

**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 (UMR CNRS)**

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 participates in the ANR Hilauseniors program (Intermediate Housing - AUtonomy - SENIORS).

**Contract features:**

Starting date : October 1, 2025

Contract duration : 22 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 of several days is to be expected.

**Name of research project:**

ANR Hilauseniors (Habitats Intermédiaires – Logements – AUtonomie – SENIORS - ANR reference: 23-PAVH-0007). Priority Research Program (PPR) on Autonomy (aging and disability).

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

You will work on the Hilauseniors project, which brings together the complementary strengths and expertise of 12 scientific partners<sup>1</sup> to provide an interdisciplinary approach to autonomy and housing: design, economics,

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<sup>1</sup> URV Unité des Recherches sur le Vieillissement (CNAV), UMR ARENES (EHESP École des hautes études en santé publique), UMR CITERES Cités, Territoires, Environnement et Sociétés (U. Tours), UMR ESO Espaces et Sociétés (U. Angers, Caen Normandie, Nantes), BPH Bordeaux Population Health Research Center (INSERM), CERCA Centre de recherche sur la cognition et l'apprentissage (U. Poitiers), LPPL Laboratoire de psychologie des Pays de la Loire (U. Nantes), PAVeA Psychologie des âges de la vie et adaptation (U. Tours), Pôle vieillissement du CHRU de Tours, Institut national d'études démographiques (INED), Institut des politiques publiques (IPP), Direction de la recherche, des études, de l'évaluation et des statistiques (DREES).

epidemiology, occupational therapy, geography, geriatrics, psychology, sociology and urban planning. Led by URV, the consortium involves around 40 researchers.

The project examines how housing and the surrounding environment help maintain autonomy as people age. It asks what intermediate housing (IH) schemes designed for retirees—chiefly senior service residences and “résidences autonomie”—contribute to residents’ autonomy compared with ordinary housing (OH). Three surveys form the methodological backbone:

**HILOS survey:** 15,000 seniors aged 75 + followed over five years, questioned three times (every 18 months) on health, sociability and solidarity, reasons for moving into IH, perceptions of senior housing, satisfaction with services, etc.

**FOCUS survey:** in-home interviews with 200 seniors drawn from HILOS in four socio-geographically contrasting areas; each participant will be visited three times.

**OFFRE survey:** questionnaire sent to managers of all senior service residences in France (over 1,000 sites) to collect data on housing features, resident profiles, services/activities and costs, complementing official statistics on “résidences autonomie” and rural retirement homes (Marpa).

The programme is structured into work packages (WP):

**WP0** – Coordination

**WP1** – DATA: creation and production of data (running the HILOS, FOCUS and OFFRE surveys)

**WP2** – IH supply: territorial location logics, service provision and associated costs

**WP3** – Transitions between housing types: autonomy trajectories and determinants; lived experience of moves (using HILOS & FOCUS)

**WP4** – Autonomy trajectories: how housing type (IH/OH), territorial features and available services shape autonomy over time (linking HILOS panels with OFFRE data)

**WP5** – Autonomy and residential choices: relationship to home, social ties, well-being, sense of “being at home”, privacy, decision-making and citizenship dimensions; strategies for staying put and adapting housing in the face of functional/cognitive decline and available formal/informal support.

For more information: <https://www.statistiques-recherche.lassuranceretraite.fr/le-projet-hilauseniors/>

**Provisional project schedule:** 5 years

### Expected results:

You will be closely involved in WP5 (Autonomy and residential choices), in conjunction with WP3 and WP4. WP5 focuses on the physical and spatial characteristics of housing and environment as factors that can foster or hinder autonomy and personal fulfilment. Particular attention is paid to residential strategies, (non-)adaptation of housing to ageing-related changes and the mobilisation of formal and informal support.

Key expectations: Carry out FOCUS in-home interviews and conduct the cross-analysis of HILOS (quantitative) and FOCUS (qualitative) data. Produce detailed and summary written and oral reports for project partners and the academic community (conferences, journal articles).

The post-doctoral researcher or research engineer will be attached to ESO in Angers. They will work under the supervision of Annabelle Morel-Brochet (Associate Professor HDR in Geography, co-lead of WP5 and the FOCUS working group) in close collaboration with the ESO team and all project partners.

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

Qualitative fieldwork (FOCUS):

- Help design interview guides and address ethical considerations.
- Identify participants, arrange appointments, conduct in-home interviews (including tests assessing autonomy), analyse and interpret results.
- Fieldwork will require travel to Nord, Pas-de-Calais, Loire-Atlantique and Vendée.

Data analysis: Cross-analyse FOCUS qualitative data with HILOS quantitative data.

Dissemination: Contribute to academic outputs and outreach to a wider audience.

Team support: Assist with coordinating and energising the ESO project team.

Travel to the investigation departments is expected (expenses paid).

### Expected skills :

#### Knowledge:

- Housing, ageing and/or health studies
- 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
- Quantitative analysis and GIS skills appreciated

#### 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 :  
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**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:**

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