

## 2-year Postdoctoral Position Qualitative Research in Health

### RESEARCH FIELDS

Experience of health and illness, rare and chronic diseases, quality of life, participatory research

### Hosting body

This position is based in the SESSTIM (Health Economic and Social Sciences and Medical Information Processing) research unit. The SESSTIM is a research unit based in **Marseille** depending on Aix-Marseille University (AMU), the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (Inserm), and the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) The SESSTIM aims at producing multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research that can lead to changes in various fields of prevention and medicine. The candidate will work in the [CaLIPSO team](#) and benefit from a supportive and highly multidisciplinary research team composed of researchers in social and human sciences (sociology, anthropology, philosophy, economics), researchers in public health, epidemiologists, and statisticians.

### Research projects and activities

The candidate will work within **two European projects** on the quality of life of patients living with rare vascular liver diseases (LIVES and RITA). Both projects involve a mixed-methods design to assess the quality of life of patients. Moreover, to fully integrate the patients' perspective, the qualitative part of the [LIVES](#) project is a participatory research study involving patients all along the steps of the study. The successful candidate will work on the **qualitative part of both projects** within a dynamic, international, and multidisciplinary environment under the supervision of Agnes Dumas, sociologist and Inserm researcher.

Responsibilities of the position include searches in the scientific literature, conduction of interviews in three countries (France, Spain, Italy), analysis of interview data, and writing of reports. The candidate is expected to disseminate the results of both projects at international conferences and publish articles in peer-reviewed journals in Social and Human Sciences or Health Sciences, with the help of a dedicated and secured budget.

Researchers having submitted Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply. The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while benefiting from the expertise and dynamism of the European projects' consortia and the CaLIPSO research team.

## Competencies

### Knowledge

- Strong theoretical and applied knowledge of qualitative methods;
- Knowledge in medical sociology or medical anthropology;
- Knowledge of the experience of patients living with chronic and/or rare diseases;
- Knowledge in participatory/ community-based research.

### Know-How

- Capacity to analyze and synthesize;
- Capacity to use Nvivo or another qualitative data analysis software;
- Being a source of proposals;
- Autonomy, rigor, reactivity;
- Capacity to work with multidisciplinary teams.

### Language skills

Since the project is international, in addition to French, fluency in written and oral English is essential. Knowledge of Italian or Spanish (or both) would be appreciated.

### Diploma level and experience

- PhD in social and human sciences (sociology, anthropology) with a strong experience in medical sociology/anthropology, PhD in public health research with a strong experience in qualitative research;
- Previous postdoctoral position with an experience in qualitative research is not mandatory but would be appreciated.

## Environment

### Professional environment – Place of work

This work is carried out within the Calipso research team, based in the Institut Paoli Calmettes (Marseille 13009).

### Contract

Start date: As soon as possible, depending on administrative recruitment deadlines.

Duration: 24 months, with a possibility of extension.

Remuneration: Postdoctoral level; Inserm salary scale (e.g. 2,600€/month after taxation (“net”) for a 2-year experienced researcher).

### Application:

Send to [agnes.dumas@inserm.fr](mailto:agnes.dumas@inserm.fr) your application file consisting of:

- A cover letter (max 1 page) explaining how the applicant feels he/she can contribute to the project;
- A curriculum vitae with the candidate’s scientific publications;
- 2 Main published articles/chapters;
- (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants;
- Emails of previous directors or mentors who can be contacted.

Application deadline: September, 6th 2024.

*Interviews will be conducted by videoconference or face-to-face in Marseille.*