 15.04)**

We are looking for candidates who hold a Ph.D. in economic geography or regional science. Skills in spatial analysis or micro-econometric modelling would be an advantage. It is expected that the candidate engages in external project funding at the national and international science foundations. Candidates are expected to have a strong command in English and speak fluently either German or French.

About the department:

The department Urban Development and Mobility is structured around four research units studying each a particular aspect of the cross-border metropolisation process at work in Luxembourg and the Greater Region. The first research thematic concerns housing issues and in particular the analysis of land and housing markets in Luxembourg. The second thematic focuses on urban development and territorial planning. Third, commuting and residential mobility is a long-standing research thematic within the department. The last thematic of research addresses bordering practices as well as the mechanisms of integration and cross-border governance.

The department strongly benefits from privileged access to administrative data covering longitudinal employment and unemployment records of all employees of the country, which may be linked to firm data, individual commuting data and geographical information. The Greater Region of Luxembourg also provides an interesting research subject, because of a clash of different institutional settings within a small distance, which can be used for identifying relevant drivers for individual behaviour as well as firm behaviour.

About LISER:

LISER is a publicly funded research institute located in Luxembourg and devoted to applied empirical research in economic, social and spatial sciences. Interdisciplinarity is a key element for stimulating scientific innovation. The institute attracts top researchers from all over the world and high-level student training is a vivid part of the institute's activities. LISER is well connected to the University of Luxembourg, and also to other universities in the cross-border neighbourhood. It is an integral part of the fast growing research environment of the Cité des Sciences on the new Belval campus in the south of the country.

Based on its scientific expertise and high academic reputation, the institute addresses current and future societal challenges and provides relevant and independent policy advice both on the national and on the European level. The scientific output is not only regularly published in high profile peer reviewed journals and books, but also in form of popular articles reaching a wider audience. The institute staff consists of about 130 employees, 80 of them researchers from the fields of economics, sociology, political sciences and geography (see www.ceps.lu).

About the Community:

The institute is located on the new Belval campus in the south of Luxembourg, which combines the University of Luxembourg and a substantial part of the country's publicly funded research facilities. The "Cité des Sciences" is a unique and outstanding academic enterprise in the heart of Europe (see http://www.uni.lu/university/campus_belval).

Luxembourg with its 500,000 inhabitants is one of the wealthiest countries in the world and provides a stimulating mixture of modern culture and tradition. Contemporary urbanity of its capital lies in close vicinity to a rich nature. In addition to excellent health, education and recreational services, the community affords a rich variety of cultural activities typical of a major university environment, including museums, music, art and theatre. The country is about to become a five language nation. Besides the official languages French, German and Letzebuergisch, English and Portuguese are frequently spoken. The working languages at the institute are French and/or English.

Application Process:

Applicants should provide the following:

1. a letter of application;
2. a curriculum vitae;
3. a research agenda defining a specific area of research interest in line with LISER specificity
4. a copy of diplomas
5. three reference letters.

The deadline for applications is **30th of April 2015**

Send queries and applications via e-mail to Valérie Baran, HR Manager: valerie.baran@liser.lu

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