

**Postdoctoral contract - 18 month
Chair on Beauty studies – Université PSL**

Université PSL and its Chair on Beauty studies, supported by L'Oréal company, are launching a call for applications for an 18-month postdoctoral contract.

About PSL University and its chair

Located in the heart of Paris, PSL is ranked among the world's top 50 universities. Its nine member institutions combine excellence and diversity to inspire dialog among and between all areas of knowledge, innovation, and creativity in the Arts, Engineering, Sciences, Humanities and Social Science.

Supported by Université PSL, the Chair on Beauty studies is center dedicated to interdisciplinary study on the notion of beauty, and benefits from the sponsoring of the L'Oréal company.

Contract description

The postdoctoral fellow is a professional researcher. In this regard, he receives a salary for its activity, under an employment contract (entitling them to health insurance, annual leave and sick leave...).

The research should be carried out in accordance with the practices of researchers (promotion of its activities, scientific communications, writing of working papers, regular feedbacks and activity reports, provisional schedules, research and funding strategy).

The gross monthly income falls between 2700 and 3064 euros, to be discussed according to the experience and profile of the candidate.

The Chair on Beauty studies is recruiting 1 postdoctoral fellow for an 18-month contract starting on **Monday, January 6, 2020.**

Terms and conditions

The postdoctoral contract covers the salary of the postdoctoral fellow. The researcher also benefits from a budget of 5.000 euros dedicated to the possible costs related to his research activities. Should the postdoctoral fellows require extra funding, the candidate should seek the necessary funding, with the support of Université PSL. The budget of the postdoctoral project should be evaluated and presented in the application package, as well as the funding options considered for significant expenses.

Research areas

The project will involve one of the following fields of research:

| 1. The future of beauty

Radical changes in society come with the transformation of the beauties involved: the development of technoscience, migrations, increasing urbanization, the future of traditions, algorithmic beauty, sound experiments, the ageing of the population, the body as a field of study are among the phenomena that bring about these upheavals and the underlying stakes of this research field.

The research conducted aims at a better understanding of the future definition of beauty in all the diversity of its fields of study.

| 2. Representing beauty

Questioning our own representations of beauty enables us to understand who we are, our background and how we run society.

This research project focuses on the notion of beauty built through personal and/or societal representations. What builds our sensitivity to beauty, and how does it happen? Which concepts, practices and values are linked to representations of beauty in history? The research conducted should aim to identify the shared notions that shape our representations of beauty.

Who can apply?

To apply, the candidate has to be:

- ❖ A holder of a PhD awarded during the last five years, in any field;
and
- ❖ Supported by a referring researcher who commits to mentoring the candidate during their stay. Candidates are asked to directly contact researchers working for institutions in the PSL environment: <https://www.psl.eu/en/schools-and-institutes>

Mandatory information and documents to apply

All information and documents in the application package should be written in French and/or English.

To complete their application package, the applicants should attach the following documents:

- ❖ Information Sheet;
- ❖ *Resume*, including a list of publications;
- ❖ A recommendation letter from the referent researcher;
- ❖ A cover letter;
- ❖ The detailed research project (max: five pages long);
- ❖ A copy of the doctoral degree
- ❖ The dissertation defense report

Any incomplete application will not be taken into account.

Please send your application to the following address: chaire.beautes.cpd@psl.eu

Legal and ethical information and access to data

The personal data collected as part of this course are carried out in compliance the French law on data protection.

By submitting his file to the committee, the candidate authorizes Université PSL to access the information stored on the platform. The Chair coordinator has the right to access and use relevant information to contact candidates and referent researchers. This includes information on the civility, first name, surname, contact details of the candidate and referent researcher. The use of this information is allowed only for the purpose of managing this call.

Welcome Desk

You are an international student and you have questions about life in Paris, how PSL University works and how to deal with the paperwork? The PSL Welcome Desk team is here to direct you and give you advice to ensure a quick and peaceful setup in Paris.

Before your arrival, the PSL Welcome Desk and its partner Study&Co can help you complete the main paperwork (visa, CVEC, transportation etc.) and support you in your search for accommodation. Through the Buddy Program Partner@PSL, the PSL Welcome Desk team can connect you with other PSL students.

Contact :
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Complete files must be submitted until October 31, midnight.

For any questions regarding this application: justin.jaricot@psl.eu