US-French Post-Graduate Seminar on Nanocharacterization: Chemical Analysis

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The Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States is organizing a seminar for PhD students on chemical analysis at the nanoscale. The objective of the seminar is to enhance scientific exchanges between young researchers, increase mutual awareness of laboratories of excellence in this field and to possibly trigger collaborations between US and French laboratories through PhD students.

The 2-day seminar will take place at Cemes [1] in Toulouse, France in March 2014. This seminar will give PhD students the opportunity to present their work to their peers and discuss their results freely. English will be the working language. Moreover, the seminar will also include four lectures by nanoscale chemical analysis experts and will be followed by visits to three state-of-the-art French nanocharacterization laboratories: the Cemes in Toulouse and Minatec [2] and the Institut Néel in Grenoble. Up to 12 PhD students from the US will be able to participate in this post-graduate seminar and will be selected according to their level of excellence.

Funding Opportunities for Students Enrolled in a US University

The French Office for Science and Technology is offering eight (8) scholarships to PhD Students from US laboratories to attend the seminar. Each scholarship of a maximum of $3,000 can be used to cover the expenses related to the seminar: a round-trip ticket to France, travel within France (Toulouse and Grenoble) and accommodations. The competition for the scholarship will open on September 30, 2013 and will end on November 1, 2013. The laureates will be selected by a jury based on the excellence of their records and the originality of their research. Competition results will be available during mid-December 2013.

In a second phase, the laureates will be offered the chance to participate in a competition for a Chateaubriand Fellowship. This fellowship will provide funding for an extended stay (4-9 months) in a French laboratory in 2015. This fellowship aims to initiate or reinforce collaborations, partnerships or joint projects; hence, the applicants will have to provide a detailed description of the envisioned collaboration. Priority will be given to candidates planning on working toward a co-supervised or dual PhD degree. Evaluations will be carried out in accordance with the Chateaubriand Fellowship criteria for scientific excellence. The call for applications will be open from October 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015. Competition results will be available in May 2015.

Pre-program:

Application deadline: November 1, 2013


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Footnotes