

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2017-2018 VISITING JUNIOR SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 15, 2017

<http://francestanford.stanford.edu>

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies aims to bridge the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, business and law, addressing historical and contemporary issues of significance for France and the United States from a broad range of perspectives. Its programs bring faculty members, researchers and students from across Stanford's departments and schools into contact with colleagues in France, to explore issues of common intellectual concern, to advance collaborative research, and to foster interdisciplinary inquiry. The France-Stanford Center sponsors high quality collaborative research projects likely to foster new linkages and deepen existing connections between French scholars and students and their counterparts at Stanford University.

Eligibility

Fellowships are available to the following categories of applicants:

(1) Scholars who have completed a PhD no more than three years from the date of applying for the fellowship and who hold a tenure-track/permanent (rather than post-doctoral) position. These may be Stanford-based scholars seeking a research visit at a French institution or scholars based in a French institution seeking a research visit at Stanford.

(2) Postdoctoral students. These may be Stanford-based postdocs seeking a research visit at a French institution or postdocs based in a French-institution seeking a research visit at Stanford.

The phrase "French institution" is intended to be interpreted broadly, encompassing public and private universities, public technical universities, institutes of technologies and autonomous scientific higher education institutes, Grandes Ecoles, government agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

Please note that applicants based at a French institution and seeking to do research at Stanford need not possess French citizenship. Similarly, applicants based at Stanford seeking to do research or pursue an internship in France need not possess U.S. citizenship.

Duration

All Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows are expected to pursue projects that will take on the order of 2 to 4 months to complete. The maximum funding available for a 2-month project (i.e. most summer projects) is \$5,000. Projects lasting 3 months may be funded up to a maximum of \$6,000 and

those lasting 4 months up to \$7,000. As indicated in the application materials, please submit an itemized budget.

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

The grant may be used for travel, lodging, and living costs associated with research or training; the purchase of research materials; research-related services (e.g. duplication costs, production of questionnaires/surveys, human subject costs, data entry, transcribing interviews, running focus groups, etc.).

The grant may not be used for the purchase of equipment (e.g. computers, recording equipment, etc.), supplies, or software. It may not be used to pay for tuition fees (except in the case of tuition charged by Stanford to Visiting Student Researchers); the costs of book translations and book publishing; or to cover conference registration fees. So too, it may not be used to provide salary payments in any form (e.g., to fund coordinators or principal investigators for their work in setting up collaborations, to fund administrative staff).

Tax information for France-Based Junior Scholars Visiting Stanford

Fellowship stipends paid to non-U.S. residents are subject to a 14% withholding. Non-U.S. residents may be eligible for tax exemption on fellowship stipends if their country of residence has an existing tax treaty with the US. More information can be found at the following link:

https://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/taxcompliance/quick_steps/claim_taxTreaty_fellow.html

Applicants for Collaborative Research Funding Encouraged to Apply

Please note that applicants for the Center's collaborative research funds (see http://francestanford.stanford.edu/collaborative_projects) are strongly encouraged to submit a separate application for a Visiting Junior Scholar Fellowship in order to fund the participation of a junior scholar in the proposed collaborative research project. Both applications should be submitted at the same time. Fellowship funds are, however, in no way limited to applicants for collaborative research funds. Any interested scholar who falls within the two eligibility categories identified above is invited to apply.

Procedure

Those interested in being considered for a Visiting Junior Scholar Fellowship should submit the following documents:

- Complete application form.
- Complete itemized budget.
- Letter to the France-Stanford Center Director describing the applicant's research interests and plans during the proposed visit to Stanford or to a French Institution (as defined above). The letter should identify the particular individuals with whom the applicant will be working, including one who agrees to serve as the official "sponsor". So too, it should indicate the proposed length of stay (between two to four months) and the proposed dates of the visit. In addition, it should discuss ways in which the applicant's research and educational objectives will further the goals of the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.
- Recommendation letter from the applicant's home supervisor, discussing the applicant and the merits of the proposed visit. Advisor should send letter directly by email to Isabelle Collignon, Program Coordinator, francestanford@stanford.edu.
- Letter from the individual serving as the official sponsor, explaining the nature of the applicant's proposed research/work activities and plans to fully incorporate him/her into the host environment.
- Applicant's CV.

Please note that the procedure outlined above is solely for the purpose of obtaining a fellowship from the France-Stanford Center. All applicants must obtain separate and independent approval from the department that they intend to visit prior to applying to the France-Stanford Center Fellowship Program.

Visiting Junior Scholar Privileges Available to Visiting Junior Scholars

All Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows are eligible for the following privileges:

- Auditing University lecture courses without fee, subject to permission of the instructor (classes that require individual instruction and participation, such as laboratory and language courses, studio and performance courses, or creative writing courses are not authorized for auditing).
- Campus parking privileges for a fee (arranged through [Parking & Transportation Services](#)).
- Access to off-campus housing information.
- Eligible to apply for a full-service University e-mail account upon arrival at Stanford (for which the University charges a modest monthly cost).

Applying for a Visiting Junior Scholar Status

Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows are eligible for the title

"Visiting Scholar," regardless of the length of their residence at Stanford. Fees and privileges associated with this title are determined by the University and cannot be modified at the discretion of the France-Stanford Center. Details can be found at: <http://doresearch.stanford.edu/policies/research-policy-handbook/non-faculty-research-appointments/visiting-scholars>. But we outline some of the key provisions below.

A Visiting Scholar Identification Card will be issued to Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows who are in residence at Stanford for a minimum of three months (over 90 days). Cards may be obtained by visiting the Stanford Card Office and presenting (1) a signed invitation letter from the host department for appointment as a Visiting Scholar for a fixed period of at least three months, and (2) a valid government-issued picture ID. More details about the Visiting Scholar Identification Card can be found in the [Administrative Guide Memo 2.4.3](#) and at the [Stanford Card Office web site](#).

Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows who obtain a Visiting Scholar Identification Card are eligible to use the following Stanford facilities and services:

- Libraries: Access to certain Stanford University libraries in accordance with regulations and policies governing the use of its libraries. The possession of a Visiting Scholar Identification Card does not assure access to any particular library.
- Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation (DAPER) facilities and events: Access to certain facilities and events specified by DAPER, subject to payments of established amounts, if any, for tickets and use fees.

Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows who reside at Stanford for less than three months (90 days) and who are therefore ineligible for a Visiting Scholar Identification Card may buy Library privileges at the Privileges Desk in Green Library. Privileges will be granted in accordance with library policy. Details can be found at: <http://library.stanford.edu/using/access-and-privileges/privileges-university-library-affiliates/fee-based-library-memberships>

Visa Information for Visiting Junior Scholar Fellows

All visitors to Stanford who receive fellowship support (including from the France-Stanford Center) must obtain a J-1 Visa. The total cost of applying for such a visa is approximately \$400—i.e.:

- \$125 to be paid by the Stanford host department to the Stanford Bechtel International Center for the preparation of the visa request form (DS-2019).
- \$50-75 to be paid by the Stanford host department for mailing the documents via international courier to the visitor.
- \$180 to be paid directly by the visitor to the US government (SEVIS fee).

Visitors to Stanford are responsible for ensuring that they obtain the J-1 visa by working with the Stanford host department. All visitors to France (including especially, but not only those wishing to remain in France for more than three months) are strongly advised to contact the French Consulate in San Francisco to ensure that they have the appropriate visa required for entry. Details can be found at: <http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/spip.php?rubrique806>

Please note as well that Stanford requires all who apply for a J-1 Visa to prove that they are able to pay \$2,500/month in living costs. Details can be found at: http://icenter.stanford.edu/depts/j_funding.html

Practical Information

The France-Stanford Center staff is unable to assist visitors with finding housing either at Stanford or in France. Visitors to Stanford may consult the following sites for housing information near Stanford University: the [Community Housing site](#), [SUpost](#), the [Faculty Staff Housing Site](#) and [Craigslist](#) to search for housing listings.

The France-Stanford Center regrets that it has no office space for visitors at Stanford or in France. It is also unable to provide computers. As concerns copying, postage, long distance telephone calls, faxes, and secretarial services, visitors are responsible for paying for these themselves or making arrangements directly with the department hosting them. Health benefits are not provided.

Timeline

Please submit the application materials by March 15, 2017. Late applications are unlikely to be accepted. Notification of fellowship recipients will occur in the spring.

Questions

Questions about becoming a Visiting Junior Scholar Fellow can be directed to the Center's Director, Amalia Kessler (akessler@law.stanford.edu) or the Program Coordinator, Isabelle Collignon (francestanford@stanford.edu).