

Evaluation of French Labour Market Policies ESRC DTP Collaborative Studentship

The University of Warwick and Ministry of Labour, Paris, France

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The University of Warwick as part of Midlands Graduate School is now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Studentship in association with our collaborative partner, The Direction de l'Animation de la Recherche, des Etudes et des Statistiques within the French Ministry of Labour, to commence in October 2018.

While the impact of training and so-called active labour-market policies designed to help job seekers out of unemployment and to improve the quality of matches has been frequently investigated in the existing economics literature, there is a range of open research questions that are relevant to policy makers. In particular: which training programmes are most effective in helping job seekers exit unemployment and find rewarding jobs; how should private training providers be incentivised to propose high-quality training; how should caseworkers be guided to match job seekers to the right training; and what are the general-equilibrium effects of training programmes?

The exact design of the evaluation will depend on discussions with stakeholders but will aim at identifying causal effects, rather than just documenting correlations. Most of the data used in this project will come from administrative databases relating to training, to counselling and the labour-market situations of job seekers and workers. In some instances, it might be necessary to collect primary data, to shed light on some particular aspect that cannot be looked at using administrative data. The student will spend at least 3 months per year within the collaborating organisation.

Qualifications in econometrics and labour economics, and experience in working with large administrative datasets and randomised controlled trials are recommended. Experience in projects interacting with policy makers and data producers is a plus. A good command of R and Stata is recommended. A very good command in French, written and spoken, is highly recommended.

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please complete the Collaborative Studentship application form [available online here](#) with two references and a CV, email this to Maryanne Heafey (m.heafey@warwick.ac.uk).

Application deadline: Wednesday 14th February 2018

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Informal enquiries about the research or Warwick Economics, prior to application can be directed to Maryanne Heafey (m.heafey@warwick.ac.uk), in the first instance.