LE STUDIUM
Loire Valley
Institute for Advanced Studies

RÉGION CENTRE VAL DE LOIRE

SMART LOIRE VALLEY PROGRAMME
Call for applications 2027

A fellowship opportunity in France's Centre-Val de Loire region

LE STUDIUM welcomes experienced researchers from all academic disciplines to develop a collaborative project with a host laboratory in the Loire Valley.

If needed, our team can also help identify and connect you with a suitable host laboratory.



3–12 CONSECUTIVE MONTH

ALL RESEARCH DISCIPLINES

85 RESIDENCY MONTHS AVAILABLE

THE VISITING RESEARCHER AWARD

A residency supported from start to finish

- Contribution to travel costs of up to €800
- Fully furnished accommodation during the residency
- Visa, administration and settling-in support
- French classes and training opportunities
- Access to an international, multidisciplinary research community
- Opportunity to organise an international scientific conference or workshop

A NOTE ON FUNDING

The Visiting Researcher award supports accommodation, travel and integration. It does not provide a salary: applicants must retain their home-institution salary or have other financial resources.

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JOINING THE PROGRAMME

How to apply

Apply online with an agreed research host in Centre-Val de Loire. Proposals are reviewed by independent international experts and by the LE STUDIUM Scientific Council

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Experienced researchers, more than 5 years after their PhD
- No more than 12 months in France in the 36 months before the deadline
- Agreement from a research host based in Centre-Val de Loire

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Part A · General information
- Part B · Scientific proposal (template available)
- Part C · Letter of support from the host institute or laboratory
- CV of the applicant and CV of the host scientist

KEY DATES

3 nov 2026	2 feb 2027	feb-may 2027	15 jun 2027	from sep 2027
Call opens	Deadline 17:00 CET	Review & Scientific Council	Results notified	Residencies begin

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Independent external peer review

50% Scientific quality

25% Research impact & collaboration

25% Track record & host fit

DEADLINE 2 FEBRUARY 2027

Apply: https://www.lestudium-ias.com/form/smart-loire-valley-programme-27

Presentation of the programme: https://www.lestudium-ias.com/programmes/smart-loire-valley-programme/studium-visiting-researcher

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