
FNRS Research Project 2022-2026

« PIERRE JEANNERET, L'ARCHITECTE ET LE CONSTRUCTEUR »

2 PhD positions (100%)

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Research project:

We are looking for two candidates for fully funded 4-year PhD positions in the framework of the research project “Pierre Jeanneret, architect and constructor”, directed by Professors Giulia Marino (UCLouvain, supervisor) and Veronique Boone (ULB, co-supervisor). The research project aims to produce new and original knowledge on the production and work of Pierre Jeanneret (1896-1967). Remarkable both for the coherence of his approach and for the intelligence of the strategies of materialisation deployed, the architect's work is of exceptional scope, carried by an unflinching social commitment on all scales, from furniture to the city. To date, it has not been the subject of an exhaustive investigation.

The research project will investigate two complementary axes that coincide with the chronological division of the architect's career: the period of his collaboration with Le Corbusier (1922-1940), with the dynamics of designing the architectural project as a team, and his activities as an independent architect (1940-1951), raising the issues of the materialisation of modern architecture, through a perfect mastery of construction techniques and the challenges of industrial production. The tools of *material history* and *cultural history* will be used to shed light on the complexity of Pierre Jeanneret's work and reveal its richness.

Two successful candidates will be based at UCLouvain, Brussels and Université Libre de Bruxelles, and respectively address the issues of materialization and the dynamics of the project design process in team. Conducted in parallel and closely linked, they will be supervised by both research directors and guided by a committee of experts during the project, i.e. 4 years (2022-2026).

Profile:

We are looking for candidates who excel in their field and who are passionate about architectural research. Eligible candidates are those who have obtained a Master's degree in one of the following fields: architecture, history of architecture, architecture-engineering, art history, history or equivalent. They must have distinguished themselves during their academic or professional career.

Applications from young researchers (Master 120+3) are encouraged.

Candidates are asked to prove:

- A strong interest in and knowledge of the research topic.
- Mastery of research tools in architectural history, 20th century history and/or the history of construction techniques.
- An excellent command of French and a good knowledge of English.
- Ability to independently pursue research, as well as the ability to work in team.
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written.
- Willingness and ability for international mobility.

Requirements:

The successful candidates will be required to:

- Write a doctoral thesis in the field of 20th century history, including the history of architecture and/or the history of construction techniques.
- Realize archival research, unravel sources, conduct interviews.
- Participate in research seminars and international conferences.
- Prepare peer-reviewed scholarly publications.
- Collaborate in the organisation of an international scholarly event.
- Participate in the activities of the research laboratories of both institutions.

Offer:

- We offer two fully funded, full-time PhD positions in a 4-year FNRS research project. Salary and benefits are in accordance with the university salary scales for PhD students at both institutions. The research budget covers expenses related to research visits, participation in conferences, publication in indexed journals, as well as the running costs of the PhD students.
- You will benefit from a dynamic and creative environment at the Louvain research institute for Landscape, Architecture and Built environment of the UCLouvain and the La Cambre Horta Faculty of Architecture of the ULB, from the participation in the activities of both partner institutions, and a workspace.
- You will benefit guidance and research training of both partner institutions and be supervised by experts in the field, through regular follow-up, punctuated by moments of collective exchange.

Interested?

Candidates should submit the following documents:

- Motivation letter (in English or French)
- *Curriculum vitae* with list of publications if available and the names and e-mail addresses of two referees
- Copy of the diploma with received note
- Annexes if relevant (publications, award certificates, dissertations, etc.)

You can apply for this job no later than May, 23, 2022, 12:00 via e-mail: giulia.marino@uclouvain.be

The application must be organised in a clear and structured manner to allow the evaluation of the candidates' commitment and aptitude for research. Illustrating your writing skills by an article or a Master thesis is an asset.

Timing:

- Call opening and communication: Monday April, 25, 2022
- Closing of the call: 23 May, 23, 2022, 12:00 (UTC+2)
- Communication of selected applications (by e-mail): Monday May, 30, 2022
- Interviews (by videoconference): Thursday June, 2, 9:00-13:00 (UTC+2)
- Communication of successful candidates: Tuesday June, 7, 2022

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