

2-year Post-Doctoral Research Position in Law

ANR I-BioLex

Introduction

The research centre, UMR 7318 International, Comparative and European Laws (DICE- CERIC) is looking for a postdoctoral researcher in law for 24 months from 1st November 2022 to work on the ANR Project I-BioLex.

Context

Biomedical innovations are innovative technologies using biological elements of human or animal origin for medical purposes, for instance in such emerging fields as gene therapy, regenerative medicine or nanomedicine. European law (including the laws of the European Union, Council of Europe, and European Patent Organisation) on biomedical innovations (BI) involves two contrasting processes: fragmentation (division or segmentation), and defragmentation (gathering together, connecting or 'harmonising').

At the crossroads between social and human sciences (Law, Sociology and Science and Technology Studies) and biomedical sciences (Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences), I-BioLex aims to explore and explain these legal processes and provide histories of successive developments of both processes in European law on BI.

Main role

The main role of the post-doctoral researcher is to assist the coordinator of the project "Fragmentation and defragmentation of law on biomedical innovations" (I-BioLex). This will involve assisting in the project's research. More particularly, the position involves identifying and analysing the relevant sources of European law on biomedical innovations. The position will also involve writing the project's reports and recommendations to regulatory institutions. The post-doctoral researcher will also support the coordination of the project.

Main activities

- Identification of and contribution to the analysis of applicable law (positive law and related areas such as governance and accountability grounded in legal norms) at several levels (European Union, Council of Europe, European Patent Organisation, France and the United Kingdom).
- Support in the organisation of scientific events.
- Support in the writing of the project's reports and recommendations to regulatory institutions.
- Support for the coordination of the project (organisation of projects meetings, administrative tasks related to projects' missions).
- Writing scientific articles and contributing to scientific articles' writing.
- Presentations at conferences and communication to the public at large.

Location

The post-doctoral researcher will work under the supervision of the coordinator of the project I-BioLex, Aurélie Mahalatchimy, based in France. He/she will be affiliated to the Centre of

International and Community Researches and Studies (CERIC) directed by Eve Truilh , within UMR 7318 International, Comparative and European Laws (DICE) directed by Marthe Fatin-Rouge Stefanini, in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Salary

The net salary will approximately be between 1,900  and 2,300  depending on post-doctoral research experience. The salary will be funded by a research grant from the ANR (French National Research Agency) project I-BioLex.

Duration

The full-time position is starting from 1st November 2022 for 12 months, renewable for 12 months.

Requirements

- A PhD in Law, Political Science, or Science and Technology Studies. Strong knowledge in law/regulation is required. A specialisation in International and European Law or health/pharmaceutical law will be highly appreciated.
- Knowledge in the regulation of biomedical innovations (mainly gene therapy, regenerative medicine or nanomedicine) will be highly appreciated.
- Knowledge in Science and Technology Studies or Legal Theory will be appreciated.
- An experience with participation in a research project would be welcome.
- The ability to work in an international environment, in English (written, read, and spoken), is required. The ability to work in French as well will be particularly welcome.
- Ability to write legal research texts.
- Ability to combine autonomous and team working.
- Interest in interdisciplinarity.

Eligibility

This position is open to current post-graduate researchers (with a completed PhD) in Social and Human Sciences, preferably in Law, Political Sciences, or Science and Technology Studies, with strong knowledge in law/regulation.

It is necessary to be fluent in English (written, read, and spoken).

How to apply

The application shall include the following documents:

- A cover letter in English.
- A detailed CV with full contact information (in English or French).
- The PhD defence report (in English or French).
- One or two publications (in English or French).
- One support letter (in English or French).

The full application shall be sent by email to Aur lie Mahalatchimy (aurelie.mahalatchimy@univ-amu.fr, coordinator of the I-BioLex project) and to Valentin Brunel (valentin.BRUNEL@univ-amu.fr, manager of the I-BioLex project), by **30 September 2022**.