

Call for Proposals – Co-organisation of international scientific conferences (CoISC)

Call for application and guidelines: campaign 2026

7th July 2026 – 15 September 2026 (17:00 CET Paris time)



“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”

Marie Skłodowska-Curie,

Polish-French scientist, Double Nobel Prize laureate famed for her work on radioactivity

PREAMBLE

Founded in 1996, inspired by the Loire Valley historical, geographical and human cultures, the objective of LE STUDIUM Loire Valley Institute for Advanced Studies is **to create a dynamic outwards-looking international scientific community** in the Centre-Val de Loire region (France) covering all research disciplines and involving public and private research institutions.

We **welcome experienced international researchers** to the research institutes/laboratories run by the universities and research centres and enterprises of Centre-Val de Loire region and offer them an inspiring multidisciplinary environment to conduct their research work and open up to a variety of scientific projects. To date, LE STUDIUM has attracted more than 350 experienced researchers to the region, coming from 50 countries.

LE STUDIUM proposes innovative **exchange initiatives and networking activities to stimulate the life** of a learning international faculty of LE STUDIUM fellows, in order to favour cross-disciplinary exchanges between regional and international scientific communities and to **build human capacity for research, development and innovation**.

The institute operates in the Centre-Val de Loire region of France with a network of partners including the University of Orleans, University of Tours, INSA Centre Val de Loire, AgroParisTech Campus d’Orléans, ESAD Orléans, and national research centres based in the region: BRGM, CEA Le Ripault, CNRS Centre Limousin Poitou-Charente, Centre INRAE Val-de-Loire and Inserm. It also maintains special links with the university hospitals of Tours and Orléans, the MSH Val de Loire and poles of competitiveness. In total, more than eighty research institutes/laboratories work with LE STUDIUM.

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- **University of Orléans**

1 - PRESENTATION OF THE OPPORTUNITY

This call for proposals is open to Le Studium awardees being welcomed in the Centre-Val de Loire region between January 2026 and June 2027.

The purpose of the initiative is to **support the funding and co-organisation of colloquia, conferences, workshops, or congresses to be held in the Centre-Val de Loire region between April 2027 and July 2028.**

The objective is to **foster scientific and interdisciplinary exchanges** and to encourage the development of new international collaborations by attracting both national and international participants, thereby broadening the arena of scholarly dialogue.

In addition to providing co-funding, **Le Studium will manage the entire organisational aspects of the event**, including the event webpage, participant registration, venue, catering and hotels booking, communication documents, financial administration. The scientific content, programme design, and dissemination to academic networks remain the responsibility of the researchers, who will co-organise the event in collaboration with their regional host laboratory.

Proposals may also involve hosting a scheduled edition of an established international conference series that takes place annually or biennially.

The proposed event must result into a scientific report published on HAL.

Proposals demonstrating multi- or interdisciplinary work, the involvement of multiple regional laboratories, or the participation of several Le Studium Fellows will be particularly valued.

Le Studium will co-fund up to 50% of the total event costs, with a maximum contribution of 8000 euros.

2 – CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APPLICATION

This call for applications does not target any specific research theme.

Applicants are expected to complete all sections of the online application form thoroughly.

Key elements of the application include: the scientific scope of the event; its multi- or interdisciplinary dimension; the strategic objectives for the Fellow(s), host scientist(s), and/or the research project; list of potential invited speakers; as well as the expected impact of the event.

Potential sources of co-funding must be clearly listed with application deadlines or names of sponsors. Financial contributions will be managed by Le Studium.

Applications must be written in English to allow for evaluation by international experts. A selected group of members from LE STUDIUM Scientific Council will review each proposal and make recommendations to the LE STUDIUM Executive Committee regarding the financial and organisational support to engage.

3- REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION

3- 1. Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, the applicant must be either:

- **a Le Studium Fellow starting a residency between January 2026 and June 2027** together with his/her host scientist based in the Centre-Val de Loire region;
- **a Le Studium Consortium Coordinator** organising a Consortium meeting in 2026 or 2027.

It is important to demonstrate the involvement of at least one research centre based in the Centre-Val de Loire region, supported by a letter from the director of that research centre.

The proposed scientific events are to be held between early April 2027 and late July 2028.

3-2. Evaluation criteria

Applications will be assessed against three main criteria.

a) Scientific quality

The proposal must demonstrate strong scientific merit and clearly articulated objectives. The scientific scope, and relevance of the event within its field will be carefully considered. Priority will be given to events that advance scholarly knowledge and promote meaningful interdisciplinary exchanges.

b) Expected impact of the event

Applicants should describe the anticipated impact of the event at multiple levels. This includes the benefits for scientific advancement, the professional development of the proposing researcher, the host laboratory's research strategy, and the wider Centre-Val de Loire region. Particular attention will be paid to how the event fosters international collaboration, strengthens local expertise, and raises the region's scientific profile.

c) Stakeholders involvement

Proposals must demonstrate the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders. This includes the commitment of the applicant and the regional host laboratory, as evidenced through concrete planning and supporting documents. Evaluators will also consider the proposed sources of co-funding, any planned partnerships with private companies, links to existing regional programmes, and the integration of the event into an established international conference cycle if applicable. Clear evidence of collaboration and shared responsibility will be highly valued.

3-3. Evaluation process

The evaluation process will consist of three stages. First, an administrative review will be carried out by the Le Studium team to screen out any ineligible applications. Second, the scientific evaluation phase will involve at least two members of the Scientific Council with the appropriate expertise assessing each proposal and providing a detailed opinion. Finally, the Le Studium Executive Committee will make the final selection, following the recommendations of the Scientific Council.

4 - NOTIFICATION - DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

The final decision will be made at the **second half of October 2026**.

Final results will be communicated within 2 weeks after the decision has been made: a letter from the Le Studium Executive Committee will notify all applicants.

All applicants, awarded or not, will receive an official notification and an evaluation summary report listing the strengths and weaknesses of their proposal.

After notification, the awarded applicants will have two weeks to confirm their acceptance of the award.

If an applicant eventually declines the award, it will be given to the following candidate placed in the final ranking on the reserve list.

5 - APPLICATION

Applications will be made on the Le Studium website: <https://www.lestudium-ias.com/form/coisc26>

Proposals sent by email will not be accepted.

Deadline is set for September 15, 2026 at 5:00pm CET Paris time.