

FAQ

ABOUT THE APPLICATION

- Is it possible to contact the IAS before applying?

It is highly recommended to gather information from [the institutes' websites](#) and to contact them in case you may need additional information (i.e. specific terms and conditions, research priorities).

- Can I send a paper application to the programme officer?

No. FIAS application and evaluation processes are online procedures only.

- Can recommendation letters be sent by email?

No. Recommendation letters are to be submitted via the application form. Candidates are offered two solutions:

- (i) applicants upload the letters themselves in a pdf format via the dedicated field of the application form,
- (ii) applicants enter the referees' email addresses via the online application form. The referees will instantly receive an email containing a link that will allow them to directly upload the letter to the FIAS interface in full confidentiality. Applicants will not be able to access these documents.

- Can I send additional application material after the deadline?

No. All material sent to the programme officer after the deadline will not be considered.

- Can I send additional background information in a language other than English?

The application and evaluation procedures are conducted by international experts in English exclusively. Publications can be provided in any language, when coupled with an English-written abstract.

- Diploma equivalence

Candidates of Science and doctorates are considered equivalent to PhD.

- Submission of the Diploma

Applicants must submit a copy of the PhD diploma with a clear mention of date. Exception will be made for scholars with a Master + 6 years of full-time research experience after the degree (PhD training will not be considered in the calculation of experience). If the writing system/script used in the diploma is not Latin (but, for example, Cyrillic, Chinese, Arabic, etc.) a Latin script university certificate or official translation must be attached as well.

- What is expected from the 5-page research proposal?

The presentation must detail the scientific goals of the project, the articulation to the current state of the art, the envisaged methodology and the expected scientific outputs (bibliography not included). Please check on the Guide for applicants.

- How long the detailed Research Proposal should be?

Maximum 5 pages or 10.000 signs + a bibliography (up to one additional page).

- Can I submit several research projects?

No. There is only one project per applicant, per year.

- Can I submit my research project to several institutes?

No.

- Are collective projects eligible?

FIAS fellowship Programme grants individual projects exclusively.

- Can I apply to more than one Institute for Advanced Study?

No, you need to choose one of the 4 IAS: Paris, Lyon, Marseille or Montpellier.

ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- How is "full-time research experience" defined?

PhD training is not considered in the calculation of full-time research experience years. You must have been affiliated with/working for a higher education/research institution.

- How is "mobility" defined?

At the time of the application deadline, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date (short stays such as holidays and/or compulsory national service are not taken into account).

- Is there an age limit?

No.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

- What is the stipend?

A **net living allowance** (equivalent to take-home pay) of min. €2,700 per month: It will be delivered to all fellows in the context of a work contract (via their home institutions or via the

IAS hosting the fellowship). Arrangements will be based on the fellow's individual situation and interest, depending on the contractual option chosen.

- What support do I get for accommodation and relocation?

Accommodation or support for relocation is also provided for successful applicants. FIAS will provide fellows with accommodation suitable for their family situation (from studios to 5-room apartments). All the successful applicants will benefit from the support of the FIAS Programme officer and IAS administrative staff for arrangements relating to work contracts and other administrative, professional, social and logistical issues (e.g. negotiating academic leave, finding accommodation, etc.).

- Is it possible to anticipate or to postpone the start of the fellowship?

Fellowships begin in September or October of each academic year (according to the host institute). However, the dates of your stay can be exceptionally negotiated with the host institute.