

H2020 "OPTED: Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies"
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Advertisement for Post-Doc position (24 mths)

Deadline for the application August 11, 2021

A position as a Post-Doc within the H2020 EU-funded research project "OPTED: Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies" at the *Communication & Culture Department Audencia Business School, Nantes, France.*

CONTEXT

The contract is supported by a Research Grant funded by the European Commission (H2020). The grant covers a 3-year collaborative project with 18 partners all over Europe. The partners have a background in political, communication and computer science.

The postdoctoral researcher will interact regularly with all these partners through the project.

The desired start date is October 1, 2021.

The position is held at Audencia Business School (France), in the cooperation with Technical University of Munich (Germany) and Kristiania University College (Norway).

The successful candidate can but would not be required to move to France, work would be mostly organized and supervised digitally.

Position description

We welcome applications from candidates interested in conducting cutting-edge research between political and communication science. We are especially interested in candidates whose research interests are concentrating on

- Political engagement and participation (offline and online)
- Political discourse, public sphere, citizenship, civic norms and values
- Comparative approaches
- Quantitative data analysis
- Interest in performing in-depth interviews

Analytical skills and the capacity for independent scientific research will be key selection criteria. The successful candidate will be expected to work on tasks developed by the OPTED project partners, participate in other research projects and/or develop and pursue own research. The position does not involve teaching.

Tasks required within OPTED project:

- Set-up, run studies and analyze data collected using both qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Perform qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- Take the lead in writing necessary project reports by the required deadlines
- Cooperate on the write-up of research papers

We offer:

- An exciting job within an innovative Horizon 2020 project
- Flexible working hours and workplace adapted to your own schedule
- Highly developed research environment and access to diverse data sources
- Good opportunities for networking and professional development
- Salary by agreement (includes full social security)



Requirements for the successful applicant:

- A PhD (or very close to completion) in communication, political science or a related social science discipline or interdisciplinary field
- Advanced skills in quantitative methods (survey), text-as-data methods,
- Advanced knowledge of statistical packages (e.g. STATA, R etc.)
- Ability for excellent academic research evidenced through internationally visible publications, presentations at international conferences, third-party funding or related research activities
- Ambition to pursue an active research agenda and eagerness to make both theoretically exciting and empirically important contributions
- Enthusiasm for working in a team as well as ability to work independently
- Strong ability to communicate in spoken and written English (applicants who do not have a degree from an English-language university or program, please indicate proficiency).

Applicants must submit application to optedwp2@audencia.com

Please send the following materials electronically as a single pdf file (with documents in the order indicated below) titled "Post-doc application_Name of the candidate". Applications should be in English, the working language of the project.

1. A motivation letter that gives a sense of your scholarly and career interests (2 pages max)
2. A current CV, including a list of publications
3. Confirmation/scan of your PhD diploma (if you have not yet completed your doctoral degree, please indicate the date of completion)
4. Academic transcripts providing specific information about your university-level coursework and/or a list of courses that is informative about your substantive and methodological preparation, including the level at which each course was taken and the grade obtained;
5. A research paper or other analytical writing sample published in English (for co-authored articles, please indicate your contribution)
6. A list of three academic references who can speak to your qualification for postdoctoral research.

For questions, please contact prof Karolina Koc-Michalska kkocmichalska@audencia.com

AUDENCIA ENVIRONMENT

Audencia Business School is triple-accredited (AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA), and one of the leading European and French Business Schools. The school offers a wide range of programs including MSc, MBA, Executive MBA, European Master in Management, Doctorate and Executive Education Programs, with 137 core faculty members from 29 countries. The school has several locations in France and abroad, but the two that can possibly be linked to this position are in Nantes or Paris.

The postdoctoral researcher will benefit from the material and scientific infrastructure of Audencia, allowing him/her to carry out research.

