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COLLABORATIONS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES IN SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA

This booklet includes a wide range of exchange programs open to American or International scientists who want to conduct research in France. The programs listed support all levels of researchers by funding either mobility or French-American collaborative research projects. For each program listed, a brief description is given along with detailed information on funding, duration and timeline for the call.

In addition to the programs described here, many French research institutions, or regional governments offer short-term or long-term fellowships open to international applicants: ask your French collaborators to inquire locally.



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A-Mobility Programs

A-1 PhD Mobility Programs

Chateaubriand Fellowship Program

The Chateaubriand Fellowship is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States that supports Ph.D. students from American universities who wish to conduct part of their research in France.

Organization	Embassy of France, in partnership with CNRS, Inserm, Inria, Paris-Saclay, NSF
What is funded	Part of salary (up to 1400€ monthly), round trip ticket to France and support for health insurance
Duration	4-9 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in January)
Website	https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/

Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) – FRANCE

GROW expands opportunities for U.S. graduate students to engage in international research collaboration.

Organization	National Science Foundation
What is funded	Between €400-1,700 per month for living expenses and research activities (depending on the stature of the Ph.D. candidate), in addition to \$5,000 for travel expenses
Duration	2-12 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in December)
Website	https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16012/nsf16012.jsp

IC-3i international PhD Program

The IC-3i international PhD Program is co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program and aims at recruiting motivated students for PhD Positions at the Institut Curie in Paris.

Organization	Institut Curie
What is funded	Gross salary of around €2100 per month and health insurance
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in January)
Website	http://enseignement.curie.fr/en/ic3iphd

International PhD program in Neuroscience

The PhD program in Neuroscience (supported by the University of Bordeaux Research Graduate School) addresses a wide range of topics on the complexity of brain functions and diseases. It takes place within the research laboratories of the dynamic neuroscience community of Bordeaux Neurocampus.

Organization	University of Bordeaux Research Graduate School
What is funded	Monthly salary. Mobility grants are available upon application.
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in July)
Website	http://www.bordeaux-neurocampus.fr/fr/formation-doctorale/ecoles/graduate-program/international-phd-program.html

Eiffel Scholarships

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Program was established by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education institutions to attract top foreign students to enroll in their PhD programs.

Organization	French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
What is funded	A monthly allowance of €1,400 & roundtrip airplane tickets; social security cover; cultural activities
Duration	10 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in January)
Website	http://www.campusfrance.org/en/eiffel

A-2 Post-doctoral fellows Mobility Programs

NIDA-Inserm Postdoctoral Drug Abuse Research Fellowships for U.S. and French Scientists

The NIDA–Inserm Postdoctoral Drug Abuse Research Fellowship provides a unique opportunity for U.S. and French scientists to obtain postdoctoral training with French and U.S. mentors, respectively.

Organization	National Institute on Drug Abuse and the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm)
What is funded	Annual salary between 34,200€ and 45,600€ (depending upon the number of years of postdoctoral experience), including personal health insurance. Inserm will provide one round-trip, economy class airfare for the fellow only.
Duration	6 to 12 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in April)
Website	https://www.drugabuse.gov/international/nida-inserm-postdoctoral-drug-abuse-research-fellowships-us-french-scientists

NICHD-Inserm Scholar Program

This program is very similar to the NIDA-Inserm Fellowship and aims at U.S. and French scientists that wish to obtain postdoctoral training with French and U.S. mentors respectively.

Organization	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm)
What is funded	Annual salary between 34,200€ and 45,600€ (depending upon the number of years of postdoctoral experience), including personal health insurance. Inserm will provide one round-trip, economy class airfare for the fellow only.
Duration	Up to 2 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in December)
Website	https://www.drugabuse.gov/international/nida-inserm-postdoctoral-drug-abuse-research-fellowships-us-french-scientists

Pasteur Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Three-year fellowship positions are open to U.S. citizens wishing to work in one of the laboratories of the Institut Pasteur. Candidates must have received their PhD within the last 4 years.

Organization	Pasteur Foundation
What is funded	Packages are comprised of a stipend (gross salary of €3,750 monthly) and bench fees for the host lab and are paid annually for the term of the three-year fellowship.
Duration	3 years
Call	Every 2 years (deadline usually in September)
Website	http://www.pasteurfoundation.org/scientific-careers/fellowship-program

EMBO Long-Term Fellowships

The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years and support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world, **only in the field of Life Sciences**.

Organization	European Molecular Biology Organization
What is funded	Subsistence allowance intended to cover the cost of living in the host country, travel allowance, childcare allowance if applicable
Duration	Up to 2 years (minimum 12 months)
Call	No deadline / Applications are accepted throughout the year
Website	http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/long-term-fellowships#application

Human Frontier Science Post-Doctoral Fellowships

HFSP postdoctoral fellowships encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills in the field of Life Sciences by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country, **only in the field of Life Sciences**.

Organization	Human Frontier Science Program Organization
What is funded	Relocation, living expenses, research, travel and child allowances
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in August)
Website	http://www.hfsp.org/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/guidelines

Genopole Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

The Genopole Postdoctoral Research Fellowship enables young researchers with a French training to come back to France after a postdoctoral position abroad.

Organization	Genopole Evry
What is funded	A gross salary of €65,000 a year
Duration	2 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in September)
Website	https://www.genopole.fr/Allocations-de-recherche-GENOPOLE-APPEL-A-PROJETS-2018.html

Fondation pour la Recherche Medicale Fellowship

The Fondation pour la Recherche Medicale provides individual grants for young researchers who have been holding a PhD degree (obtained either in France or abroad) for less than 18 months. **Note: in order to apply for this position, candidates will have to create an account online using the eAwards portal (see the link below).**

Organization	Fondation Recherche Medicale
What is funded	€50,000 a year payable to the host institution which covers for the candidate salary
Duration	2 to 3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in May)
Website	https://frm.evision.ca/eAwards_applicant/faces/jsp/login/login.xhtml?chgl=y&lang=en

Marie Sklodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships (IF)

The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships (IF) support the mobility of experienced researchers (in possession of a doctoral degree or with at least four years of research experience). The Fellowships provide an excellent opportunity for North American researchers to conduct research at a university, research institute, or company in Europe.

Organization	European Commission
What is funded	Allowance for travel, living and family costs
Duration	2 to 3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in September)
Website	https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en

[See also Fulbright Regional Programs and Philippe Foundation Grants below \(§d.\)](#)

A-3 Young Team Leader Positions

CNRS-Momentum

The CNRS Momentum aims at enabling independent and talented young scientists to create and lead an original project related to emerging and innovative topics within a CNRS affiliated laboratory. Thirteen themes are eligible.

Organization	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)
What is funded	Three-year salary for nontenured applicants. Two-year salary for postdoctoral researchers/engineers. One-year salary for technicians. Travel, equipment and operating costs up to a maximum of €60,000 a year.
Who can apply	Young researchers, CNRS tenured or without permanent position, having defended their PhD under 8 years.
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in May)
Website	http://www.cnrs.fr/mi/IMG/pdf/momentum2018_texte_aap_anglais.pdf

ATIP-Avenir Program

The ATIP-Avenir Program aims at enabling young scientists to create and lead a team within an established CNRS or Inserm laboratory in France, in the field of Life and Medical Sciences.

Organization	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Inserm
What is funded	Lab space, € 60,000 annually, plus two-year salary for a postdoctoral researcher, and three-year salary for non-tenured successful applicants themselves. It is expected that the researcher will apply to a permanent position with CNRS or Inserm.
Who can apply	Young scientists who have defended their PhD for over 2 years and under 10 years
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in November)
Website	https://sp2013.inserm.fr/sites/eva/appels-a-projets/Pages/Page1.aspx

A-4 Programs for Established Scientists

! Please note that the following list is not comprehensive !

Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair

Organization	Franco-American Fulbright Commission
What is funded	€6,500 per month if in Paris, or €6,100-€6,300 per month, and a travel allowance of €1,200
Who can apply	Eminent scholars of all disciplines
Duration	1 semester
Call	Annual (deadline usually in August)
Website	https://fulbright-france.org/en/fulbright-grants-us-citizens/us-scholar-program/fulbright-tocqueville-distinguished-chair-award

Fulbright Core Programs

The Fulbright US Scholars Core Program in all disciplines allows grantees to conduct research in the **humanities, social sciences, and natural and applied sciences**. Grantees collaborate with colleagues from French research centers and institutes of higher education.

Organization	Franco-American Fulbright Commission
What is funded	€2,400-€2,800 per month and an additional travel allowance of €1,200
Who can apply	Established scholars, recent doctoral-degree recipients, and appropriately qualified professionals outside of academia.
Duration	3 to 6 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in August)
Website	https://fulbright-france.org/en/fulbright-grants-us-citizens/us-scholar-program/core-programs/all-disciplines

Fulbright Regional Programs

The Franco-American Fulbright Commission offers grants in partnership with three regions.

Organization	Franco-American Fulbright Commission
What is funded	€2,400-€2,800 per month depending on the city of placement. Additional €1,200 travel allowance
Who can apply	Postdoctoral researchers, associate-, assistant and full-professors
Duration	3-12 months in the Grand-Est and Hauts-de-France regions, 3-9 months in Nouvelle Aquitaine
Call	Annual (deadline usually in August)
Website	https://fulbright-france.org/en/fulbright-grants-us-citizens/us-scholar-program/regional-programs

Fulbright Study Research Grants

Applicants for study/research awards design their own projects and will typically work with advisers at foreign universities or other institutes of higher education. The study/research awards are available in approximately 140 countries.

Organization	Franco-American Fulbright Commission
What is funded	Varies
Who can apply	Recent doctoral degree candidates, young professionals with less than 5 years of experience
Duration	8 to 10 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in October)
Website	https://fulbright-france.org/en/fulbright-grants-us-citizens/us-student-program/fulbright-study-research-grants/fulbright-study

Borchard Foundation Center on International Education International Scholar-in-Residence

The Borchard Foundation Center on International Education affords two professors **from Southern California** a research opportunity in France for a semester (or quarter) during each academic year.

Organization	Borchard Foundation Center on International Education
What is funded	An annual allowance of \$30,000 plus accommodations in the Château de la Bretsche
Who can apply	Candidates from the faculties of colleges and universities in Southern California may apply for a Scholar-in-Residence grant.
Duration	One semester (spring semester or fall semester)
Call	Annual (deadline usually in October)
Website	https://borchardcenter.org/scholar-in-residence-program/grant-application-process

France-USA Bilateral Funds

Since the early 1990's, the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) has established five endowment funds with leading American universities. The revenues generated by these funds and any additional funding are used to support scientific collaborations between French research and teaching institutions and these partner universities.

	France-MIT	France-UC Berkeley	France-University of Chicago	France-University of Stanford
What is funded	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$12,000	\$7,500 to 15,000	Up to \$15,000
Who can apply	PI from MIT	PI from UC Berkeley or UC Davis	PI from UChicago or Argonne National Laboratory	PI from University of Stanford
Duration	1 year	Varies	Varies	1 academic year
Call (annual)	Deadline usually in September	Deadline usually in January	Deadline usually in December	Deadline usually in February
Website	http://misti.mit.edu/france-seed-fund	https://fbf.berkeley.edu	https://fcc.uchicago.edu/content/faccts-application-form	http://francestanford.stanford.edu/collaborative-projects/how_to_apply

A fifth France-USA Bilateral Fund (France-Austin) will be started soon

IHES Visitor Program – Mathematics & theoretical physics

Each year, about 200 mathematicians and theoretical physicists from all over the world are selected to be invited for a visit at IHES for periods from a few days to one year or more in order to pursue their research project, collaborate with other researchers of the community and participate in the IHES activities.

Organization	Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques (IHES)
What is funded	Per diem, free accommodation and lunches for the duration of the stay
Who can apply	Senior researchers, mathematicians and theoretical physicists
Duration	12 months max, 2.5 months on average
Call	Twice a year (deadlines usually in April and November)
Website	https://www.ihes.fr/en/scholars/invited-researchers/

Blaise Pascal Chairs

The Blaise Pascal chairs – funded by the Île de France region – enable world-renowned foreign researchers to be hosted by higher education and research institutions in this region.

Organization	Ile de France region
What is funded	Up to €174,800
Who can apply	All qualified scientists
Duration	12 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in April)
Website	http://www.chaires-blaise-pascal.ens.fr/?lang=en

Fondation sciences mathématiques de Paris FSMP Chairs

The Research Chair allows outstanding foreign scientists to be hosted in one or several laboratories affiliated to the Foundation. Applications in all fields of mathematical sciences are eligible.

Organization	Fondation Sciences Mathématiques de Paris
What is funded	A net monthly salary between €4700 and €6200 depending on the candidate profile
Who can apply	All qualified scientists, engineers and educators
Duration	4 to 12 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in December)
Website	https://www.sciencesmaths-paris.fr/en/the-fsmp-chairs-803.htm

Studium Loire Valley

LE STUDIUM Loire Valley Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) welcomes experienced international researchers of all scientific disciplines through the SMART LOIRE VALLEY Program.

Organization	Le Studium Loire Valley
What is funded	Salary – Accommodation
Who can apply	Experienced international researchers in all disciplines wishing to join a research laboratory in Centre-Val de Loire region (including universities, public research institutions and enterprises)
Duration	Various durations depending on the specific call
Call	Open from November to February each year
Website	http://www.lestudium-ias.com/content/apply

Connect Talent Pays de la Loire

« Connect Talent » aims to welcome and support world-class researchers, alone or with a team, to a laboratory in the Pays de la Loire region.

Organization	Pays de la Loire region
What is funded	Varies - list of eligible expenses available online
Who can apply	Leading scientist with unquestioned international recognition
Duration	3 to 5 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in October)
Website	http://www.connectalent.org/en/the-call-for-projects/

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse Visiting Scholars

The Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse aims at being the home of academic experimentation and freedom, where top-flight researchers are able to explore new territory in a cross-disciplinary direction and interact with visitors in an exciting environment.

Organization	Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse
What is funded	Reimbursement of travel and living expenses and provision of a shared office
Who can apply	International researchers having completed a doctorate or equivalent
Duration	1 to 12 months
Call	Annual (deadline usually in November)
Website	https://www.iast.fr/visiting-scholars-0

IDEX Bordeaux

IDEX Bordeaux aims at developing large-scale projects on the Bordeaux site in terms of research, innovation and knowledge/technology transfer, through projects led by internationally renowned academics.

Organization	University of Bordeaux
What is funded	Allowance for living, travel and/or operating expenses
Who can apply	Internationally renowned academics carrying out their main work abroad and wishing to develop new activities in the research and training units or in innovation facilities in Bordeaux
Duration	Multi-year contracts
Call	Annual (deadline usually in April)
Website	https://index.u-bordeaux.fr/n/Talent-culture/Associated-International-Chairs/r3018.html

Philippe Foundation Grant

The Philippe Foundation's purpose is to encourage, assist, aid and support scientific and medical activities and research by giving grants to doctors and scientists (post-graduates) interested in exchange programs between France and the United States, specifically in medical laboratories. The grants are designed to encourage and facilitate **Franco-American** exchanges, but **cannot provide the primary source of support**.

Organization	Philippe Foundation
What is funded	
Who can apply	Researchers who have spent less than 2 years in the host country
Duration	N/A
Call	4 annual sessions
Website	https://www.philippefoundation.org/

B- Research Project Funding

B-1 Seed money for scientific cooperation projects

Thomas Jefferson Fund

The Thomas Jefferson Fund supports new collaborations between promising young researchers in France and the United States.

Organization	Embassy of France in the USA and FACE Foundation
What is funded	\$20,000 grants over 2 years to be shared between the French and the American teams
Who can apply	Post-doctoral fellows, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors
Duration	2 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in March)
Website	http://face-foundation.org/thomas-jefferson-fund/

France-USA Bilateral Funds (see above §A-4)

B-2 Bi- or multilateral research project funding

Human Frontier Science Research Grants

HFSP Research Grants are provided for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories.

Organization	Human Frontier Science Program Organization
What is funded	Up to \$450,000 depending on the size of the team
Who can apply	The Principal Applicant of a Research Grant must have a laboratory in a member country. All team members are expected to direct a research group (however small) and must have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD or equivalent).
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in January)
Website	http://www.hfsp.org/funding/research-grants

Transatlantic Networks of Excellence in Cardiovascular and Neurovascular Research Program

The *Transatlantic Networks of Excellence in Cardiovascular and Neurovascular Research Program* was created to promote internationally collaborative basic, translational, and clinical research in cardiovascular and neurovascular disease.

Organization	Fondation Leducq
What is funded	\$6,000,000 over 5 years
Who can apply	Participants with expertise in cardiovascular, neurovascular disease, or a related field, and affiliated with an academic research center. There should be a North American Coordinator based geographically in North America, and a European Coordinator in Europe.
Duration	5 years
Call	Every 2 years (deadline usually in February)
Website	https://www.fondationleducq.org/transatlantic-networks-of-excellence/overview/

Accelerating Research through International Network-to-Network Collaborations (AccelNet)

The AccelNet program seeks to foster high-impact science and engineering by providing opportunities to create new collaborations and new combinations of resources and ideas among linked global and international networks. The AccelNet program supports strategic linkages between U.S. and international research networks to stimulate and foster critical research advances.

Organization	National Science Foundation
What is funded	Up to \$2 million
Who can apply	Non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research labs, professional societies and similar organizations in the U.S. associated with educational or research activities. Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).
Duration	5 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in February)
Website	https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19501/nsf19501.htm https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pappg

Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS)

In cooperation with French “Agence Nationale de la Recherche”, the NSF CRCNS program supports collaborative activities that will advance the understanding of nervous system structure and function, mechanisms underlying nervous system disorders, and computational strategies used by the nervous system.

Organization	French National Research Agency
What is funded	Approximately \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year in direct costs
Who can apply	All qualified scientists, engineers and educators
Duration	3 to 5 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in November)
Website	https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5147

CNRS International Programs for Scientific Cooperation (PICS)

A PICS is a joint program aimed at supporting joint research projects carried out by two teams, one from the CNRS and one from abroad. Funding required by the cooperation to support exchanges comes from both partners.

Organization	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)
What is funded	Up to €7,000 a year for CNRS affiliated laboratories
Who can apply	CNRS Researchers in France, researchers and academic staff from a research organization or university outside France
Duration	3 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in May)
Website	http://www.cnrs.fr/derci/spip.php?article881&lang=en

B-3 Opportunities with the European community

European Research Council Grants

The ERC Grants aim at established, leading principal investigator who want long-term funding to pursue a ground-breaking, high-risk project.

Organization	European Research Council (ERC)
What is funded	Eligible direct research cost plus 25% of eligible indirect cost (up to €2.5 million)
Who can apply	Researchers of any nationality and age who wish to pursue their frontier research in Europe (at least 50% of the research must be conducted in Europe)
Duration	Up to 5 years
Call	Annual (deadline usually in January)
Website	https://erc.europa.eu/funding/advanced-grants

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