

**ANGERS UNIVERSITY**

UNIT RESEARCH: UMR 6590 of CNRS ESO

POST-DOC or research engineer

**Junior Contract Researcher**

Post-doctoral contract in public law

Category: A

**Presentation of the University of Angers and the ESO laboratory**

In the heart of a region recognized for its quality of life, the University of Angers, the 3rd largest employer in the region, offers an environment conducive to the development of its staff and students. The UA is a multidisciplinary university, welcoming more than 26000 students spread over 3 campuses and 2 relocated campuses (in Cholet and Saumur). It has 8 components (5 UFR, 1 IUT, 1 internal engineering school and 1 internal business and management school), and 31 federative research units and structures.

Thanks to the many innovative projects it carries out and its openness to the world, the AU allows everyone to evolve in a stimulating environment. Its annual budget is €156 million (including €123 million in payroll). The UA has 1167 teachers and teacher-researchers, 917 administrative and technical staff and nearly 2000 individual contractors and is looking for involved and daring actors. You recognize yourself in this job offer ? Join us !

UMR CNRS 6590 Espaces et Sociétés (ESO) is a social science research unit which, from its historical roots in social geography, is interested in the spatial dimension of social relationships and the study of inequalities in all their forms, drawing on all the disciplines represented in its collective: geography, planning, sociology, psychology, information and communication science, architecture, urban planning.

UMR ESO is participating in the ANR UPDATEPERRIURB program (Re-analyzing automobile dependence in rural and peri-urban areas - reference: ANR-24-CE22-2224-02).

**Contract features:**

Starting date : October 1, 2025

Contract duration : 18 months French law work contract

Work quota : 100%

Monthly wage : €2,967

Location : Angers University, ESO Laboratory - Maison de la Recherche Germaine Tillion / Teleworking days may be considered. Mobility (possibly over several days) is to be expected.

**Name of research project:**

ANR UPDATE PERRIURB Re-analyzing automobile dependence in rural and peri-urban areas

**Description of the research project in which the research activities entrusted to the officer take place:**

You will be working on the ANR UPDATE PERRIURB project, which focuses on the automobile dependence of households in rural and peri-urban areas. This topic was the subject of a great deal of work in the field of Transportation Studies in the years 1990-2000, but has since been less investigated, despite the fact that it is in these areas that the transition to more sustainable mobility seems to be the most difficult to implement. This research program is based on a multi-disciplinary (anthropologists, geographers, planners, economists) and comparative approach, combining quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

UPDATE PERRIURB will respond to two hypotheses. The first is that of an "aggravation" of automobile dependence, which would be the source of a feeling of injustice due, on the one hand, to a deterioration in living conditions and, on the other, to the lack of available alternatives adapted to needs and territories. The second

hypothesis is that automobile dependence is being “channeled” into peri-urban and rural areas. Households, more aware of environmental and energy issues, may seek to manage their car dependency differently. Local public players, associations and businesses could invent innovative solutions adapted to their territory, to promote sustainability. The research program proposes to test these two hypotheses by analyzing statistical and cartographic data at national and local levels, and by carrying out local field surveys. Four objectives have been set:

Objective 1 (WP1): Analyze, on a national scale, the level of car dependency in rural and peri-urban areas and understand how it has evolved over the last ten years compared with other types of territory.

Objective 2 (WP2): Understand how, on a local scale, this automobile dependence in rural and peri-urban areas is envisaged and managed by the public and private players (public authorities, associations, companies) concerned.

Objective 3 (WP3): Provide new insights into how, on a local scale, this car dependency is experienced by households residing in rural and peri-urban areas.

Objective 4 (WP4): To co-produce, with local stakeholders, mobility transition scenarios tailored to the geographical and socio-economic diversity of peri-urban and rural areas.

5 research teams: LAET, Territoires, ESO Angers, CEREMA, Triangle

Non-academic partners (local authorities, unions and associations in charge of mobility): Conseils départementaux 49 et 63, Agence d'urbanisme de la région angevine and Agence d'urbanisme Clermont Massif Central, Syndicat mixte des transports en commun de l'agglomération clermontoise (SMTC-AC) and Angers Loire Métropole (mobility organizing authorities), Centre social du Chemillois.

**Provisional project schedule:** 3 years

#### **Expected results:**

As part of this research project, you will be involved in WP2 and WP3. WP2 aims to analyze the diversity of formulations of car dependency issues in peri-urban and rural territories by local actors (public authorities, associations, companies) and to identify mobilizable territorial resources (types of actors, types of actions). WP3 aims to understand the potential vulnerabilities and/or resilience of households in these areas to car dependency.

The main task of the person recruited will be to carry out, process and analyze the surveys carried out in WP2 (institutional, economic and associative players) and WP3 (households), and to present the results in detail and in summary, in written and oral form, to the project's partners and in the academic world (symposia, scientific articles).

The person recruited as a post-doc or IGR from the University of Angers will be attached to the UMR ESO, Angers site. She/he will work under the supervision of Annabelle Morel-Brochet (MCF-HDR in geography at the University of Angers in the UMR CNRS ESO Espaces et Sociétés - WP3 coordinator) and in close collaboration with Patricia Lejoux (research fellow in spatial planning and urbanism at the LAET Laboratoire Aménagement, Économie, Transports - WP2 coordinator). She will be in particular contact with the WP2 and 3 teams, but also with all project members and partners.

#### **Definition of research activities and tasks to be accomplished:**

The person recruited will be responsible for :

- Carrying out the qualitative survey phases by interviewing institutional players (elected representatives and technicians from local authorities, urban planning agencies, etc.), economic players (CCI, companies, etc.) and associations (WP2), as well as households (WP3). This mission includes participating in the construction of the interview grids and the reflection on the ethical framework of the survey, identifying and making appointments with the people to be surveyed, conducting and analyzing the interviews, and interpreting the results.

- Participation in the valorization of the program's results (WP5), both within the academic context and for a wider audience.

- Support in coordinating and leading WP3 is expected.

Travel will be required to carry out field surveys (expenses paid) in Maine-et-Loire (and occasionally in Puy-de-Dôme).

### Expected skills :

#### Knowledge:

- Knowledge in the field of mobility and/or rural and peri-urban dynamics
- Knowledge of territorial planning documents and players
- Social-science background, especially in Geography, Spatial Planning, Sociology and/or Anthropology

#### Know-how:

- Qualitative methods (interviewing, analysis)
- Strong writing ability
- Analytical and synthesis skills

#### Soft skills:

- Rigour and organisational skills
- Autonomy and initiative
- Teamwork aptitude
- Adaptability
- Openness to interdisciplinarity

### Qualifications :

- Doctoral degree less than 3 years old for post-doctoral contract. After 3 years, the person will be recruited on an IGR (research engineer) contract.
- Specialization: Geography, spatial and urban planning, sociology, anthropology
- Driving license required

### Recruitment procedures and contact:

**You must submit your CV, cover letter and doctoral degree** by mail at : [annabelle.morel-brochet@univ-angers.fr](mailto:annabelle.morel-brochet@univ-angers.fr) copy to : [recrutement@univ-angers.fr](mailto:recrutement@univ-angers.fr)

**Deadline for applications: July 20, 2025**

**This job description is available until the closing date for applications.  
On that date, it will no longer be available on the website.**

**If needed, your contact for any further information:**

Annabelle MOREL-BROCHET [annabelle.morel-brochet@univ-angers.fr](mailto:annabelle.morel-brochet@univ-angers.fr)