

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Doctoral Fellowship in sociology within the program for higher education and research of the CSO (Center for the Sociology of Organizations), Sciences Po and CNRS research unit

Application deadline: 15 March 2015

The program for higher education and research at the CSO Center for the Sociology of Organizations (www.cso.edu) welcomes applications for a three-year doctoral fellowship. The recipient of the PhD fellowship will have to apply for formal enrolment in the doctoral programs in sociology of Sciences Po in Paris. He/she will work under the supervision of **Christine Musselin** and **Jérôme Aust**.

The thesis project should focus on the policies for excellence in higher education, such as the *Exzellenzinitiative* in Germany or the *Programme d'Investissement d'Avenir* in France. It might deal with the genesis of these policies, the development of the instruments initiated in order to implement them, the way decisions were made, their impact on the higher education system (at any level: on the national landscape, on the university level, on the shop-floor,...). All these aspects might be covered within one country or only some of them in an international comparison.

Eligibility: The candidate will hold a master's degree (or be able to get it before September 2015) and have been trained training in sociology or political science. She or he should have experience in diverse empirical methods. A firm command of English and at least a working knowledge of French are required.

Fellowship amount: gross salary € 1,685 / month (2,188 with teaching duties) ; 3-year contract starting in October 2015.

Application Procedure

- a CV
- a transcript of records
- a cover letter presenting the academic path and the motivation for this fellowship (2 pages maximum)
- a thesis project (5,000 words maximum)
- a letter of recommendation from one of the professors of the master attended by the candidate.

Please email the complete file to s.dubois@cso.cnrs.fr by **15 March 2015**. Incomplete files will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to take part in an interview.

Final decisions will be made by mid-April 2015 with the agreement of the CSO.

Please also note that successful candidates will need to apply for admission through the online procedure of the Ecole doctorale of Sciences Po before 22 April 2015. Administrative registration will occur in June 2015 by the Ecole doctorale of Sciences Po. If the candidate is not finished with his/her PhD at that time, his/her inscription will be conditional and depends on whether he/she gets his/her master with a grade equal or superior to the minimum required by the Ecole doctorale.