

Fernand Braudel-IFER *incoming fellowships*



Presentation of the programme

The Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme offers postdoctoral fellowships to researchers in the social and human sciences for periods of nine months as part of its “Fernand Braudel-IFER” (International Fellowships for Experienced Researchers) programme. This programme is supported by the European Union (Action Marie Curie – COFUND – 7th PCRD).

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The Fernand Braudel-IFER programme breaks down into two sections:

1. The Fernand Braudel-IFER *incoming* programme is designed for residencies in France (for researchers affiliated to a foreign research centre).

This programme targets applicants from all countries.

From March 2013 onwards, candidates apply exclusively to specific fellowships, offered by several Research institutions and “Laboratories of excellence” (Labex), partners of the programme.

For details on these institutions and the fellowships offered, see [the current call for applications](#) and the presentation [Short presentation of the partners](#), on the FMSH website.

2. The Fernand Braudel-IFER *outgoing* programme is designed for research stays in another European country (for researchers affiliated to a French research centre).

This programme targets researchers residing in France who would like to benefit from a research stay in another European country (EU Member State or [associate](#)).



Candidates willing to go to Germany must apply to a Clemens Heller fellowship (since 2010, the Clemens Heller fellowships -Outgoing to Germany- have been integrated, while keeping their own characteristics, in the new programme “Fernand Braudel-IFER”).

The Clemens Heller fellowships are not designed to fit in a specific research frame. Applicants design their own research project and choose themselves their host laboratory in Germany.

From March 2013 onwards, applicants willing to go to other European country (besides Germany) can also apply to targeted fellowships offered by institutions and research centers combinations (Labex).

For details on the institutions and fellowships offered, see [the current call](#) on the FMSH website.

Programme Fernand Braudel-IFER *incoming*

1 Call for applications

The Fernand Braudel-IFER programme offers postdoctoral fellowships to researchers in the social and human sciences (SHS) who wish to have an international research experience.

The Fernand Braudel-IFER incoming programme is intended for foreign researchers who wish to benefit from a research stay in France.

The Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme is intended for researchers residing in France, who wish to benefit from a research stay in another European country (EU member states or affiliates).

These research stays are designed to enable researchers to:

Carry out a research project in a host laboratory
Integrate scientific networks in France and other European countries
Build lasting partnerships between their home institution and the host institution

Applicable scientific disciplines

All social and human sciences are eligible. An interdisciplinary approach to research topics is encouraged.

Duration of the fellowship

9 months (however, the length of the research stay can be adjusted if warranted for scientific reasons).

Fellowship holders must start their research stay maximum 6 months after obtaining the grant.

Amount of the fellowship

The amount of the monthly stipend for room & board and living expenses is €2,000 (euros) net.

The cost of medical insurance is covered for the researchers hosted in France.

Travel expenses (return travel fare) between the researcher's country of residence and France or between France and the host country are covered, subject to prior approval.

Calendar:

Two calls for applications per year (deadlines for applications are 31 March and 30 September). Applications should be submitted **exclusively online**.

2 Eligibility criteria

- 1 Applicants must **reside outside France** and belong to a non-French research institution (university, academy of sciences, or other research organism).
- 2 At the time of the deadline for submission of proposals, candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (study, work, etc.) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date. Lecturers, fellowship-holders and holders of a teaching position in a French institution or research centre are considered to be French residents. Short stays and holidays are not taken into account.
- 3 Applicants must **hold a PhD** (or equivalent) as at the date of application (i.e. dissertation successfully defended).
- 4 The application must be submitted within six years of defending their doctoral dissertation. Exceptions may be granted in case of career break (e.g. interruptions due to maternity leave, illness, etc.).
- 5 Applicants must be fluent in one of the working languages of the host laboratory; fluency in French or English is preferable.
- 6 Any laboratory in which the applicant has already worked at any time during his/her scientific experience (including during doctoral studies) is not eligible as a host laboratory.
- 7 Due to the limited number of fellowships available, applicants residing abroad but having completed their doctoral studies in France are not given priority.

3 Application process

Applications are to be submitted online only. We will not accept any application received by post.

Each application file must include:

- 1 Online application form
- 2 Curriculum vitae
- 3 List of publications
- 4 Detailed research project proposal (5-8 pages, plus a bibliography of maximum 2 pages), in English or in French.
- **incoming applicants:** the project proposal must be written in English or in French.

- **outgoing applicants:** the project proposal must be written in French, along with a version in the host country's language or in English

5 Copy of the doctoral diploma

6 Summary of the applicant's doctoral dissertation (2 pages maximum)

6.1 for outgoing applicants only: A copy of the dissertation defence report ("rapport de soutenance") - in the case the dissertation was defended in France

7 Two (2) letters of recommendation from scientific scholars from France or elsewhere.

8 Welcome letter from the director of the institution or research laboratory that agrees to host the applicant and direct his/her research for the duration of the fellowship.

Validation and transmission of the application:

In order to be taken into account in the selection process, your application must be completed online and validated during the opening period of the call for applications.

When you will have validated your application, you will receive a receipt which will provide more detailed information on the selection procedure and deadlines.

4 Selection procedure

1 Selection is based on examination of the application files.

2 The selection process is competitive.

3 Selection committees are made up of French and foreign experts.

4 Members of the pre-selection and selection committees choose applicants based on their scientific skills, the quality and feasibility of their scientific project, and the complementary fit between their project and research being carried out at the chosen host laboratory.

5 Selection:

The selection process takes into account the academic background of the applicant, as well as the appeal and quality of the research proposed, the motives given by the applicants in the research project proposal, and the letters of recommendation. This process is carried out by independent evaluators (professors and specialists in each field) and by a selection committee made up of French and foreign experts.

6. Approximate timeline

2 calls per year, in March and September.

The selection committee meets in June (for the March call) and in November or December (for the September call).

Results are announced to the candidates in the following days.

5 Hosting and steps in the research stay

FMSH ensures that fellows can work in an environment that is conducive to making their research projects a success.

Incoming fellows are affiliated with two institutions:

- A host laboratory (in Paris or another city in France), chosen by the fellow according to his/her project. The host laboratory (at a university or attached to the CNRS or an MSH institution belonging to the national MSH network) provides the fellow with the facilities needed to work, while integrating him/her into its teams and assisting him/her with the project.
- At the same time, the fellow benefits from guest research status at FMSH. This status gives the fellow access to all FMSH's facilities (library, Wi-Fi) and enables him/her to take part in FMSH's scientific activities. Furthermore, FMSH helps its guest researchers to gain access to other scientific facilities in Paris or elsewhere in France (i.e. research centres, libraries, archives, museums, etc.).

FMSH pays the deductibles for private medical/accident insurance for incoming fellows.

Legal status of fellowship recipients

Selected applicants are considered as "FMSH postdoctoral fellows". This is not an employment contract, but a fellowship that is non-taxable. The amount of the fellowship is €2,000 (euros) per month.

Obligations of fellowship recipients

This fellowship is awarded subject to the following conditions:

- The recipient must be present at the host laboratory throughout the length of the fellowship.
- The fellow must inform FMSH if, for any reason (i.e. illness, inability to enter or return to the host country, professional reasons, etc.), his/her stay is interrupted.
- The fellow must submit a research report at the end of his/her stay.
- The fellow must submit a Working Paper (WP) at the end of the stay (following FMSH's procedure for the publication of [Working Papers and Position Papers](#)).
- The fellow must mention the support received from FMSH and the European Union – Action Marie Curie COFUND in any and all publications that result from research carried out as part of this programme.
- The fellow commits to respect the European charter for researchers (http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/pdf/am509774CEE_EN_E4.pdf)