

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2020-2021 VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1, 2021

All applications must be submitted using [Slideroom](#)

Overview

The France-Stanford Center sponsors high quality research projects likely to foster new linkages and deepen existing connections between French scholars and students and their counterparts at Stanford University. Applications are invited from scholars working in [all fields of learning](#).

Eligibility

Fellowships are available to graduate students (pursuing either a master's or doctoral degree):

- (1) Students affiliated with a French institution who are interested in pursuing a course of research at Stanford.
- (2) Stanford students interested in undertaking research or pursuing an internship at a French institution.

“French institution” refers to public and private universities, public technical universities, research institutes (CNRS, INRIA, INSERM, etc.), Grandes Ecoles, government agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

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

The extent of the funding available depends on whether the applicant is based at Stanford or in a French institution. Stanford-based and France-based visiting student researchers are eligible for the same amount of research funding. But France-based students visiting Stanford are eligible to receive, in addition to such research funding, a sum intended to offset the costs of tuition charges imposed by the central university.

Research Funding

Research project length: 2 to 4 months.

Maximum funding available: 2-month project, up to \$5,000; 3 months, up to \$6,000, 4 months, up to \$7,000.

Tuition for France-Based Student Researchers Visiting Stanford

Pursuant to Stanford University Policy, Visiting Student Researchers are required to pay a monthly tuition fee while in residence at Stanford, and fees are rounded up to the next month, such that a researcher staying for, e.g., 6 weeks must pay for two months of tuition. For AY 2021-22, the VSR fee will be approximately \$1,200 per month. For this reason, a France-based student researcher seeking to do research at Stanford may apply for an additional \$1,200 per month in order to cover monthly tuition charges. The center can cover a maximum of three months tuition (for a total of \$3,600). Applicants staying for four months will be responsible for one month of tuition. Students may apply for total funding as follows (research and tuition): 2 month visit, up to \$7,400; 3 months, up to \$9,600; and 4 months, up to \$10,600.

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 [here](#).

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

The grant may be used for travel, lodging, and living costs associated with research or training; the purchase of research materials; research-related services (e.g. duplication costs, production of questionnaires/surveys, human subject costs, data entry, transcribing interviews, running focus groups, etc.).

The grant may not be used for the purchase of equipment (e.g. computers, recording equipment, etc.), supplies, or software. It may not be used to pay for tuition fees (except in the case of tuition charged by Stanford to Visiting Student Researchers); the costs of book translations and book publishing; or to cover conference registration fees. It may not be used to provide salary payments in any form (e.g., to fund coordinators or principal investigators for their work in setting up collaborations, to fund administrative staff).

Option to apply for collaborative research funding

Please note that applicants for the center's [Collaborative Research Projects](#) are strongly encouraged to submit a separate application for a Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship in order to fund the participation of a student researcher 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.

Campus Health Service Fee

Visiting Student Researchers are required to pay the Campus Health Service Fee. For AY 2021-22, this amount will be approximately \$250 per quarter. Please note that this fee is billed quarterly and is not prorated. Thus, a student researcher visiting for either 2 or 3 months will pay about \$250, while a student visiting for 4 months will pay about \$500. Details can be found [here](#).

Mandatory Health Insurance

All Visiting Student Researchers are required to carry either individual health insurance or [Stanford's Cardinal Care](#), a university sponsored health insurance plan designed for Stanford students. For more information, please visit [Vaden Health Insurance Overview](#).

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- Application form.
- Letter to the center's director detailing why you are applying to the fellowship, your research project and plans during the proposed visit. Your letter should identify the individual who agrees to serve as your official "sponsor", indicate the length of your visit (between two to four months) and discuss how your research and educational objectives will further the goals of the France-Stanford Center (1-2 pages).
- Letter from your official sponsor explaining the nature of your proposed research/work activities and plans to fully incorporate you into the host environment (1-2 pages).
- Recommendation letter from your home institution supervisor, discussing the merits of the proposed visit. Advisor should upload letter directly into [Slideroom](#) (1-2 pages).
- Resume (1 page).
- Unofficial academic transcript.
- Financial annex (1 page).

Please note that the procedure outlined above is solely for the purpose of obtaining a fellowship from the France-Stanford Center. All applicants must obtain separate and independent approval from the department that they intend to visit prior to applying to the France-Stanford Center Fellowship Program.

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 [here](#).

Stanford Visiting Student Researcher Status and Privileges

For more information on Visiting Student Researchers at Stanford, please visit the following [website](#). Fees and privileges associated with this title are determined by the University and cannot be modified at the discretion of the France-Stanford Center.

Visa Information for Visiting Student Researchers

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. More information can be found [here](#).

- \$200 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 visitor.
- \$220 to be paid directly by the visitor to the US government (SEVIS fee).

Please note as well that Stanford requires all who apply for a J-1 Visa to prove that they are able to pay \$2,500/month in living costs. Details on funding requirements can be found [here](#).

Visitors to Stanford are responsible for ensuring that they obtain the J-1 visa by working with the Stanford host department. All visitors to France are strongly advised to contact the [French Consulate in San Francisco](#) to ensure that they have the appropriate visa required for entry.

Tax Information

Fellowship stipends are considered taxable. More information on tax withholding can be found [here](#). Non-U.S. residents may be eligible for tax exemption on fellowship stipends if their country of residence has an existing tax treaty with the US. More information can be found [here](#). Tax information for international students and scholars can be found [here](#).

Logistical Information

The France-Stanford Center staff is unable to assist visitors with finding housing either at Stanford or in France. Visitors to Stanford may consult the following sites for housing information near Stanford University: the [Community Housing site](#), [SUpost](#) and [Craigslist](#) to search for housing listings. The France-Stanford Center has no office space for visitors at Stanford or in France and is unable to provide computers. Visitors are responsible for paying for copying, postage, long distance telephone calls, faxes, or making arrangements directly with the department hosting them. Health benefits are not provided.

Deadline

Please submit the application materials by March 1, 2021.

Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Notification of fellowship recipients will occur in the spring.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the center's Director, Jessica Riskin (jriskin@stanford.edu) or the Program Manager, Isabelle Collignon (francestanford@stanford.edu).