

Offre de thèse avec contrat doctoral. Université de Caen Normandie

Military Administration and Logistics in the Anglo-Norman Realm
(11th–13th Centuries)

Job information		
	Organisation / Entreprise	Université de Caen Normandie
	Research Field	Humanities and social sciences
	Researcher Profile	First Stage Researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Application Deadline	10/05/2026
	Type of Contract	Temporary (3 years), from october 2026
	Job Status	Full time
	Is the Job funded through the UE Research Framework Programme ?	NO
	Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure ?	NO
Offer description		
	Doctoral project description	This research project aims to analyze the logistical organization and military administration of the Anglo-Norman kingdom and later the Plantagenet empire, from the mid-11th century to the early 13th century. It aligns with the broader renewal of military history since the 1970s and 1980s, which integrates the social, economic, and administrative

		<p>dimensions of warfare. The study focuses on the logistical and administrative aspects of military operations, drawing on a diverse corpus of sources, mostly literary texts, administrative documents and iconographic evidences. It particularly examines the management of supplies and mounts, the routes and speeds of movement, maritime transport, and the costs of constructing and maintaining fortifications. The choice of the Anglo-Norman domain as the field of study is justified by the intensity and frequency of conflicts in this area, as well as the early development of an efficient administration. The research explores the level of rationalization of expenses and centralization of Anglo-Norman armies, identifying their Carolingian and Anglo-Saxon legacies. It also investigates how logistical constraints shape the strategic decisions of military leaders and their pivotal influence on the conduct and outcomes of campaigns. This approach allows for a more nuanced understanding, or even a reinterpretation, of certain military episodes through the lens of logistics. A comparative analysis with other contemporary military systems (such as those of Flanders, Anjou, and the Kingdom of France), earlier systems (the Carolingian Empire and Anglo-Saxon kingdoms), and the eastern theater of the crusades places the particularities and practices of the anglo-norman domain in a broader context. This perspective sheds light on the factors underlying its military power and dominant position in Western Europe. This project thus seeks to fill a historiographical gap by offering a thorough and systematic analysis of the logistical and administrative dimensions of military endeavors, applied to a period and a geographical area that remain largely underexplored from this perspective.</p>
	Salary placement	2300 € / month
Requirements		
	Admission requirements	Holding a Master's Degree
	Eligibility	Subject to the acceptance of the head of the institution, on the proposal of the ED director after consultation with the director of the research team and the thesis supervisor

Application		
		<p>A complete application must contain :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A personal letter with a brief description of your research interests and motivation (2) A curriculum vitae (CV) (3) <i>Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses</i> (4) Contact information for two references
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