

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2024-25 VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1, 2024

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

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies invites proposals for the Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship for research to be conducted during the period between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025.

Overview

The goal of this program is to encourage exchanges between Stanford and educational or research institutions based in France or another francophone country. **Applicants are responsible for identifying the department at Stanford or other educational or research institution in which they seek to pursue the fellowship.**

Eligibility

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

- Students affiliated with an educational or research institution in France or another francophone country who are interested in pursuing a research project at Stanford.
- Stanford students interested in pursuing a research project at an educational or research institution in France or another francophone country.

Please note that there is no citizenship requirement for these fellowships: applicants need not possess either French or U.S. citizenship.

Funding

The extent of the funding available depends on where the applicant is based: students coming to Stanford from elsewhere are eligible to receive, in addition to such research funding, a sum intended to offset the costs of tuition charges imposed by the university.

Research Funding

Research project length: 2 to 4 months.

Maximum funding available: 2-month project, up to \$8,000; 3 months, up to \$9,000, 4 months, up to \$10,000.

Tuition for Visiting 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 2024-25, the VSR fee will be approximately \$1,280 per month. For this reason, student researchers from elsewhere seeking to do research at Stanford may apply for additional funding 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 \$9,200; 3 months, up to \$10,200; and 4 months, up to \$13,600.

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 (including childcare) 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

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.

Campus Health Service Fee

Visiting Student Researchers are required to pay the Campus Health Service Fee. For AY 2024-25, 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 describing your research project and plans during the proposed visit. Your letter should identify the individual who agrees to serve as your official "sponsor" and indicate the length of your visit (between two to four months) (1-2 pages).
- Letter of endorsement from your official sponsor detailing plans to integrate you into the host community (1-2 pages).
- Recommendation letter from your home institution supervisor, discussing the merits of the proposed visit. Advisor should upload the letter directly into [Slideroom](#) (1-2 pages).
- Resume (1 page).
- Unofficial academic transcript.
- Budget (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 through the Stanford host department. The total cost of applying for such a visa is approximately \$500. 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 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 visit [France-Visas](#) and [VFSGlobal](#) to find out more information on visa requirements and application and 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 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, 2024.

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).