



Postdoctoral researcher

LELI project: Life-events and lifetime inequality

2 years part-time (50%) contract

Starting date: April 2024 (start date negotiable)

Description of the Institute

The French Institute for Demographic Studies is a public research institute. Its missions include conducting cutting-edge research in all fields relating to demography and population studies, and informing the public of its research results and activities. Interdisciplinary in its recruitment, Ined has 250 employees (permanent staff, postdocs, doctoral students), as well as numerous associated researchers and foreign visiting scholars.

Project description

The LELI project is a research coordinated by Simon Rabaté and funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR) from February 2025 until February 2029. It aims to provide an in-depth analysis of the effect of life events over income trajectories and lifetime inequality. Researchers will mobilize exhaustive longitudinal administrative data in France and the Netherlands and state-of-the-art econometric methodologies to address the four following questions: i) how do life events affect individuals' income trajectories ? ii) what is the buffering role played the state and the tax-and-transfers system ? iii) how do life events correlate and cumulate over the life-cycle and translate into lifetime inequality and (iv) how do the consequences of life-event differ between two different institutional contexts, namely those of France and the Netherlands.

Missions

The postdoctoral researcher will contribute to the project's research, focusing on the analysis of the correlation between life events, and its consequences regarding lifetime income inequality (work packages 2 and 3 of the research proposal available here: <https://leli.site.ined.fr/fr/project/>). He/she will work on administrative data in France and the Netherlands, and focus on the following research questions:

- How can we identify life events in administrative data ?
- To what extent adverse life events are concentrated on some specific groups of the population?
- How do life events correlate and interact over the life-cycle ?

The new recruit will work under the supervision of Simon Rabaté (at Ined). He/she will be administratively attached to the Economic Demography unit (Ined).

In line with INED's policy of welcoming post-docs, they will be able to devote 20% of their time to their own work: publication or promotion of previous work, personal research, preparation of applications for research careers. (<https://www.ined.fr/fichier/rte/General/Recherche/Postdocs/Charte-chercheurs-contractuels.pdf>)

Candidate profile

Candidates must:

- Hold a PhD in economics, sociology, demography or other related disciplines granted in the last 3 years (or be about to obtain) ;
- Have excellent quantitative analysis skills, and advanced knowledge of the Stata and/or R statistical software ;
- A demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the study of inequality, with longitudinal perspective ;
- A demonstrated ability to communicate and write scientific publications in English.

Some knowledge of French would be desirable.

Some knowledge in machine learning and sequence analysis techniques would be highly appreciated.

Contract terms

STARTING DATE	April 1, 2025 (negotiable)
DURATION (FIXED-TERM CONTRACT OR SECONDMENT)	24 months
WORKING HOURS	Part time - 17h25 per week 16 days annual leave and 5 days RTT The post-doctoral fellow may devote 20% of his or her time for his own work
TELEWORKING ACTIVITIES	Yes
REMUNERATION	According to the internal salary scale based on experience (minimum €2871 gross per month)
LOCATION	Ined, Site du Campus Condorcet 9 cours des Humanités, Aubervilliers Metro line 12: Front populaire
BENEFITS	Company restaurant - Staff association Vocational training Green surroundings on a modern campus

How to apply

APPLICATION DEADLINE	February 25, 2025
HOW TO APPLY	Send your application (detailed CV and covering letter) under the reference "LELI Post-doc". A: recrutements@ined.fr ; simon.rabate@ined.fr