

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2025-26 VISITING JUNIOR SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 3, 2025

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

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies invites proposals for the Visiting Junior Scholar Fellowship for research to be conducted during the period between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.

Overview

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

Eligibility

Fellowships are available to scholars who have completed a PhD or equivalent (a degree requiring three or more years of graduate training) no more than seven years from the date of applying for the fellowship and who hold either a tenure-track/permanent position, a lecturer/researcher position or a postdoctoral position.

- Stanford-based scholars interested in pursuing a research project at an educational or research institution in France or another francophone country.
- Scholars based at an educational or research institution in France or another francophone country who are interested in pursuing a research project at Stanford.
- Priority will be given to first time applicants.
- Fellowship applicants are responsible for securing any necessary permissions for their research.

Please note that there is no citizenship requirement for these fellowships: applicants need not have either French or US citizenship.

Funding

Research Funding

Research project length: 2 to 4 months.

Maximum funding available:

- 2 month visit: up to \$10,000.
- 3 month visit: up to \$12,000.
- 4 month visit: up to \$14,000.

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 Junior Scholar Fellowship in order to fund the participation of a junior scholar in the proposed collaborative research project. Both applications should be submitted at the same time.

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. Letter should detail very specifically the scope of your research project, and 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).
- 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.

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 Stanford Visiting Scholar Fellows

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 France-Stanford Center or 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 France-Stanford Center or 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). Fee will be reimbursed upon arrival at Stanford as part of the fellowship stipend.

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 application materials by March 3, 2025. Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Notification of fellowship recipients will occur in late spring/early summer.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the center's Director, Fiona Griffiths (fgriffit@stanford.edu) or the Program Manager, Isabelle Collignon (isabelle@stanford.edu).