PhD Position F/M Doctoral Position on Lattice Dynamics & Phononic Metamaterials

Contract type: Fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required: Graduate degree or equivalent
Fonction: PhD Position

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Context

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Assignment

Lightweight structures and functional material architectures are the locus of various vibrational or acoustic phenomena which have to be properly understood, predicted and harnessed in civil and aerospace engineering. Their multi-scale nature raises computational and modeling challenges which are the subject of extensive research within the scientific community.

The ANR-JCJC Archi-Noise project aims to unveil disruptive concepts of architected (i.e., lattice-based) materials for Noise and vibration control. This research project aims to leverage a cutting edge computational framework developed within the group, to design novel metamaterials exhibiting enhanced low-frequency noise and vibration mitigation capabilities. The candidate will delve into wave physics, enriched continuum theories, structural dynamics and finite element modelling. The project will cover the following topics:

- Computational mechanics and finite element methods,
- Dynamics of waveguides,
- Acoustics and propagation phenomena in complex lattice structures

The PhD applicant will therefore be hired to conduct high-level scientific research along two workpackages (WPs.1-2) of the project, which involve the conceptualization, derivation and resolution of original theoretical and numerical models describing meso-scale architected meta-structures, in order to understand, explore, design and evaluate these novel materials.

Main activities

Requirements for applicants:

- Outstanding problem-solving ability,
- Very good track record, including a relevant higher education degree in physical sciences, mathematics or engineering,
- Rigorous and self-motivated mindset, ability to learn, organize and prioritize own work with minimal supervision,
- Professional English proficiency,
- Background in mechanics, vibrations, acoustics, finite element modelling, or a good computer literacy (e.g. programming experience in Python, Matlab or Julia) would be an advantage,
- Share our passion for science and technology.

Benefits package
• Subsidized meals
• Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
• Possibility of teleworking (90 days per year) and flexible organization of working hours
• Partial payment of insurance costs

Remuneration

Monthly gross salary amounting to 2051 euros for the first and second years and 2158 euros for the third year

General Information

• Theme/Domain: Optimization and control of dynamic systems
  Scientific computing (BAP E)
• Town/city: Rennes
• Inria Center: Centre Inria de l'Université de Rennes
• Starting date: 2024-09-01
• Duration of contract: 3 years
• Deadline to apply: 2024-07-31

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