

Offre de thèse avec contrat doctoral. Université de Caen Normandie

The material culture of rural workers in the Orne and Calvados departments during the 19th century (1815-1914)

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	The material culture of rural populations in 19th-century France (1815–1914) remains a largely underexplored field, despite its potential to illuminate how everyday life was shaped by the major socio-economic transformations of the period. This doctoral project invites the successful candidate to investigate this gap, focusing on the

		<p>departments of Orne and Calvados as a case study. The research will draw on original sources and methods — principally post-mortem inventories (notarial records listing the belongings of the deceased for inheritance purposes) — alongside complementary sources, to build a rich and nuanced picture of material life in rural communities. The project will address a range of analytical dimensions including living standards, gender, and agricultural practices, organized around categories of objects within defined chronological periods and a representative sample of communes across both departments. The methodology will combine quantitative and qualitative approaches.</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) Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses (4) Contact information for two references
Work location		Université de Caen (Normandy, France)
Where to apply		Ed558.nh@unicaen.fr

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