



Fernand Braudel-IFER INCOMING fellowships

Presentation of the programme

The Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme and its partners offer postdoctoral fellowships to researchers in the social and human sciences for periods of nine months as part of its "Fernand Braudel-IFER" (International Fellowships for Experienced Researchers) programme. This programme is supported by the European Commission (Action Marie Curie – COFUND – 7th PCRD).

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The Fernand Braudel-IFER programme breaks down into two sections:

1. The Fernand Braudel-IFER incoming programme

This programme targets applicants from all countries wishing to undertake a research stay in France. Candidates must apply to specific fellowships, offered by several Research institutions and “Laboratories of excellence” (Labex), partners of the programme.

See [Call for applications Fernand Braudel Ifer Fellowships incoming March 2014](#).

2. The Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme

This programme targets researchers residing in France who would like to benefit from a research stay in another European country ([EU Member State or associate to the FP7 programme](#)).

See [Call for applications Fernand Braudel Ifer Fellowships outgoing March 2014](#).

Programme Fernand Braudel-IFER *incoming*

1- Call for Applications

These research stays are designed to enable researchers :

- to carry out a research project in a host laboratory
- to integrate scientific networks in France and other European countries
- to build lasting partnerships between their home institution and the host institution

All social and human sciences are eligible. An interdisciplinary approach to research topics is encouraged.

The duration of the fellowship is 9 months (however, the length of the research stay can be adjusted if warranted for scientific reasons). Fellowship holders must start their research stay maximum 6 months after obtaining the grant.

The amount of the monthly stipend for room & board and living expenses is €2,000 (euros) net. The cost of medical insurance is covered for the researchers hosted in France.

Travel expenses (return travel fare) between the researcher's country of residence and France are covered, subject to prior approval.

2- Eligibility

1 Applicants must reside outside France and belong to a non-French research institution (university, academy of sciences, or other research organism).

2 Applicants can be of any nationality, but at the time of application, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in France for more than twelve months in the three years immediately prior to the call deadline.

3 Applicants must hold a PhD (or equivalent) as at the date of application (i.e. dissertation successfully defended).

4 Applicants must apply within six years of receipt of PhD. Exceptions may be granted in the case of a career break (e.g. interruptions due to maternity leave, illness, etc.).

5 Applicants must be fluent in one of the working languages of the host laboratory; fluency in French or English is preferable.

6 Applicants may not apply to any laboratory in which the applicant has already worked at any time during their scientific experience (including during doctoral studies).

3- Application procedure

Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application form.

Applications may be completed in French or English

Documents required :

1. Application form (to be completed online).
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. List of publications.
4. Detailed research project proposal (5-8 pages, plus a bibliography of 2 pages maximum).
5. Copy of doctoral diploma.
6. Summary of applicant's doctoral dissertation (2 pages maximum)
7. Two (2) letters of recommendation from scientific scholars. These may be included in the online application or may be sent directly to one of the following address, by email ifer.incoming@msh-paris.fr ; or by post: Fernand Braudel-IFER Fellowship Programme (please specify: incoming/outgoing) ; FMSH, Office 328 ; 190 avenue de France ; 75648 Paris Cedex 13, France. The applicant must tick the appropriate box on the online form indicating that the letters will arrive separately. Please ensure that letters are received before the close of the call for applications.
8. Letter of invitation from the director of the institution or research laboratory, agreeing to host the applicant for the duration of the fellowship.

Documents 2 through 8 should be attached to the application as a single document (PDF, Word or Zip formats only)

If you have any questions regarding the required documents or the application procedure, please contact ifer.incoming@msh-paris.fr or call + 33 1 49 54 21 34.

You can modify your application as many times as you want until the closing date of the platform by using the login and password that will be assigned to you when you create your account.

Once you have submitted your application, you will no longer be able to modify it. After submission, you will receive a confirmation of receipt that will give you more information about the selection procedure.

4- Selection process

1 Selection is based on examination of the application files.

2 The selection process is competitive.

3 Each application is evaluated by two independent experts and by a selection committee

4 The selection committee is made up of French and foreign experts.

5 Members of the selection committee choose applicants based on:

I. their scientific skills and their academic background

II. the appeal, quality and feasibility of their research project

III. the complementary fit between their project and research being carried out at the chosen host laboratory.

IV. the letters of recommendation.

6 Timeline: 2 calls per year, in March and September.

The selection committee meets in June (for the March call) and in December (for the September call).

Results are announced in July for March Call and in January for September Call.

5- Legal status and obligations of fellowship recipients

FMSH ensures that fellows can work in an environment that is conducive to making their research projects a success.

Selected applicants are classified as **“FMSH postdoctoral fellows”**; **this is not an employment contract, but a fellowship that is non-taxable.**

Incoming fellows are affiliated with two institutions:

- A host laboratory (in Paris or another city in France), chosen by the fellow according to his/her project. The host laboratory (at a university or attached to the CNRS or an MSH institution belonging to the national MSH network) provides the fellow with the facilities needed to work, while integrating him/her into its teams and assisting him/her with the project.

- At the same time, the fellow benefits from guest research status at FMSH. This status gives the fellow access to all FMSH's facilities (library, Wi-Fi) and enables him/her to take part in FMSH's scientific activities. Furthermore, FMSH helps its guest researchers to gain access to other scientific facilities in Paris or elsewhere in France (i.e. research centres, libraries, archives, museums, etc.).

FMSH pays the deductibles for private medical/accident insurance for incoming fellows.

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This fellowship is awarded subject to the following conditions:

- The recipient must be present at the host laboratory throughout the length of the fellowship.
- The fellow must inform FMSH if, for any reason (i.e. illness, inability to enter or return to the host country, professional reasons, etc.), his/her stay is interrupted.
- The fellow must submit a research report (3 pages) and a Working Paper (WP) at the end of the stay (following FMSH's procedure for the publication of [Working Papers and Position Papers](#)).
- The fellow must mention the support received from FMSH and the European Commission – Action Marie Curie COFUND in any and all publications that result from research carried out as part of this programme.
- The fellow commits to respect the European charter for researchers (http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/pdf/am509774CEE_EN_E4.pdf)