



Offer #2024-07695

Post-Doctoral Research Visit F/M **Automatic differentiation and control**

Contract type : Fixed-term contract

Level of qualifications required : PhD or equivalent

Fonction : Post-Doctoral Research Visit

About the research centre or Inria department

The Inria centre at Université Côte d'Azur includes 37 research teams and 8 support services. The centre's staff (about 500 people) is made up of scientists of different nationalities, engineers, technicians and administrative staff. The teams are mainly located on the university campuses of Sophia Antipolis and Nice as well as Montpellier, in close collaboration with research and higher education laboratories and establishments (Université Côte d'Azur, CNRS, INRAE, INSERM ...), but also with the regional economic players.

With a presence in the fields of computational neuroscience and biology, data science and modeling, software engineering and certification, as well as collaborative robotics, the Inria Centre at Université Côte d'Azur is a major player in terms of scientific excellence through its results and collaborations at both European and international levels.

Context

The postdoc is funded by the project PDE-AI of PEPR IA. The recruited researcher will work with people from McTAO team in Sophia Antipolis and LJAD CNRS math lab in Nice.

<https://pde-ai.math.cnrs.fr>

Assignment

For a better knowledge of the proposed research subject :

A state of the art, bibliography and scientific references are available at the following URL:

<https://pde-ai.math.cnrs.fr/nice/postdoc-nice-2>

Collaboration :

The recruited person will work in collaboration with Samuel Vaiter and Jean-Baptiste Caillau.

Main activities

Main activities (5 maximum):

- bibliographic study and state of the art in AD for control and AI
- propose and validate innovative AD framework in connection with modern optimisation algorithms
- present the work in scientific conferences and research papers

Skills

Technical skills and level required : mathematical programming, scientific software dev

Languages : Python, Julia

Relational skills : ability to work within a team

Other valued appreciated :

Benefits package

- Subsidized meals
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
- Leave: 7 weeks of annual leave + 10 extra days off due to RTT (statutory reduction in working hours) + possibility of exceptional leave (sick children, moving home, etc.)
- Possibility of teleworking and flexible organization of working hours

- Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities
- Access to vocational training
- Contribution to mutual insurance (subject to conditions)

Remuneration

Duration: 22 months

Location: Sophia Antipolis, France

Gross Salary per month: 2788€ brut per month

General Information

- **Theme/Domain** : Optimization and control of dynamic systems
Instrumentation et expérimentation (BAP C)
- **Town/city** : Sophia Antipolis
- **Inria Center** : [Centre Inria d'Université Côte d'Azur](#)
- **Starting date** : 2025-06-01
- **Duration of contract** : 1 year, 10 months
- **Deadline to apply** : 2025-06-30

Contacts

- **Inria Team** : [MCTAO](#)
- **Recruiter** :
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About Inria

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The keys to success

The candidate should have a PhD in applied math. A strong background in optimisation is a definite asset for this position, as well as a taste for numerical analysis and software development. A good practice of AD (= automatic differentiation) will be useful.

Warning : you must enter your e-mail address in order to save your application to Inria. Applications must be submitted online on the Inria website. Processing of applications sent from other channels is not guaranteed.

Instruction to apply

Defence Security :

This position is likely to be situated in a restricted area (ZRR), as defined in Decree No. 2011-1425 relating to the protection of national scientific and technical potential (PPST). Authorisation to enter an area is granted by the director of the unit, following a favourable Ministerial decision, as defined in the decree of 3 July 2012 relating to the PPST. An unfavourable Ministerial decision in respect of a position situated in a ZRR would result in the cancellation of the appointment.

Recruitment Policy :

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