

CALL FOR APPLICATION: CROSS-BORDER POSTDOCTORIALES

**A residential workshop dedicated to researchers on temporary work
contracts in the French, German and Luxembourgian public sector**

**Luxembourg, 27th – 30th of October 2015
Youth Hostel, 2 rue du Fort Olisy**

European researchers are often not well aware of the professional possibilities that are open to them outside of the public sector and feel poorly prepared to achieve a smooth transition into the business sector. Entering the latter, however, is the best way to counterbalance the negative changes in the public sector, meaning fewer permanent positions, an increase in temporary contracts and limitations of their duration.

That is why ABG, the Franco-German University, Luxembourg National Research Fund, the University of Luxembourg and Luxembourgian national research institutes (LIH and LIST) have joined forces to organise a seminar specifically for researchers with a temporary contract in the public sector. This seminar, held in English, will allow them to pinpoint their specific skills, go over their work history, define their future career plan in a new perspective and efficiently communicate with recruiters in France, Germany and Luxembourg.

The seminar is based on an interactive methodology: participants are expected to be proactive during the 4 days. That is why organisers put an emphasis on participants' motivation and engagement.

All the participants, even the ones from Luxembourg, are accommodated in the youth hostel of Luxembourg-City (2 rue du Fort Olisy).

GOALS

- discover new career paths outside of public research
- have a better overview of the job market in all three countries
- achieve a better understanding of HR policies for researchers
- develop and maintain a professional network
- better communicate on their professional profile, their background and their skills, considering differences between cultures and countries

Program (see the attached document)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply for this seminar, doctorate holders must:

- hold a temporary contract in the public sector in France, Germany or Luxembourg
- work in any field of research

The participants must have a good English level and at least understand German or French.

Priority is given to doctorate holders whose work contract is about to end.

REGISTRATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

The main seminar costs will be covered by the partner institutions. Each participant is in addition required to contribute a fee of 120€ and cover his/her own travel costs.

Application consists in:

- a CV (in French, German or English)
- a cover letter in English (motivation and expectations – a specific paragraph must be dedicated to the presentation of the participants' career goals)

The selection process includes 2 steps:

- a pre-selection is made by each institution, based on candidates' eligibility and motivation
- the final selection is made by a committee (composed of the project coordinators in each institution) to establish the final list of attendees.

CALENDER

15 th of June	registration deadline
24 th of July	pre-selection of attendees
1 st week of September	final selection of attendees
2 nd week of September	confirmation of registration to selected attendees
27 th to 30 th of October	workshop

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**French, German, Franco-German
institutions and all other cases**

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THE PARTNERS

ABG

Association Bernard Gregory (ABG) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980. Its mission is to bring together doctorate holders and employers. To be more specific, it helps PhD students and PhD graduates from all scientific fields to steer their career. It also helps companies recruit PhDs.

Its capacity for innovation and its customer-oriented approach result in a constant evolution of its services.

Since March 2008, a Franco-German branch office has been created to focus on researcher's mobility between France and Germany and more largely on the European level.

www.intelligence.fr

Franco-German University

The Franco-German University (FGU) consists of a group of affiliated member universities from France and Germany, the administration of which is located in Saarbrücken. It was established in 1997 as an institution under international law by means of an intergovernmental agreement (Weimar Agreement). The FGU has adopted a specialist role in Franco-German university relations with the aim of reinforcing cooperation between France and Germany in the field of higher education and research. One of the fundamental tasks of the FGU is the initiation, coordination and financing of structured study programmes at all the development levels laid down in the Bologna process. Among its research supporting tools: thesis joint supervision, Franco-German doctoral colleges, summer schools, workshops and partnerships between researchers' teams.

www.dfh-ufa.org

Luxembourg Institute of Health

The Luxembourg Institute of Health is a public research organisation at the forefront of biomedical sciences. With its strong expertise in oncology, immunology and population health, its research activities impact on people's health. At the Luxembourg Institute of Health, devoted scientists investigate disease mechanisms to develop new diagnostics, innovative therapies and effective tools to implement personalised medicine. The institution is the first supplier of public health information in Luxembourg, a strong cooperation partner in international projects and an attractive training place for ambitious early-stage researchers.

www.lih.lu

The University of Luxembourg

The University of Luxembourg (UL) was founded in 2003, and is, thus, one of the youngest and fast growing universities in Europe. Based at the heart of the European Union, it offers a range of high-quality programmes at all levels. The UL is an international (with an academic staff of 17 nationalities, and students from 95 nationalities), multilingual (three official languages: English, French and German) and research-led University, with a strong focus on six main areas:

- Computational Sciences
- Law, with focus on European Law
- Luxembourg School of Finance
- Educational Sciences
- Security, Reliability and Trust in Information Technology
- Systems Biomedicine

All six priorities are expected to perform highest quality basic research, but all of them should do so on projects with potential relevance for the societal and economic development of the country. The University of Luxembourg is actively participating in multiple European projects within its areas of expertise, since the last 5 years its third party funding (including European) has grown by 29%. Beyond being such a young university, it has been successful in a number of European applications: by the beginning of 2014, the UL was already involved in 36 European projects either as a coordinator or partner.

www.uni.lu

Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is an RTO (Research and Technology Organisation) active in the fields of materials, environment, and IT. It was created in January 2015 from the mutual desire of the public research centres Gabriel Lippmann and Henri Tudor, both key players in research and innovation in Luxembourg, to join forces and to focus their efforts on targeted research topics with the aim to facilitate companies' access to public research and to enhance the international visibility of the Luxembourg research and so to say a fresh momentum to the research potential in the country.

LIST's mission is to contribute to the development of Luxembourg economy and society by conducting interdisciplinary impact-driven research in targeted research areas.

LIST is working across the entire innovation chain:

- Fundamental and applied scientific research, knowledge and competences development,
- Experimental development, incubation and transfer of new technologies, competences, products, and services,
- Scientific policy support to the Luxembourg government, businesses and society in general,
- Doctoral and post-doctoral training, in partnership with universities.

www.list.lu

Luxembourg National Research Fund

The Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) is the main funder of research activities in Luxembourg. Our vision is to establish Luxembourg as a leading knowledge-based society through science, research and innovation, thereby contributing to the country's economic diversification and future prosperity. We aim to set up a sustainable world-class research system in Luxembourg that will generate societal and economic impact in key strategic areas. To this end, the FNR invests public funds into research projects in various branches of science and humanities, with an emphasis on core strategic areas. Furthermore, the FNR supports and coordinates activities to promote scientific culture and to raise public awareness for research and science.

www.fnr.lu