

Job Announcement: Asst/Assoc Professor in Social and Human Sciences at the ENSTA Bretagne

Context

The department of Social and Human Sciences (SHS) at the ENSTA Bretagne in Brest, France, is seeking candidates for a tenure-track teacher/researcher position in the humanities. This department, part of small but highly selective *grande école* delivering the equivalent of an MEng in Engineering, is responsible for research and teaching in the social sciences, languages, management, and physical education.

The candidate is expected to do all their teaching in English, but for practical reasons they must have advanced intermediate-level French as well. The teaching load will include advanced language courses taught to non-native speakers and humanities or social science courses taught in the candidate's areas of specialization. The advanced language modules are not classical grammar-and-vocabulary courses but follow the ENSTA's innovative and practice-based approach to language learning (current courses include creative writing, film making and film criticism, debate, negotiation skills, science fiction, public speaking, and language for effective leadership). Candidates will be encouraged to invent new curricular offerings. The social science teaching load may include participating in core curriculum courses aiming to develop students into reflective socially and ecologically responsible innovators, or courses in the candidate's areas of interest having a particular relevance to and bearing on the education of engineers.

The candidate is also expected to be motivated to do research broadly connected with Engineering Education. As a researcher at the ENSTA they will become part of the laboratory EA 7529 "Formation and Professional Learning" (FoAP), a research consortium of also includes AgroSup Dijon and Cnam Paris. Ongoing work includes projects addressing questions linked to engineering education and innovation, sustainable development, futures literacy, and gender equity.

Responsibilities:

- 1) Teaching: The teaching load is 192 hours per year (approximately 2/2 in US equivalent), with all classes being taught in English.
- 2) Administrative Responsibilities: The candidate is expected to play an active role in the life of the department. They will be called upon to develop innovative course offerings, participate in curricular revisions and manage adjunct faculty, and they may also be asked to assume other administrative roles within the school or the department.
- 3) Research: As a member of the FPI and FoAP, the candidate will publish, run research projects, co-direct theses, and participate in the life of the laboratory.

Expected Profile

Candidates will possess a Ph.D. in any field qualifying them to give courses in English and Humanities and Social Sciences (STS), such as sociology, sociolinguistics, American studies, British studies, linguistics, educational sciences...). We are looking for researchers capable of complementing an already multi-disciplinary team and prepared to do research in the extremely interdisciplinary field of engineering education. Native-level mastery of English is a must, and at least intermediate-level French is important. The ideal candidate will both be a passionate teacher and devoted to working to make an impact on big-picture problems through education. The ideal candidate would also be a skillful bridge builder, capable of reaching out across disciplines and institutions to foster creative collaborations inside and outside of academia.

Salary and other Employment Details

Remuneration is commensurate with that of other *Maîtres de conférences* within the French national university system. The exact figure will vary depending on the candidate's experience.

This position is the French equivalent of a US tenure-track position, meaning that after a probational period as a CDD (*contrat à durée déterminée*) the post will automatically transition into a CDI (*contrat à durée indéterminée*). There is no tenure review, but candidates are expected to publish.

The selected candidate should be available to start at the end of August 2022.

Contact

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To formally apply, please send a CV, a letter of motivation, and any optional materials (ex. letters of recommendation) to Jean-Pierre Baudu, Administrative Director before 4 April 2022: jean-pierre.baudu@ensta-bretagne.fr