

POST-DOCTORAL POSITION

The University of Saint-Étienne is offering a post-doctoral researcher position, funded by the European Union as part of a FEDER academic research project. The research conducted will contribute to a better understanding of public intervention levers for innovation, technology transfer between science and industry, and the territorial impact of public research institutions. Using an original, already compiled database, econometric methods for evaluating policy impact will provide insights to inform the design of effective public interventions. The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in quantitative research aimed at guiding public decision-making.

This position offers continuous training with a view to pursuing a research career. The post-doctoral researcher will be encouraged to develop collaborative relationships with the academic staff and visitors of the Saint-Étienne School of Economics and the GATE research unit (CNRS).

We encourage applicants to submit their application as soon as possible, as applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The position will remain open until filled.

Fields of Specialization:

Econometrics – Public Policy Evaluation – Applied Spatial Econometrics – Economics of Innovation

Position Type: Post-doctoral Researcher

Work Location: 77, rue Michelet, 42000 Saint-Étienne, France

Required Degree: PhD

Contract Start Date: January 2027

Contract Duration: 1 year

Application Deadline: October 20, 2026, at midnight (Paris time)

Interviews: Interviews will be conducted online

About Us

The University of Saint-Étienne (Jean Monnet University) is a multidisciplinary university with more than 20,000 students. Thanks to its high-quality education, cutting-edge research, international appeal, and the modernization of its campuses, it is a university that is evolving in line with a responsible and student-centered institutional vision.

Saint-Étienne School of Economics at Jean Monnet University is a recently established school dedicated to training decision-makers capable of addressing current and future economic challenges. It offers courses in economics based on cutting-edge international research in areas such as artificial intelligence, data, public policy design and evaluation, and local economic development. Courses are taught by faculty and researchers in economics, mathematics, computer science, management, law, and political science, most of whom are affiliated with the GATE research unit, one of France's most prestigious economics research centers.

For more information about the Saint-Étienne School of Economics, visit our webpage: <https://se2.univ-st-etienne.fr/en/index.html>, and the GATE research unit website: <https://www.gate.cnrs.fr/?lang=en>

About the FEDER Project

The project aims to evaluate the effectiveness and coherence of regional innovation support policies, with the goal of improving their design and implementation. Two main areas of intervention will be studied: direct support for private and collaborative R&D, particularly for SMEs; and the influence of universities and their satellite campuses on local innovation dynamics. The project will develop in-depth empirical analyses to overcome some of the methodological obstacles that currently hinder the joint examination of multiple programs. The objective is to account for potential effects of complementarity or, conversely, substitutability, between various public policy instruments at different geographical scales and levels of government.

About the Position

Full-time position for a duration of one year. The expected start date is January 2027.

Location: GATE, 77 rue Michelet, 42000 Saint-Étienne (some remote working days may be offered).

Required Qualifications: Applicants must hold a PhD in economics or be in the final stages of completing their PhD, and have strong experience in applied econometrics. Knowledge of French is a plus, but not required.

How to Apply

Send your application to autant@univ-st-etienne.fr with the subject line "Postdoc2027". Your application must be submitted as a single ZIP file containing the following:

- A cover letter
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A detailed list of your publications
- A job market paper
- Copies of relevant diplomas
- Two letters of recommendation (including one from the PhD supervisor)
- Any other relevant documents for the research project

For further information, please contact Corinne Autant-Bernard: autant@univ-st-etienne.fr