**PhD SCHOLARSHIP: Development of a mobile physical capacities self-assessment station and personalized monitoring: health benefits**

A fully funded 3-yr PhD scholarship is available at Jean Monnet University in Saint-Etienne (University of Lyon). The successful applicant will become part of a unique training and research environment, the ActiFS group within the multidisciplinary Inter-university Laboratory of Human Movement (LIBM). As a PhD student, you will be responsible for:

* Independently carrying out research and completing a PhD dissertation within three years;
* Developing mobile stations that will allow data collection on functional capacity (strength, coordination, force velocity profile, etc.) and analyzing those data;
* Developing personalized training recommendations and evaluating the results of the intervention
* Reporting the results in international peer-reviewed scientific journals and conferences.

Net remuneration is approximately 1420 € per month (healthcare included) from October 2019 to September 2022.

**LaboratoRIES**

* Inter-university Laboratory of Human Movement Biology, Jean Monnet University, Saint Etienne, France
* HESPER, Health Services and Performance Research, Jean Monnet University (Prof Franck Chauvin)
* Hubert Curien Laboratory, Jean Monnet University (Dr Mathias Géry)

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**PROJECT SUMMARY**

Regular physical activity has shown to reduce chronic fatigue, the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers. Research has shown that information or education-based interventions have limited effect on behavior. Thus, it is necessary to develop an intervention that educates the population at-risk and provides personalized follow-up in order to achieve long-term health benefits.

This thesis will attempt to answer the following question: can personalized assessment and monitoring increase the level of physical activity in sedentary or physically inactive adults?

In order to address this question, this project has two main objectives:

The first aim will be for individuals to (i) become aware of the health effects of their physical inactivity / sedentary behaviors through self-assessment and (ii) benefit from personalized follow-up based on diagnosis and monitoring of their progress.

The second aim will be to evaluate the effects of a personalized follow-up on neuromuscular function, chronic fatigue, sleep and quality of life in comparison to general recommendations.

For this, it will be necessary to:

* Develop mobile stations to assess fitness level (strength, muscular endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, anthropometry, coordination, etc.), motivation and barriers to physical activity.
* Develop an online platform for personalized monitoring based on the profiles determined by an algorithm that will use the results of the self-evaluation, the characteristics of the person, the analysis of the needs of the target population and the local context (occupation type, transport used, place of residence, etc.).
* Evaluate the effects of the intervention on adherence, health, fatigue, neuromuscular function and physical attributes (locomotion-autonomy) compared to a control group receiving general recommendations.

**Applicant profile**

The candidate should have a strong background in computer science, software programming, data mining and / or algorithm development. Applicants with a sports science/kinesiology Master's degree with advanced computer skills will be considered. The candidate should have an interest in physical activity and / or health. French is not mandatory, but the candidate must be motivated to learn French during her/his PhD and she/he must be able to communicate in English.

**Full applications must be sent in PDF format (merged into one PDF file) to Jérémy ROSSI via email (**[**jeremy.rossi@univ-st-etienne.fr**](mailto:jeremy.rossi@univ-st-etienne.fr)**). Please also Cc Guillaume MILLET (**[**guillaume.millet@univ-st-etienne.fr**](mailto:guillaume.millet@univ-st-etienne.fr)**) into the email. Deadline for submission is April 29th, 2019. The application must include the application form (see below), a detailed CV, two academic reference letters and a cover letter. Interviews will be conducted by videoconference on May 13th.**

**APPLICATION**

**PhD SCHOLARSHIP**

**Year 2019**

**It is important not to exceed the number of pages allocated to each item.   
  
Additional documents must be attached to the scanned file   
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**Last name, First name:**

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**Thesis title:** **Development of a mobile physical capacities self-assessment station and personalized monitoring: health benefits**

**Name of supervisor:** Jérémy ROSSI

**Thesis’ primary host laboratory:** Inter-university Laboratory of Human Movement Biology

**If international cotutelle, University and country:**

**Date of taking contact with supervisor:**

**Date of interview with supervisor:**

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Contact information**

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Date and place of birth:

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**BSc degree or equivalent**

Institution (University, School):

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Rank / Class size:

**MSc degree 1st year**

Institution (University, School):

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**MSc work experience or equivalent**

Supervisor:

Laboratory:

University:

Country:

Dates (month / year) of experience:

Title:

Publications, participation in conferences:

**Indicate maximum 5 keywords that characterize your scientific skills**

***Attach two (2) academic reference letters with your application***