FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2015-2016 VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 16, 2015

http://francestanford.stanford.edu

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies aims to bridge the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, business and law, addressing historical and contemporary issues of significance for France and the United States from a broad range of perspectives. Its programs bring faculty members, researchers and students from across Stanford’s departments and schools into contact with colleagues in France, to explore issues of common intellectual concern, to advance collaborative research, and to foster interdisciplinary inquiry. The France-Stanford Center sponsors high quality collaborative research projects likely to foster new linkages and deepen existing connections between French scholars and students and their counterparts at Stanford University.

Eligibility
Applicants for the Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship must be graduate students – i.e., they must be pursuing either a master’s or doctoral degree. Visiting Student Researcher Fellowships are available to: (1) students affiliated with a French institution who are interested in pursuing a course of research at Stanford; and (2) Stanford students interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution. The phrase “French institution” is intended to be interpreted broadly, encompassing public and private universities, public technical universities, institutes of technologies and autonomous scientific higher education institutes, grandes écoles, government agencies and organizations, non-governmental organizations, public and private companies.

Please note that applicants based at a French institution and seeking to do research at Stanford need not possess French citizenship. Similarly, applicants based at Stanford seeking to do research or pursue an internship in France need not possess U.S. citizenship.

Pursuant to Stanford University policy, Visiting Student Researchers are prohibited from registering for Stanford courses for academic credit and from attending classes.

Funding
Visiting Student Researchers are expected to pursue projects that will take on the order of 2 to 4 months to complete. The maximum funding available for a 2-month project (i.e. most summer projects) is $5,000. Projects lasting 3 months may be funded up to a maximum of $6,000 and those lasting 4 months up to $7,000. As indicated in the application materials, please submit an itemized budget.

Applicants for Collaborative Research Funding Encouraged to Apply
Please note that applicants for the Center’s collaborative research funds (see http://francestanford.stanford.edu/collaborative_projects) are strongly encouraged to submit a separate application for a Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship in order to fund the participation of a graduate student in the proposed collaborative research project. Both applications should be submitted at the same time. Fellowship funds are, however, in no way limited to applicants for collaborative research funds. Any interested graduate student is invited to apply.

Application Procedure
Those who are interested in being considered for a Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship should submit an application to the France-Stanford Center. Applicants should submit the following documents combined in one
single document (PDF or word format):

- Completed application form.
- Completed itemized budget.
- Letter to the France-Stanford Center Director describing the applicant’s research interests and plans during the proposed visit to Stanford or to a French institution (as defined above). The letter should identify the particular individuals with whom the applicant will be working, including one who agrees to serve as the official “sponsor”. So too, it should indicate the proposed length of stay (between two to four months) and the proposed dates of the visit. In addition, it should discuss ways in which the applicant’s research and educational objectives will further the goals of the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.
- Recommendation letter from the applicant’s home advisor, discussing the applicant and the merits of the proposed visit. Advisor should send letter directly by email to Isabelle Collignon, isabelle@stanford.edu.
- Letter from the individual serving as the official sponsor, explaining the nature of the applicant’s proposed research/work activities and plans to full incorporate him/her into the host environment.
- Applicant’s CV.
- Unofficial transcript.

Tuition for Visiting Student Researchers at Stanford

Pursuant to Stanford University policy, Visiting Student Researchers are required to pay a monthly fee for every full or partial month in which they are in residence at Stanford. For AY 2015-16, the VSR fee will be approximately $990 per month. For this reason, students from French institutions seeking to do research at Stanford may apply for an additional $990 per month in order to cover monthly tuition up to a total of $2,970 (namely, 3 full months of tuition payments).

Please note that this tuition charge, as well as the fees and privileges identified below, are determined by the University and cannot be modified at the discretion of the France-Stanford Center. Details can be found at: http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/staff/visiting-researchers

Campus Health Service Fee

Visiting Student Researchers are required to pay the Campus Health Service Fee. For AY 2015-16, this amount will be approximately $200 per quarter). Details can be found at: http://vaden.stanford.edu/fees/campus-health-fee

Mandatory Health Insurance

In addition to paying the Campus Health Service Fee, Visiting Student Researchers must pay for student health insurance by enrolling (on a quarterly basis) in Cardinal Care, a university sponsored health insurance plan designed for Stanford students. An exception may be made for Visiting Student Researchers who document that they have comparable coverage with another health insurance carrier. For a discussion of the relationship between the Campus Health Service Fee and the separate requirement to procure health insurance, see: http://vaden.stanford.edu/insurance/health-ins-overview/campus-health-fee

Visa Information

Visitors to Stanford who receive fellowship support (including from the France-Stanford Center) must obtain a J-1 Visa. The total cost of applying for such a visa is approximately $400—i.e.:
Questions about becoming a Visiting Student Researcher can be directed to the Center’s Director, Amalia Kessler (akessler@law.stanford.edu) or the Program Coordinator, Isabelle Collignon (isabelle@stanford.edu).

Deadline
Please submit the application materials by March 16, 2015.
Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Notification of fellow recipients will occur in the spring.

**Logistical Information**

The France-Stanford Center staff is unable to assist visitors with finding housing either at Stanford or in France. Graduate student housing is available for Visiting Student Researchers only after all matriculated Stanford students have obtained housing. Given that student housing is extremely limited, it is best for planning purposes to assume that student housing will not be available. Visitors to Stanford may consult the following sites for housing information near Stanford University: the Community Housing site, SUpost, the Faculty Staff Housing Site and Craigslist to search for housing listings.

The France-Stanford Center regrets that it has no office space for visitors at Stanford or in France. It is also unable to provide computers. As concerns copying, postage, long distance telephone calls, faxes, and secretarial services, visitors are responsible for paying for these themselves or making arrangements directly with the department hosting them.

**Cautionary Note for Visitors to Stanford Concerning Application Procedures**

All fellowship recipients will be appointed as Visiting Student Researchers (VSR), a category of non-matriculated graduate students at Stanford. Each fellowship recipient should contact his/her official sponsoring department regarding the procedure for such an appointment. More information about Visiting Student Researchers can be found at: [http://doresearch.stanford.edu/policies/research-policy-handbook/non-faculty-research-appointments/procedures-appointing-visiting](http://doresearch.stanford.edu/policies/research-policy-handbook/non-faculty-research-appointments/procedures-appointing-visiting)

*Privileges for Visitors to Stanford*

Those registered as Visiting Student Researchers are entitled to receive a student photo identification card, which permits use of the University Library, recreational facilities, and Vaden Student Health services. Visiting Student Researchers are eligible for an email account at no charge. These services are contingent on payment of the monthly VSR fee.

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies is unable to provide visa assistance. Visitors to Stanford are responsible for ensuring that they obtain the J-1 visa by working with the Stanford host department. Likewise, visitors to France who wish to remain in France for more than three months should contact the French Consulate in San Francisco to ensure that they have the appropriate visa required for entry. Details can be found at: [http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/spip.php?rubrique806](http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/spip.php?rubrique806)

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