



Guide for applicants

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PRESENTATION

The **French Institutes for Advanced Study (FIAS) Fellowship Programme** strengthens scholarship and mobility in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) by enlarging and upgrading the offer of scientific residencies in France to international experienced researchers.

FIAS gives SSH scholars worldwide the possibility to spend one academic year in four of France's most innovative scientific regions: Paris, Lyon, Marseille and Montpellier.

FIAS supports individual research: fellows, released from teaching and academic commitments, will conduct in unsegmented time bottom-up research with the greatest freedom, with the IAS strong scientific and extra-academic support.

FIAS is designed to provide fellows with the material and intellectual conditions that will generate a significant boost to their professional careers as they can produce in a short time what would have taken years to do in the fragmented time at their home institutions, because of administration and teaching commitments.

FIAS fosters intellectual exchanges: fellows get exposed to the collective benevolent intelligence of international and multidisciplinary cohorts of fellows, which brings their work to a higher, and often transdisciplinary level.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Degree & experience

At the time of the application deadline, researchers will have to be in possession of a **doctoral degree plus 2 years of full-time research experience after the degree**. 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).

Mobility

Researchers from all countries and nationalities are eligible to the Programme.

Applicants must fulfil the transnational MSCA mobility rule: **incoming 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 call deadline.**

Disciplines

The Programme is **open to all Social Sciences and the Humanities**.

Applicants are **strongly encouraged to check the IAS' websites to learn more about the scientific orientation of the Institutes and their potential opening to disciplines outside the humanities and social sciences**. Applications from artists matching the eligibility requirements are welcome.

Administrative requirements

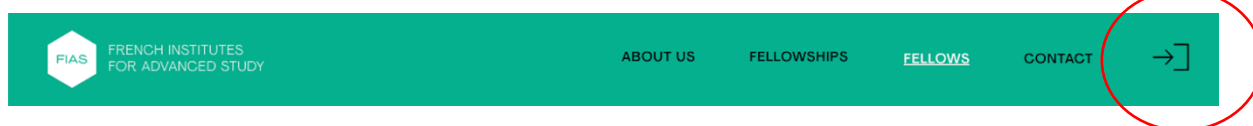
Applicants must provide full application forms and all requested documents through the online application platform. **Incomplete and late applications are not considered eligible.**

Applications not complying with the maximum length criteria will not be considered. Applications in languages other than English (also partially) will not be considered.

Other

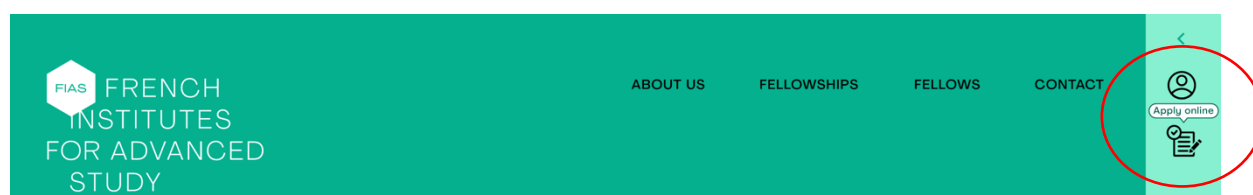
The FIAS Fellowship Programme is **committed to ensuring equal opportunities and working towards greater diversity within its academic community**. It will not discriminate against researchers in any way (gender, age, ethnic, national or social origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, language, disability, political opinion, social or economic condition).

HOW TO APPLY



The FIAS application and evaluation processes are done exclusively online. In order to start the application process, you will need to create an account via the user space.

Once logged in, you will be able to access the application form and to proceed with your application.



You are required to submit the **following documents** (in English exclusively):

- The completed FIAS online application form
 - A detailed curriculum vitae
 - A copy of the diploma (and translation if necessary): 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 is requested
 - A 5-page research proposal presenting aims and methods of research; innovativeness; expected outcome (not including the bibliography)
 - A comprehensive list of publications
 - A selection of three to five publications (articles or book chapters)
 - A letter of support/interest by an IAS's local scientific partner (except for Marseille IAS). Please refer to individual IAS website as **any application without a valid letter that does not match the IAS requirements will not be considered further:**
- ★ **Collegium de Lyon:** any applicant must provide a letter of support from at least one laboratory/research unit (« UMR - Unité mixte de recherche » or « UR - unité de recherche») of the Lyon-Saint-Etienne University and expressly validated by its director. This letter will attest to the scientific cooperation expected during the stay. For any help on this, please contact collegium@universite-lyon.fr.
For more detailed information: collegium.universite-lyon.fr
- ★ **MAKIT - Montpellier:** any application must provide an **invitation letter** from a **research structure of the MUSE consortium**.
For any help on this, please contact makit@umontpellier.fr
- ★ **Paris IAS:** any applicant must provide a letter of support/interest by an IAS's local scientific partner. This must be a letter of cooperation signed by a member of a university or research institution based in France. Preference will be given to projects conducted in cooperation with the partners of the IAS (Sorbonne

Université, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3, Université de Paris, Université Paris Nanterre, Université Paris-Saclay, EHESS, EPHE, ENS, FMSH, INALCO).
For any help on this point, please contact simon.luck@paris-iea.fr

- **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.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The scientific selection will be competitive, merit-based and conducted through international independent peer review.

The candidates, considered eligible, will be **evaluated** by independent international experts and by the FIAS Scientific Committee **according to two criteria**:

1. the scientific excellence of the applicant (40% of the mark)
2. the quality of the research proposal (60% of the mark)

The final decision will be carried out at the level of each IAS with its Scientific Advisory Board. It will be based on the marks and ranking of the applicants as well as on:

- the adequacy with the Institute's research priorities (as published at the time of application)
- the potential contribution to and interaction with the IAS scholarly community
- the collaborative opportunities with local academic and intersectoral partners
- the ability to nurture long-term scientific and non-academic collaborations
- the expected impact on the applicant's career

Calendar of implementation:

- **Application deadline: September 15th, 2020 at 3:00 pm (Paris-France time)**
- September–November 2020: Double peer review
- December 2020: Preselection by the FIAS Selection Committee
- January 2021: Selection by the four IAS scientific Advisory Boards
- September/October 2021: arrival of fellows

Applicants will be **notified electronically** of the assessment of their project after the preselection by the FIAS Scientific Committee and after the final selection by the IAS.

WORKING CONDITIONS

FIAS fellowships offer the following conditions:

- 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 option chosen (see next point);
- Two **flexible contractual options**, considering individual situations:
 - **Option 1 — Work contracts** will be offered to the fellows when they do not already have a full-time work contract. Employment contracts will provide FIAS fellows with French national insurance schemes (unemployment, pension, health and accident insurance).
 - **Option 2 — Paid Leave**. As FIAS will recruit exclusively outstanding researchers, a large share of them will already benefit from work contracts with their home institution during the whole duration of the FIAS fellowship (e.g. sabbatical leave). Under such conditions, the FIAS will not provide another work contract but will sign a direct contract with the fellow for a net €2,700 living allowance. In case the home institution asks for the reimbursement related to the existing work contract, the host IAS will do so up to €2,700 (if the salary is lower than €2,700, the complement will be directly transferred to the fellow). In case the home university work contracts would not provide full social protection in France, complementary insurances covering health and accident will be provided to the fellow.
- Adequate **social security** coverage.
- **Accommodation or support for relocation**: 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, planning school enrolment, language courses, etc.).
- An individual **research and training budget** equivalent to €2,500 per year: it will cover the organisation and participation in scientific events (including the annual meeting of FIAS fellows) and specific skills acquisition related to their research project. This budget will be held by the host IAS and spent upon fellow's request.
- **Travel expenses**: one round trip from the fellow country of residence.
- Same **working conditions as the IAS' other fellows**, including individual offices, special access and lending privileges in university-based research libraries, IT services, multiple collective spaces
- **Skills training** opportunities

CONTACT

For additional information on FIAS, please consult:

- the participating Institutes information: <https://fias-fp.eu/about-us/institutes>
- the FIAS Fellowship FAQ

or send an email to the FIAS Programme Officers: programme-officer@fias-fp.eu