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JUNIOR CHAIRS International Call for highly qualified and motivated junior scientists 2013 – LaScArBx Cluster of excellence

Description of the Cluster of excellence

The LaScArBx Cluster of excellence brings together three joint research laboratories (UMR) of the University of Bordeaux working in the field of Archaeology (UMR 5607 AUSONIUS, UMR 5199 PACEA, UMR 5060 IRAMAT-CRP2A). It is alone in France in uniting such a range of "archaeological sciences" and covering such a chronological field (Archaeology, History, Prehistory, Classical Studies, Biological Anthropology, Archaeomaterials, Palaeoenvironment, Rock Art, Archaeotechnology). The LaScArBx's general objectives and the characteristics of the three associated laboratories are described at: <http://lascarbx.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr>.

The theme of research of LaScArBx is entitled "**Using the world in ancient societies: process and forms of appropriation of space in Long Time**". This focus on the notion of space is not in itself original (archaeology has always consisted in studying how past societies interacted with their environments, natural or cultural, as well as the consequences of these interactions). However, the chronological scale of the subject (from Prehistory to the Middle Ages and even beyond in certain areas), its spatial extent (across several continents), the diversity and combination of the disciplines and skills carried out to address it in its totality constitute the specific strengths of this project: space is here conceived of in all the senses of the word (environment, place, territory), understood in the long term (in certain cases over tens of millennia) and across the diversity of its interactions with Man, these being documented by the entire range of archaeological sciences.

This theme is channelled through three routes (1. Settlement and territories, 2. Exploitation, innovation, exchange, 3. Expressions of the symbolic and spaces of memory), each of them dealing with the relationship between Man and the space that surrounds him, and in particular the different processes of appropriation of this space that were developed by ancient societies. These themes are described at: <http://lascarbx.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr/Le-programme-scientifique-LaScArBx/r164.html>

Call for application

In 2013, LaScArBx Cluster of excellence invites application for one Junior Chair (equivalent to Assistant Professorships), starting January 1st 2014 for a maximum period of three years. We aim to attract in Bordeaux junior scientists, either French or foreign, whose work shows a level of excellence already recognized internationally, by providing means to undertake an ambitious research project with a visible impact. We seek motivated creative researchers with a strong interest in the development of our interdisciplinary programme. LaScArBx gives candidates an opportunity to devote themselves full time to their research at the start of their careers.

This junior Chairs is allocated to the UMR 5199 PACEA and should correspond to the following theme:

Dynamiques de peuplements dans le passé: interactions biologiques et culturelles/Dynamics of human settlements: interaction between biological factors and cultural choices

Past populations are known for their behaviours (remains of their activities, evidence of their symbolic concerns) or their biological evolution. With this junior chair, the candidate will have to be able to develop innovative research on the dynamics of ancient settlements, whether historical or Palaeolithic, incorporating interactions between environmental, biological and cultural data.)

Duration and Appointments

The duration of the stay is of one year (renewable twice).

In addition to an attractive salary (€43,500 gross per year), travel allowance and research funds (approximately €15,000 per year) will be provided.

The successful applicants will be provided laboratory space and will have access to basic laboratory equipment and on-campus facilities including technology platforms. They will also be assisted in applications for National and European programs (ANR, ERC...) and/or for a French academic research position.

Some participation (12 hours a year) in Master and/or doctoral teaching will be required from the successful applicant.

(<http://lascarbx.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr/en/Formation-Higher-education/r268.html>)

Eligible applicants

This type of Chair is intended for recognized researchers, of any nationality, who defended their PhD thesis 2 to 10 years ago. They must have a post-doctoral experience. For French applicants it is recommended to have had a 2 years scientific experience in a foreign laboratory or university.

Procedure and Timetable

Applicants need to submit a pre-proposal by email to Sylvie Maleret (sylvie.maleret@u-bordeaux3.fr) before November 15th 2013. 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 LaScArBx and the host laboratory)
- a description of past and present research activities (up to 4 pages)
- a CV (2 pages)
- a complete list of publications
- three letters of recommendation from senior scientists

The applicants preselected at this stage will be invited for an interview **at the end of November or in December 2013**. Positions shall start in January 2014 (negotiable).

A multidisciplinary selection committee will select the applicants according to the interest of the project and the quality of the presented files.