

Fernand Braudel-IFER *outgoing* fellowships



Presentation:

The Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH, Paris) offers postdoctoral fellowships for researchers in the social and human sciences for periods of nine months within the framework of its "Fernand Braudel-IFER" (International Fellowships for Experienced Researchers) programme.

This programme is supported by the European Union (Action Marie Curie – COFUND – 7th EU Research Framework Programme), the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), the Institute for SHS at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Cologne), and is carried out in collaboration with the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)

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

1. The Fernand Braudel-IFER incoming programme for residencies in France (for researchers that belong to a foreign research centre).

This programme targets applicants from all countries except Germany. German researchers must apply to the specific DAAD/FMSH Fellowship programme (please refer to <http://www.msh-paris.fr/en/research/mobility/daadfmsh-fellowships/>)

2. The Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme for research stays in other European countries (for researchers that belong to a French research centre).

This programme targets researchers residing in France that would like to benefit from a research stay in another European country (EU Member State or affiliates). Applicants residing in France that wish to go to Germany should apply for the Clemens Heller sub-programme.

Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme

1 Call for applications

- 1.1 The Fernand Braudel-IFER programme offers postdoctoral fellowships to researchers in the social and human sciences (SHS) that wish to work in an international research setting.
- 1.2 The Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme is intended for researchers residing in France that would like to benefit from a research stay in another European country (EU Member States or affiliates).
- 1.3 Applicants that wish to go to Germany should apply for the Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme/Clemens Heller sub-programme.
- 1.4 These research stays are designed to enable researchers to:
 - Carry out an individual research project at a host laboratory;
 - Integrate scientific networks in France or other European countries;
 - Build lasting partnerships between their home institution and the host institutions.
- 1.5 Researchers must be affiliated with a research laboratory at a university or other research entity in the host country.
- 1.6 Applicable scientific disciplines: All social and human science disciplines are eligible. An interdisciplinary approach to research topics is encouraged.
- 1.7 Length of the fellowship: 9 months (however, the length of the research stay can be adjusted if warranted for scientific reasons).
- 1.8 Amount of the fellowship:
 - 1.8.1 The amount of the monthly stipend for room & board and living expenses is €2,000 (euros).
 - 1.8.2 Travel expenses (return travel fare) between France and the host country will be covered, subject to prior approval.
 - 1.8.3 Upon request, additional funding may be granted to cover documentation costs or participation in scientific events held in France (or in the host country).
- 1.9 Calendar: Two calls for applications per year (deadlines for applications are 31 March and 30 September).

2 Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must have resided in France and been affiliated with a university or other research laboratory in France for at least two years, regardless of their nationality.
- 2.2 Applicants must hold a PhD (or equivalent) as at the date of application (i.e. dissertation successfully defended).
- 2.3 The application must be submitted within six years of defending their doctoral dissertation. Exceptions may be granted for some cases of career breaks (e.g. interruptions due to maternity leave, illness, etc.).
- 2.4 Applicants must be fluent in one of the working languages of the host laboratory; fluency in the language of the host country is preferable.
- 2.5 Due to the limited number of fellowships available, stays at French-speaking universities in countries neighbouring France are not given priority.
- 2.6 Due to the limited number of fellowships available, stays in the applicant's home country are not given priority.
- 2.7 A French research institute abroad is not sufficient as a host laboratory unless a local host laboratory is also chosen.

3 Application procedure

- 3.1 Applications must be submitted both electronically and by post.
- 3.2 **Each application file must include:**
 - An application **form** (to be downloaded from: <http://www.msh-paris.fr/en/research/mobility/fernand-braudel-ifer-fellowships/application-procedure/>).
 - **Curriculum vitae.**
 - List of **publications.**
 - **Detailed research project proposal** (5-8 pages long, plus a bibliography of 2 pages maximum). The project proposal must be written in French, along with a version in the host country's language or in English.
 - **Copy of the doctoral diploma.**
 - **A copy of the dissertation defence report** (if the dissertation was defended in France).
 - **Summary of the applicant's doctoral dissertation** (2 pages maximum) in English or in French.
 - **Two (2) letters of recommendation** from scientific scholars from France or elsewhere.
 - A **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.
- 3.3 **Sending your application:**
 - 3.3.1 The paper application must be sent to the following **postal address:**

Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme
Scientific Direction – Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing programme
190, Avenue de France
75013 Paris France

3.3.2 An electronic copy of the application must be sent by e-mail to:

- Fernand Braudel-IFER outgoing: ifer.outgoing@msh-paris.fr

3.4 Upon reception of the application file, a letter is sent to the applicants to inform them that their applications have been received and to give more detailed information on the selection procedure and anticipated deadlines.

4 Selection process

4.1 The selection process involves two steps: a pre-selection based on examination of the application files, and an interview with a selection committee.

4.2 The selection process is competitive.

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

4.4 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 the project and research being carried out at the chosen host laboratory.

4.5 Pre-selection: The selection process includes a pre-selection stage. 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.

4.6 Selection:

4.6.1 Pre-selected applicants are invited to present their research project during an interview with the selection committee.

4.6.2 This interview lasts 20-25 minutes, and comprises: a presentation of the application by the applicant (5 minutes), and questions from committee members in French and in the language of the host country (15-20 minutes).

4.6.3 This interview cannot be carried out via conference call or via any other means of telecommunication.

5 Legal status of fellowship recipients

Selected applicants are classified 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.

6 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.