

Call for applications for Visiting Research Fellowships (SSHN) 2026

Doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships

The Higher Education, Research and Innovation (ESRI) Department of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom is offering one-month mobility grants of €1,850* for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers residing in the United Kingdom, to foster Franco-British research collaborations.

The research placement must take place in a CNRS laboratory or a joint research unit (UMR) under the supervision of the CNRS, as part of an existing collaboration, for a period of one month during 2026. The call is open to all disciplines.

*Subject to available funding.

1. Eligibility criteria

- Not be a French national (including dual French and other nationalities).
- Be currently undertaking a PhD or postdoctoral research in the United Kingdom (within five years of obtaining a PhD), in any discipline.
- Be involved in collaborative research between a UK research team and a team from a French CNRS-affiliated laboratory.
- Have an invitation from the French host organisation.
- Undertake the research stay in France during 2026 (the stay must end no later than 31 December 2026).
- Not to be in receipt of any other grants (Erasmus/French government, etc.) during the stay.

2. Award criteria

- Academic and scientific excellence of the applicants.
- The quality, relevance and coherence of the proposed project in France.
- The significance of the project in the context of Franco-British scientific cooperation.

3. Benefits granted to beneficiaries

The grants awarded are administered by Campus France. All successful applicants will receive the following benefits:

- A grant of €1,850 for a one-month stay.
- Coverage under a health insurance scheme including third-party liability for the entire duration of the stay.
- Access to accommodation at a preferential rate, with rent not exceeding one-third of the grant amount.
- Travel to the host location by second-class train from an international airport, provided that the city of study does not have a direct connection to the beneficiary's hometown. Additional costs for taxis, shuttles, buses and the metro are not covered.
- Cultural activities at preferential rates provided by Campus France.

4. Obligations of the scholarship holder

The scholarship holder has the following obligations:

- To undertake the research stay at the institution in France during the period specified in the application form.
- To keep Campus France, the organisation responsible for managing scholarship holders in France, informed of any changes (e.g. change of address, absence, receipt of another scholarship, change of direction, etc.)
- Any selected project must acknowledge the support of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom in its communication materials (e.g. website, visual materials, publications, etc.).
- To produce an activity report (in French or English) and provide evidence of how the funding was used at the end of the research stay.

5. Calendar

- 24 March 2026: applications open on the website of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom.
- **23 April 2026, 23:59 [GMT]: the call for applications closes.**
- The results will be published on the website of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom in early June 2026.
- Successful applicants may undertake their stay from the **second half of 2026**, completing their **mobility programme by 31 December 2026**.
- Successful applicants must submit a **report on the scientific activities** carried out during their mobility programme and a **financial report** to the French Embassy in the United Kingdom **by 31 December 2026**.

6. Application & Documents to be provided

To ensure that your application is considered, please complete the application form and upload all documents through the [Framaforms questionnaire](#):

For PhD students :

- A brief CV in English or French, **no longer than 2 pages**.
- A copy of the personal details page of your passport.
- A certificate of enrolment at a UK higher education institution or research organisation.
- A letter of invitation from the host institution in France, stating the dates of your stay. **These dates must correspond to those of the scholarship for which you have applied.**

For postdoctoral researchers:

- A brief CV in English or French, no longer than 2 pages.
- A copy of the personal details page of your passport.
- A postdoctoral contract or proof of affiliation with a UK laboratory or research centre that is valid at the time of application.
- A letter of invitation from the host institution in France stating the dates of the stay. **These must correspond to the grant application dates.**

**Any incomplete application or application received
after the deadline will be rejected.**

For further information: scholarships@ambascience.co.uk