FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2014-2015 VISITING SCHOLAR IN THE HUMANITIES OR SOCIAL SCIENCES FELLOWSHIP

CALL FOR PROPOSALS (November 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 1, 2014

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (FSCIS) invites proposals for the FSCIS Visiting Scholar in the Humanities or Social Sciences Fellowship for research to be conducted during the period between November 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015.

Overview
The goal of this program is to encourage collaborative research in the humanities and/or social sciences between faculty members based at Stanford and those based at French institutions. 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. Collaborative research in this context does not necessarily require co-authorship. To the contrary, the Center recognizes that much humanistic research and some social science research takes the form of individually authored publications but that the research process leading to such publications may be greatly benefited by the availability of meaningful opportunities to engage at length with others scholars. The Visiting Scholar in the Humanities or Social Sciences Fellowship seeks to promote precisely such opportunities by funding short-term visits, during which scholars can embed themselves in another institution and participate in that institution’s intellectual life by, inter alia, giving lectures, participating in workshops, and engaging in more informal exchange. The length of the visit is to be determined by agreement between the applicant and the host institution, but the France-Stanford Center anticipates that the fellowship funding should suffice to cover roughly two to three months.

Eligibility
Eligible projects should include research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities and/or social sciences. Additionally, priority will be given to proposals that address significant issues and problems within or across given fields. To be clear, however, there is no requirement that the research address French or francophone topics.

Proposals may be submitted by faculty based in any of the traditional humanities departments (including, but not limited to, history, literature, art, music, and philosophy) or social science departments (including, but not limited to, anthropology, sociology, political science, and economics). So too, proposals are welcome from faculty members based in other departments who apply humanistic or social science methods in their research (e.g., law, education, etc.). Applicants are responsible for identifying the department at Stanford or in a French institution (as defined above) in which they seek to pursue the fellowship. Please note, moreover, that applicants based at a French institution and seeking to do research at Stanford need not possess French citizenship.

Funding
Visiting Scholars in the Humanities or Social Sciences are eligible to receive up to $12,000 to fund a visit at Stanford or at a French institution.

Application Procedure
Interested applicants should consult the following web page for complete instructions and to upload completed applications: http://francestanford.stanford.edu/fellowships/visiting_humanities_socialsciences

The following documents must be submitted:
• Completed application form.

• 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 department with which the applicant plans to be associated, as well as the particular individuals with whom he/she hopes to engage. One of these individuals must agree to serve as the official “sponsor.” The letter should also indicate the proposed length of stay (between two to three months) and the proposed dates of the visit. In addition, it should discuss ways that the applicant’s research and educational objectives will further the goals of the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

• Letter from the individual serving as the official sponsor, explaining the nature of the applicant’s proposed research activities and plans for fully incorporating him/her into the host environment.

• Applicant’s CV.

Cautionary Note for Visitors to Stanford Concerning Application Procedures and Visas

Please note that the application procedures outlined above are those for the fellowship offered by the France-Stanford Center. All visiting scholars to Stanford must obtain separate and independent approval from the Department that they intend to visit. Procedures for obtaining this separate departmental approval are listed at: http://doresearch.stanford.edu/policies/research-policy-handbook/non-faculty-research-appointments/visiting-scholars

All 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.:

• $125 to be paid by the Stanford host department to the Stanford Bechtel International Center for the preparation of the visa request form (DS-2019).
• $50-75 to be paid by the Stanford host department for mailing the documents via international courier to the visiting scholar.
• $180 to be paid directly by the visiting scholar to the US government (SEVIS fee).

In addition, applicants for a J-1 Visa are required by Stanford to prove that they are able to pay $2,500 per month in living costs. Details can be found at: http://icenter.stanford.edu/depts/j_funding.html

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies is unable to provide visa assistance. Visitors are responsible for ensuring that they obtain the J-1 visa by working with the Stanford host department.

Privileges for Visitors to Stanford

Visiting Scholars in the Humanities or Social Sciences will have the benefit of the title "Visiting Scholar" and will be granted library privileges at the University libraries and sports privileges at the University's sports facilities. Please note that a Stanford identification card will not be issued for a Visiting Scholar whose appointment is shorter than three months. Visiting Scholars without ID cards may apply for library privileges at the Privileges Desk in Green Library. Privileges will be granted in accordance with library policy. Health benefits are not provided. The France-Stanford Center will not be able to offer office space, but applicants are of course free to inquire from the host department whether it might make such space available. The Center is also unable to provide computers. We therefore recommend that Visiting Scholars bring one with them or buy one here. Visiting Scholars must pay for copying, postage, long distance telephone calls and faxes, and their own secretarial services, unless the host department agrees to cover some or all of these costs.
Visiting Scholars are welcome to attend classes and seminars during their stay at the discretion of the professor teaching the class or seminar. They are eligible to apply for a full-service University e-mail account upon arrival at Stanford (for which the University charges a modest monthly cost).

Please note that fees and privileges are determined by the University and cannot be modified at the discretion of the France-Stanford Center. Details can be found at: http://doresearch.stanford.edu/policies/research-policy-handbook/non-faculty-research-appointments/visiting-scholars

Housing Information for Visitors to Stanford
The France-Stanford Center is unable to assist visiting scholars with finding housing. Given that on-campus housing is extremely limited, it is best for planning purposes to assume that such housing will not be available.

Deadline
Please submit the application materials by October 1, 2014. Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Notification of fellowship recipients will occur around mid-October 2014.

Questions
Questions about becoming a Visiting Scholar in the Humanities or Social Sciences can be directed to the Center’s Director, Amalia Kessler (akessler@law.stanford.edu) or to the Program Coordinator, Isabelle Collignon (isabelle@stanford.edu).