

## **Associate professor in Applied social sciences for Plant Breeding**

UniLaSalle, the engineering *Grande École* specializing in Earth, Life and Environmental Sciences, is currently experiencing rapid growth. With 2,500 students and 300 staff, it offers excellence in teaching and research at its two sites: a 10-hectare campus in Beauvais (less than an hour from Paris) and a campus in Rouen.

In addition to the International Masters program in plant breeding already in place, which is run in partnership with Ghent University, UniLaSalle conducts research as part of a **new regional chair of excellence in Plant Breeding**, which is funded jointly by the Regional Council of Picardy, the European Regional Development Fund and a number of seed production companies. The objective of the chair is to address, in a global innovative approach, the integration of breeding techniques in agriculture and in the society.

One of the axis concerns the way Plant Breeding innovation projects include the different levels of practices and representations of sociotechnical changes induced by innovation. The construction of this object is too often grasped as the resolution of a simple “good communication” problem, or an ex post acceptance. The controversies about varietal creation show these questions are far more complex. They suggest understanding how are built over time, through various sociotechnical networks, the practices and representations of stakeholders around a sociotechnical object in permanent reconfiguration.

It is in this framework that we are now seeking an **Associate professor in Applied social sciences for Plant Breeding**.

### **Responsibilities**

The role of Associate professor will be in three parts :

- 1) Teaching
  - Masters in Plant Breeding
    - o Collective representations of plant breeding and improvement
    - o Impact on these representations of the integration of biotechnologies in breeding
    - o Reflection on breeding and experimentation in agriculture, in their relations with society
  - Agriculture Engineer course
    - o Methods and studies in applied sciences
- 2) Tutoring
  - Tutoring students for their personal work, follow-up during internships
  - Taking part in student recruitment
  - Taking part in the organisation and animation of pedagogical paths, mainly for the Plant Breeding Masters
- 3) Research & consulting
  - Developing the research axis « societal interactions of scientific progress applied to vegetal biology », in relation with the PICAR-T research team
  - Interacting with the Associate professor of Quantitative genetics, within the framework of the integration of innovation in agriculture
  - Setting up, conducting and reporting studies, collaborating with the team and external partners
  - Taking part in professional training module related to genetics

The successful applicant will be asked to develop projects and/or partnerships with other Stakeholders within the industry.

**We are looking for a candidate who has:**

- a **PhD in social sciences** (such as sociology, political science, anthropology, philosophy) **applied to the field of Life sciences and technologies**, taking into account the social conditions of the scientific or technical activity
- a knowledge of the transformations of life sciences and technology during the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- a firsthand experience with research teams in the field of biotechnologies and if possible with plants. Ideally, you did your PhD in a biology laboratory
- **fluent English**

This is a permanent position, based at the Beauvais campus. The salary package will be commensurate with skills and experience.

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