

DOCTORAL CONTRACT OFFER

Artificial Intelligence Law

Toulouse Capitole University ; TRIAL Chair – ANITI

Establishment	Toulouse Capitole University
Laboratory	Toulouse School of Law – Research (EDT-R)
Attached Chair	TRIAL – Trust and Responsibility in Artificial Intelligence (ANITI AI Cluster)
Supervision	Jessica Eynard, Associate Professor HDR, Toulouse Capitole University and/or Céline Mangematin, Professor, Toulouse Capitole University
Duration of the contract	3 years (October 2026 – September 2029)
Funding	€2,494.55 gross monthly
Section CNU	01 – Private Law and Criminal Sciences
Location	Toulouse Capitole University and B612 ANITI site in Toulouse
Applications	To be sent to: mdp@ut-capitole.fr Before 30/06/2026

1. The ANITI ecosystem: a research environment of excellence

The Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute (ANITI) is one of the four Interdisciplinary Institutes of Artificial Intelligence (3IA) created as part of the French National AI Plan. It was accredited in 2019 and renewed in 2024 under the designation **AI Cluster**. ANITI brings together more than 300 researchers from 31 universities, engineering schools and research organizations (CNRS, INRAE, INRIA, etc.) in 145 laboratories and around 19 scientific chairs.

With an overall budget of €90 million and more than 60 industrial and institutional partners, ANITI is one of the most dynamic ecosystems AI research ecosystems in Europe. Its dedicated B612 space brings together researchers, industrial partners and start-ups in a single location around several priority application sectors: mobility and transport, industry 4.0, environment, healthcare, and others

2. The TRIAL Chair : Trust and Responsibility in Artificial Intelligence

The TRIAL Chair (**Trust and Responsibility in Artificial Intelligence**) is an ANITI synergy chair bringing together expertise in **machine learning, law, mathematics and economics**. It is directed by Jean-Michel Loubes (mathematics, INRIA), Jérôme Bolte (optimization, TSE), Alex Smolin (economics, TSE) and Jessica Eynard (law, Toulouse Capitole University).

The Chair's ambition stems from the observation that AI is producing profound transformations in the economy, healthcare, finance, the military sector, and many other fields. The opportunities it offers are accompanied by numerous risks that are difficult to anticipate. This situation requires the development of a framework of trust capable of ensuring that AI outcomes respect fundamental rights and freedoms.

In response to these challenges, the TRIAL Chair develops a multidisciplinary approach to regulate, audit, and improve AI systems. From a legal perspective, its research notably focuses on compliance with the European AI Regulation (AI Act), liability mechanisms for algorithmic operators, the protection of fundamental rights in the face of automated decision-making, and the interaction between technical standards and legal norms. The doctoral candidate will join this interdisciplinary team and benefit from joint supervision involving both legal scholars and AI researchers.

3. Candidate Profile

- ▶ Master's degree (or equivalent qualification, corresponding to the completion of 300 ECTS) in Digital Law or AI law, with an excellent academic record
- ▶ High quality master's research dissertation, ideally related to the themes of the chair
- ▶ Strong interest in multidisciplinary research and ability to work with teams of mathematicians, computer scientists and economists
- ▶ Excellent level in English in required (working language of the ANITI community)
- ▶ Intellectual curiosity, strong writing skills, and ability to conduct independent research

4. Application procedure

Applications are open until June 30, 2026. The application file must include:

- ▶ A detailed curriculum vitae
- ▶ a 3-page research proposal, structured (issues, first avenues for reflection, envisaged scientific approach) and related to the themes of the Chair.
- ▶ Academic transcripts from the first year of undergraduate studies to Master, and the certificate of completion of the master's degree
- ▶ The master's research dissertation

Applications should be sent to: mdp@ut-capitole.fr mentioning in the subject line: **"TRIAL PhD application"**.

Selection will be made on the basis of an application file, followed by an interview with the TRIAL Chair team.

More information on the TRIAL Chair:

Site ANITI : <https://aniti.univ-toulouse.fr>

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