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JUNIOR CHAIR

International Call for highly qualified and motivated junior scientists 2015 – LaScArBx Cluster of excellence

Call for application

The LaScArBx Cluster of excellence¹ seeks application for a Junior Chair (equivalent to Research Professor), to start September 1st, 2015, for a maximum period of 30 months. This Junior Chair position is allocated to the UMR 5199 PACEA's sub-department of Prehistory, Palaeoenvironment, and Cultural Heritage (PPP). This is a broad faculty search and we welcome applicants who conduct research on Palaeolithic archaeology, Palaeolithic art, Archaeozoology, Palaeoecology, Palaeoenvironment, or the Quaternary. We welcome in particular, but not exclusively, candidates who have a focus on the application of novel techniques to the analysis of Palaeolithic material culture, and whose research and interests promote interdisciplinary approaches, and the creation of bridges between these and other disciplines. We aim to attract a junior scientist, of any nationality, whose work is already recognized internationally, by providing the candidate the means and environment to undertake an ambitious research project that will have a visible and international impact. LaScArBx provides candidates an opportunity to devote themselves full time to their research at the start of their careers. The successful candidate will be required, nevertheless, to give a limited number of lectures and seminars to MSc and PhD students and to play an active role in LaScArBx activities.

The UMR PACEA has an outstanding academic record, excellent academic and technical staff, as well as a wide range of new equipment (microscopy facilities, pRaman spectroscopy, pXRF, FT-IR, CT-Scan, confocal microscopy, laser granulometry, etc.). Numerous other facilities are also available on the Bordeaux Campus and in the other laboratories affiliated with the LaScArBx Cluster of Excellence. Of particular interest are candidates who will broaden and expand the research currently conducted within the PPP sub-department.

Duration and Appointments

The duration of the position is initially for one year and renewable for an additional 18 months.

In addition to an attractive salary (€43,500 gross per year), a travel allowance and research funds (€10,000 for the first year and €7,000 for the second one) will be provided. The Junior Chair will also be assisted in preparing applications for National and European funding programs (ANR, ERC...) and/or for a French academic research position.

Eligible applicants

This type of Chair is intended for recognized junior level researchers, of any nationality, who obtained their Ph.D. between 2 and 10 years ago. They must have post-doctoral experience. For French applicants it is recommended, although not compulsory, to have had 2 years of scientific experience in a foreign laboratory or university.

Procedure and Timetable

Applicants need to submit a pre-proposal by e-mail to Sylvie Maleret (sylvie.maleret@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr) before May 17th 2015. The pre-proposal application should include the following elements in a single PDF file (single spaced Arial 11):

- a summary of the project (up to 4 pages including the objectives, the rationale and the methodology, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project as well as the added value to the LaScArBx and the host laboratory)
- a CV (2 pages)
- a description of past and present research activities (up to 4 pages)
- a complete list of publications
- two letters of recommendation from senior scientists

After an initial evaluation, short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview in June 2015. Positions shall start in September 2015 (negotiable).

¹The **LaScArBx Cluster of excellence** is composed of three research laboratories (UMRs) of the University of Bordeaux conducting research in Archaeology, Archaeometry and Anthropology (UMR 5607 AUSONIUS, UMR 5199 PACEA, UMR 5060 IRAMAT-CRP2A). It represents the only example, in France, of a long term research initiative bringing together researchers working on virtually all aspects of the human past and using theoretical approaches and methodologies from a broad variety of disciplines.

The LaScArBx's general objectives and a description of the three laboratories are given at: <http://lascarb.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr>. Complementary information can be found here :

<http://lascarb.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr/Le-programme-scientifique-LaScArBx/r164.html>