

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2023-24 VISITING FELLOWSHIP IN THE HUMANITIES AND/OR SOCIAL SCIENCES
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1, 2023

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

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (FSCIS) invites proposals for the Visiting Fellowship in the Humanities or Social Sciences for research to be conducted during the period between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024.

Overview

The goal of this program is to encourage collaborative research in the humanities and/or social sciences between scholars 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 other scholars. The Visiting Fellowship in the Humanities or Social Sciences 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 (between two to six 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 scholars 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 scholars 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.

Fellowships are available to the following applicants:

- (1) Scholars who have completed a PhD no more than three years from the date of applying for the fellowship and who hold a tenure-track/permanent (rather than postdoctoral) position. Stanford-based scholars seeking a research visit at a French institution or scholars based in a French institution seeking a research visit at Stanford.
- (2) Scholars who have completed a PhD no more than three years from the date of applying for the fellowship and who hold a lecturer/researcher position. Stanford-based lecturers seeking a research visit at a French institution or lecturers based in a French institution seeking a research visit at Stanford.
- (3) Postdoctoral scholars. Stanford-based postdoctoral scholars seeking a research visit at a French institution or postdoctoral scholars based in a French-institution seeking a research visit at Stanford.

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.

Funding

Fellowships will be funded up to \$15,000 for a visit at Stanford or at a French institution.

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).

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 six 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).
- 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.

Stanford Visiting Scholar/Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar Status and Privileges

More information on Visiting Scholars/Visiting Postdoctoral Scholars at Stanford can be found [here](#) and [here](#). 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 visitors from France

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 \$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 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 application materials by March 1, 2023. Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Fellowship recipients will be announced at the end of May.

Questions

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