

**Call for Applications**  
**Bernard Maris UNESCO Chair Post-Doctoral Fellowship (13 Months)**  
**Sciences-Po Toulouse, Toulouse, France**

**Starting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**  
**Deadline for Applications: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



### **1. Sciences-Po Toulouse**

[Sciences-Po Toulouse](#) is a French school which offers Masters for research careers and future professionals that are called upon to work in a multicultural environment in executive positions, in both the public and the private sectors, whether in France or anywhere in the world. Sciences-Po Toulouse develops a large extent of research in Political Sciences, Economics, Law and Sociology, and hosts academics involved in many international research projects and networks.

### **2. Toulouse**

Toulouse is the fourth largest town in France and the second largest university centre in France. This academic and university environment favours research in social sciences, engineering, and bio and earth sciences. Toulouse is among the leaders in electronics and computing fields and also the European capital of aeronautics and space industries. Thanks to its ideal geographical location and atmosphere, Toulouse is one of the best French cities to live in, close to the Mediterranean Sea (1h30), the Atlantic Ocean (2h30) and the Pyrenees (1h).

### **3. The Bernard Maris UNESCO Chair and Its Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

Sciences-Po Toulouse hosts the [Bernard Maris UNESCO Chair](#) which offers a **13-month post-doctoral fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022)**. The post-doctoral fellow will be affiliated to the [LEREPS research unit](#), and will work in collaboration with the holder of the Chair, Prof. **Ron Boschma** (University of Utrecht, University of Stavanger, and Sciences-Po Toulouse), and with Prof. **Jérôme Vicente** (Sciences-Po Toulouse, University of Toulouse). The fellow will work in Toulouse, with the possibility to have a short-term stay in Utrecht. The post-doctoral research project will be run in collaboration with [Region Occitanie](#), that is one of the main funding bodies and the main policy actor of regional innovation strategies.

### **4. Missions**

The post-doctoral fellow will collaborate with the Bernard Maris UNESCO Chair's steering committee in the organization of the scientific activities and events related to the Chair. She/he will also conduct a research project on one of the following topics:

- *Regional and urban transition, inclusive policy and social inequalities*
- *Innovation networks and regional dynamics*
- *Entrepreneurship, institutions, and geography of innovation*
- *Regional diversification and post-Covid challenges*

The research project will have to include an empirical investigation covering the Occitan territory. The final outcome of this project will consist of the publication of a policy paper, providing concrete guidelines for policymakers at Region Occitanie.

### **5. Eligibility Criteria / Prerequisites**

To be considered eligible to apply, the following criteria have to be met by the applicant:

- PhD (preferably in Economics or related fields)
- A PhD thesis strongly related to the above-mentioned topics, or at least a solid background in Economics, Geography or Political Economy
- Quantitative and qualitative research skills, and a taste for multidisciplinary research
- Good English and French language skills
- Willingness to work in an inter-cultural and international environment
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Curiosity and self-motivation

### **6. We Offer**

- A thirteen-month (fixed term) employee contract at Sciences-Po Toulouse
- Salary: **2,577.31 euros per month**, net of social charges
- Part of the budget of the Chair is reserved to cover the costs of research and scientific valorization of the post-doctoral fellow
- A dynamic and well-equipped research environment
- Participation in a prestigious program, the UNESCO Chair Bernard Maris, and access to the related resources to support the research of the post-doctoral fellow
- Participation in conferences and workshops
- Practical work space at LEREPS – Sciences-Po Toulouse

### **7. Application Submission**

Applicants are required to send the following documents (in a PDF format) in English to Jérôme Vicente ([jerome.vicente-hernandez@univ-toulouse.fr](mailto:jerome.vicente-hernandez@univ-toulouse.fr)), Olivier Brossard ([olivier.brossard@sciencespo-toulouse.fr](mailto:olivier.brossard@sciencespo-toulouse.fr)), and Stefano Ugolini ([stefano.ugolini@sciencespo-toulouse.fr](mailto:stefano.ugolini@sciencespo-toulouse.fr)):

- Curriculum vitae
- Motivation letter, detailing how the applicant meets the selection criteria, and including a brief outline (around 2 pages) of the proposed research project
- Publication list
- Contact details of persons willing to provide a letter of recommendation (min 1, max 3)
- Copies of diplomas

### **8. Selection Process**

- Deadline for submission: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a Skype interview between 15<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Contract start: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021