

MSH Val de Loire Visiting Researchers Programme

Call for Projects 2026 Indicative application format

Introduction:

Applications must be completed online on the LE STUDIUM website. An application submitted by email will **NOT** be valid.

To submit an online application, the applicant needs to visit the LE STUDIUM website [APPLY](#) section, and click on [MSH Val de Loire Visiting Researchers Programme](#)

Important note:

The online application is divided into 4 parts:

- **Part A:** General information (online form)
- **Part B:** Scientific proposal (document to upload)
- **Part C:** CV, support letters (documents to upload)
- **Part D:** Commitment letter signed by the research area coordinator(s) of the Maison des Sciences sociales et des Humanités Val de Loire

General information:

The part B must respect the following minimum standards:

- ✓ A minimum font size of 11 points, except for Gantt chart and tables where the minimum font size is 8 points
- ✓ Single line spacing
- ✓ A4 page size
- ✓ Margins (top, bottom, left, right) of 25 mm
- ✓ A clearly readable font (e.g. Arial or Times New Roman) on a printed copy

Tables are only for illustrating the core text of the proposal. As such, they cannot be used to contain the core text itself. The page formatting will be systematically checked by LE STUDIUM operational team. Excess pages will subsequently be disregarded by evaluators.

Footnotes are to be used exclusively for literature references. Their minimum font size is 8. They will count towards the page limit.

Part A:

To complete this part, applicants are invited to use the online form.

1-Project Title (in English with a French translation)

2 - Summary of the proposal

Write a summary of the proposal in English and in French; it will be used for LE STUDIUM website and in public media if the proposal is funded.

Content limited to 2000 characters for each summary.

3 - MSH Val de Loire scientific research areas

Choose one main research area in the menu:

- *Cities and urban studies*
- *Money, economy and finance;*
- *Environmental Humanities;*
- *Transmission(s), transfer(s), re-appropriation(s);*
- *Human interaction and Data Science;*
- *Health in all its forms.*

4 - Key words

Give a few thematic key words relating to the research project

5 - Applicant's contact details

Give the following details concerning the applicant: first name, surname, title, birth date, nationality, laboratory, institution, professional address, phone number, email, website and specialty.

6- Proposed dates of residency

Indicate approximate dates for the scientific residency in the Centre-Val de Loire region in the framework of MSH Val de Loire / LE STUDIUM Visiting Researchers award.

7- Collaborators

Collaborators provide high-level expertise on an aspect of the overall project to ensure a project specific outcome.

-> Give the following details for each collaborator: first name, surname, title, birth date, nationality, laboratory, institution, professional address, phone number, email, website.

-> Collaborator role

Content limited to 4000 characters for each collaborator.

Having collaborators to submit an application is not necessary.

8- Host scientist and Scientific Research Area's Coordinator(s)

Give the following details for the Host scientist: first name, surname, email

Give the following details for the Area Coordinator(s): first name, surname, email

Part B:

To complete this part, applicants are invited to upload a document (Word or PDF format) on the online platform. This document must respect the standards described in the guidelines of the call and at the beginning of this Indicative Format document.

The maximum total length for this document is 10 pages. It should be composed as follows (detailed description below):

- ✓ Section 1: Scientific Project
- ✓ Section 2: Impact of the proposed research
- ✓ Section 3: Career and Track record of the Applicant

Of the maximum 10 pages quota applying to the whole document, applicants are free to decide on the allocation of pages between the sections 1, 2 and 3.

If some of the proposed sub-sections are not relevant to their proposal, applicants are invited to ignore them.

After the call deadline, excess pages will automatically be made invisible, and will not be taken into consideration by the experts. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that the submitted PDF documents are readable and are within the page limit.

Please find below a proposed plan for the part B (10 pages maximum in total).

Section 1 : Scientific Project

1- State of the Art

Describe the State of the Art in the field related to the project

2- Aims

Describe the specific aims of the project, including a clear statement of the hypothesis to be tested

3- Significance

Describe the importance of the problem to be researched, the planned outcome of the research, and the potential significance of the research.

4- Research plan

Describe the methods and techniques to be used and research plan, including as appropriate:

- Description of the experiment design;
- Techniques to be used;
- Methods of statistical analysis;
- Strengths and challenges of the study design

Section 2: Impact of the proposed research

1- Innovation

Describe the innovative aspects in the proposal specify the contribution of the research project to the development of knowledge in the scientific field.

2- Interdisciplinary dimension

If relevant, show how the proposed research project connects various scientific disciplines.

If relevant, describe how interdisciplinarity is a key factor of the application.

3- Describe how your project fits into one or more of the MSH Val de Loire's research areas

4- Collaborations between laboratories or partnerships with socio-economic sectors

If relevant, present the collaborations that are proposed for the project. These partnerships can be other academic laboratories as well as with private or public companies or socio-economic stakeholders.

5- Intellectual property / industrial applications

If relevant, describe the applications related to the research project regarding industry, economy and/or society. If intellectual property strategy with your host scientist laboratory is already defined, the applicant is invited to present it.

6- Exploitation and dissemination of results

Describe how the new knowledge generated by the proposed research will be disseminated and exploited, and the potential impacts. Discuss the strategy for targeting peers and key stakeholders (such as the scientific community, industry, professional organisations, policy makers, etc.).

Section 3: Career and track record

1- Track record of the applicant

Highlight the career achievements of the applicant and awards including a list of peer reviewed publications in the last five years. Identify up to five publications from this list relevant to this proposal EXCLUDING submitted papers. Book chapters and books should be listed separately.

2- Career development

Explain the relevance of the MSH Val de Loire / LE STUDIUM Visiting Researcher award for the career development of the applicant.

3- Developing long lasting research links

Indicate if there is a strategy for long lasting research collaboration between the applicant and the host laboratory or host scientist.

4- Investment of the home institution

If relevant, explain how the home institution is engaged in the proposed Fellowship. If the home institution considers a reciprocity, describe the considered scheme.

5- Transfer of knowledge between the fellow and the MSH Val de Loire

- ✓ Outline how a two-way transfer of knowledge will occur between the applicant and the MSH Val de Loire.
- ✓ Explain what new knowledge the applicant will gain during the Visiting Researcher residency and how it will be acquired
- ✓ Outline the previously acquired knowledge and skills that the researcher will transfer to the host organisation

Part C:

- CV of the applicant

Upload the CV of the applicant (maximum 8 pages).

- Support letters

If relevant, upload support letters (from, for example, a home institution representative, a company, an academic partner, etc.)

Having support letters is not mandatory.

Part D:

To complete this part, applicants are invited to upload a signed PDF letter

The part D consists in a 2-page (maximum) letter of commitment from the MSH Val de Loire research area coordinator supporting the application. The letter must describe:

- ✓ The qualifications and experience of the scientist
- ✓ The experiences of the MSH Val de Loire in the field of research
- ✓ The equipment, resources and environment of MSH Val de Loire laboratories that will allow the applicant to achieve his/her research goals
- ✓ How the proposal fits into the scientific strategy of the MSH Val de Loire
- ✓ The benefits of the Visiting Researcher award for the MSH Val de Loire
- ✓ The hosting arrangements showing that the experienced researcher will be well-integrated within the team/institution so that all parties gain maximum knowledge and skills from the Visiting Researcher award

The part D has to be signed by the Maison des Sciences sociales et des Humanités Val de Loire scientific research area coordinator.