

The INRA-AGROCAMPUS OUEST SMART-LERECO Research Unit in Rennes (France) offers a

Post-doctoral Research Fellowship

Starting date is flexible between April 1, 2018 and October 1, 2018. Appointment will be made by INRA for 12 months and the location will be in the SMART-LERECO offices in Rennes (France). Salary will be in accordance with the French regulation depending on experience.

Tasks

The post-doctoral fellow will take part in a research project aiming at studying the dynamics and drivers of farming business termination in France. The adopted approach will be that of production microeconomics and micro-econometrics modelling through the estimation of models such as survival analysis models and discrete choice models, using individual farm-level data which are already available at SMART-LERECO. The research will not only deal with the study of farm exit at retirement time but will also put emphasis on early business termination, be it related to economic bankruptcy or to farmer's personal motives.

Required skills

Candidates should:

- hold a PhD in economics; preferably (but not necessary) in production microeconomics;
- have a solid background in econometrics and quantitative methods;
- possess the required analytical skills in managing large datasets and conducting applied work;
- demonstrate a potential to publish in leading international peer-reviewed journals;
- be highly skilled in mastering English reading, writing and speaking;
- be motivated, rigorous, autonomous and able to work within a team.

A prior and recorded experience in empirically applying the econometric models planned in the post-doc (survival analysis models, discrete choice models) will be appreciated. Knowledge of French is not a requisite condition.

Supervision

The post-doctoral fellow will work under the supervision of Laure Latruffe, senior researcher at INRA, and Laurent Piet, research analyst at INRA, both being members of the SMART-LERECO team and located in Rennes.

Application

Applications are expected until March 2, 2018. Applicants should send (i) a cover letter to motivate how this position fits their professional project and why they think they suit the offered job, (ii) their job-market publication, (iii) a detailed curriculum vitae along with a full list of references, as well as (iv) university transcripts and certificates of PhD and Master studies. Documents should be sent in electronic form to both Laure Latruffe (laure.latruffe@inra.fr) and Laurent Piet (laurent.piet@inra.fr). SMART-LERECO is an equal opportunity employer.

