
Contract type: Public service fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required: PhD or equivalent
Fonction: Post-Doctoral Research Visit
Level of experience: Recently graduated

Context
The postdoc position is offered within the MATERIALS team, which has an internationally recognized expertise in the mathematical study and development of numerical methods in computational statistical physics. The scientific fields covered by members of team range from the analysis of partial differential equations to stochastic processes and probabilistic methods, with a balanced positioning between fundamental theoretical studies and actual applications.

Assignment
The aim of the postdoctoral work will be to adapt successful methods from computational statistical physics to problems of machine learning, and demonstrate their efficiency on actual applications. Situations of interest include Bayesian inference on large data sets and/or training of neural networks using generalizations of stochastic gradient dynamics. This work will be supervised by Tony Lelievre and Gabriel Stoltz.

Main activities
The postdoctoral fellow will conduct his/her research within the MATERIALS team, based at Ecole des Ponts. He/She will write research articles and present his/her work in international conferences, both in the fields of computational statistical physics and machine learning (NIPS, AISTAT, ICML). He/She will also attend working groups and other activities of direct interest to the project at the Turing Institute in London.

Skills
Candidates are required to have experience in performing numerical simulations and devising new numerical methods.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport

Remuneration
- Location: CERMICS, Ecole des Ponts
  6/8 avenue Blaise Pascal
  77455 Marne-la-Vallée Cedex 2
- Gross Salary per month: 2 653€ brut/mensuel

Security and defense procedure:
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General Information
- Theme/Domain: Optimization, machine learning and statistical methods
- Scientific computing (BAP E)
- Town/city: Champs-sur-Marne
- Inria Center: CRI de Paris
- Starting date: 2018-10-01
- Duration of contract: 1 year, 6 months
- Deadline to apply: 2018-05-31

Contacts
- Inria Team: MATERIALS
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The keys to success
Applicants should hold a PhD in applied mathematics, statistics of computer science, with a competitive track record. They should either be familiar with models and techniques in machine learning and willing to learn methods from computational statistical physics, or, on the contrary, be familiar with techniques from computational statistical physics and willing to use them for machine learning problems.

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Conditions for application
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Recruitment Policy:
As part of its diversity policy, all Inria positions are accessible to people with disabilities.
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