



Post-doc position "Territorial governance of the ecological transition – Marais de Brouage"



La Rochelle University is recruiting a **post-doctoral fellow in "territorial governance of the ecological transition"** on a fixed-term contract for one year as part of the Brouage marsh observatory project.

Employer description

In a higher education and research landscape that has been profoundly reshaped for more than a decade, **La Rochelle Université** has chosen to structure its research around a thematic by positioning its scientific and academic strengths on societal and environmental issues. This approach has led to the creation of a teaching and research institute called the LUDI Institute, SmUCS in English (Smart Urban Coastal sustainability), operational since the 1st September 2021.

Bringing together all the laboratories, all the PhD students and most of the institution's masters programmes. This institute aims to address the many scientific issues raised by the anthropisation of the coastal area by facilitating decompartmentalised and interdisciplinary approaches, based on a proactive policy of innovation and dissemination of results, without forgetting the fundamental principles of ethics and scientific integrity.

The creation of the LUDI Institute is surrounded by two other important projects, namely the EU-CONEXUS European university, a network of European partner universities sharing a common speciality, and the CampusInnov site initiative, intended to establish a culture of innovation in both training and research.

Website to consult: [click here](#)

Project background

Three laboratories at La Rochelle University - the Littoral ENvironnement et Sociétés (LIENSs, UMRi CNRS 7266) laboratory, the Centre d'Etudes Biologiques de Chizé (CEBC, UMR CNRS 7372) and the Laboratoire Informatique, Image et Interaction (L3i, Institut LUDI) - in collaboration with a number of partners in the region, have set up an **"Integrated observatory of the land-sea continuum of a socio-ecosystem in transition in the face of global change"** on the Brouage marsh site.

Built in line with the objectives of sustainable development in coastal areas set by the Nouvelle Aquitaine Region, **the observatory aims to conduct excellent interdisciplinary research to deepen our understanding of the functioning and future evolution of coastal socio-ecosystems** using a systemic approach, along the land-sea continuum, which is necessary for informed management of these areas. This observatory will make it possible to identify interactions and feedback loops between the various components of the Brouage socio-ecosystem, as well as the action levers available to the various stakeholders to maintain the overall health of the marsh in the long term. The aim is to provide a scientific basis, data and useful tools for the governance of the marsh's socio-ecosystem.

This site is a particularly interesting area to study because of the environmental qualities that motivated the creation of this observatory, but also because of the various projects that are being carried out there. In 2021, local stakeholders have launched an Opération Grand Site project for the Brouage marshes, with the aim of preserving and developing one of the richest and most emblematic wetlands in France, and *ultimately* obtaining the Grand Site de France label. At the same time, the Brouage marshland lies within the boundaries of the future "Marais des littoraux Charentais" Regional Nature Park (PNR), the creation of which was approved at the end of 2024. **These projects reflect the strong ambitions of local stakeholders in terms of the challenges of ecological transition, but also the complexity of governance.**

Job description

The post-doctoral researcher recruited will be responsible for conducting a qualitative field study in the Brouage area. He or she will play a key role in analysing the territorial governance of this area and the various issues linked to the different ecological transition projects being implemented there.

The aim of the project will be to identify the territorial policies pursued at different levels that play a part in the political regulation of the Brouage area, and hence in determining its socio-ecological trajectory. The aim will be to identify these policies, the players involved and the issues at stake, and to highlight the points of linkage and/or conflict. More specifically, an in-depth qualitative analysis will be used to shed light on the shared or competing conceptions of ecological transition held by the various players involved in the Grand Site de Brouage projects and, more broadly, the future 'coastal marshes' NRP, of which it is a part.

To meet the objectives of the post, the candidate will have to :

- Conduct a survey of identified stakeholders (interviews, participation in events, etc.).
- To monitor this study in partnership with the various stakeholders (scientific and non-scientific) in the Brouage observatory project.
- Contribute to the drafting of summary reports for stakeholders
- Contribute to the academic use of the data and analyses produced.

Skills

- Doctorate in social sciences (political science, sociology, geography or related field).
- Excellent command of qualitative field methods (observation, semi-structured interviews, documentary analysis, etc.).
- Sound knowledge of environmental policies, socio-ecological issues and the dynamics and development of the voluntary sector. An interest in the sociology of rural areas would be a plus.
- Ability to analyse, summarise and popularise science.
- Autonomy, initiative and good interpersonal skills.
- Frequent travel throughout the Park is to be expected. A valid driving licence is required.

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Placement: La Rochelle Université - Littoral Environment and Societies Laboratory - [LIENSs UMR 7266](#)

Recruitment: fixed-term contract

If the candidate obtained his or her doctorate less than three years ago, a postdoctoral contract may be offered. After 3 years, an equivalent contract will be offered, with reference to research engineers.

Working hours: full-time

Remuneration: INM 522 index, i.e. €2569 gross/month.

Recruitment open to anyone with a RQTH (Qualified Health and Disability certificate).

Benefits

- An office at La Rochelle University, a computer and all the usual office equipment will be provided.
- 75% contribution towards the cost of public transport to and from work
- Sustainable mobility package for the use of a cycle/carpool on home-work journeys
- Partner BLABLACAR DAILY
- Mutual insurance contribution of €15/month
- Collective catering on the university campus

- Teleworking possible for up to 2 days a week, depending on the needs and organisation of the department
- Sport, leisure and culture for all employees

Contact for information on the recruitment procedure

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How to apply?

Your application must include:

- cover letter
- detailed curriculum vitae
- copy of highest diploma

This application must be submitted via the dedicated application form available by [clicking here](#) (Job reference: RECH/LIENSs/25-05).

Please note: The post is located in a sector where scientific and technical potential is protected and therefore requires, in accordance with the regulations, that the arrival of the candidate recruited be authorised by the competent authority of the MESR.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR THOSE SENT BY E-MAIL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Application deadline: 15 June 2025

Start date: from September 2025

Contract duration: 12 months