



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Campaign 2018

SMART LOIRE VALLEY PROGRAMME*

In order to ensure equal access and fair treatment to all interested applicants, this document will be regularly updated as questions come in and are answered.

WHY AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER WOULD APPLY TO THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS?

International researchers who want :

- to come to a laboratory for a long stay residency in region Centre-Val de Loire and build sustainable research collaboration with a quality laboratory.
- to join an international scientific community enlarging their scientific horizon.

WHO CAN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS?

This programme is intended to attract senior international researchers that are in possession of a doctoral degree and have at least five years of full time equivalent research experience. To be eligible, applicant researchers must enter the category of Experienced Researcher as per the European definition.

Applicant researchers must be national or long-term resident of a country other than France. Long-term residents are researchers who spent a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive (without breaks in research) years in a country other than France.

In addition, applicant researchers must also comply with the following European mobility rule: applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, etc.) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

CAN AN APPLICANT OR AN AWARDED FELLOW NEGOTIATE A SHORTER DURATION OF STAY IN REGION CENTRE-VAL DE LOIRE?

Fellowships awards are for 12 consecutive months of residency and a shorter duration is not negotiable.

ARE THERE SPECIFIC BEGINNING AND END DATES FOR THE AWARDS OR ARE DATES NEGOTIABLE AS LONG AS THEY OCCUR DURING A SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD?

The Scientific Committee meets in June of each year to recommend awards. End of June/beginning of July, LE STUDIUM sends notification letters to awarded applicants. Within 1 month a countersigned letter of acceptance of

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the award offer, must be returned to LE STUDIUM. The awarded researcher, the laboratory host scientist and LE STUDIUM negotiate a starting date for the visiting researcher which is before July of next year.

WOULD THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHER HAVE TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES?

Teaching responsibilities are negotiated with the host laboratory.

DOES THE AWARD INCLUDE RESEARCH EXPENSES FOR THE AWARDEE AND THE LABORATORY TO CONDUCT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH?

None of LE STUDIUM awards cover the laboratory research operating costs of the incoming researcher and the host laboratory.

HOW DOES THE AWARD BENEFIT THE HOST SCIENTIST AND HOST LABORATORY?

All LE STUDIUM awards are considered partnering awards with the incoming researcher, the host scientist, their team and the host laboratory. LE STUDIUM scientific animation is an integral part of the award to the incoming researcher, the host scientist, their team and the host laboratory.

DO THE SIGNATURE PAGES FOR EACH APPLICATION NEED TO HAVE ALL THE SIGNATURES OR CAN SEPARATE PAGES HAVE INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURES.

Separate signature pages can be signed by the respective signatories and sent as a pdf to the registered online applicant to upload the pages.

CAN A LE STUDIUM FELLOWSHIP BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE INITIAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS?

LE STUDIUM Research Fellow and the host laboratory scientist must jointly fill in the "Exceptional extension request form", available upon request from LE STUDIUM. Pending of financial resources of LE STUDIUM and a positive evaluation of LE STUDIUM Scientific Council, the fellowship may be extended for a maximum of 6 months with a funding contribution by the host laboratory beyond 1 month extension.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE QUESTION ABOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

This question enables the host laboratory/scientist to demonstrate the financial capacity to support the laboratory activities of LE STUDIUM Researcher. In addition, if there is an apriori understanding between the laboratory and the applicant that the Fellowship could be extended beyond the period of the award then the host laboratory/scientist can specify the salary contribution that would be available. This financial envelop may also be considered to complement the LE STUDIUM contribution to the organisation of the LE STUDIUM Conference.

None of the above information that is provided for Financial Support will diminish the magnitude of the financial support for the salary or accommodation support of a LE STUDIUM award.

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