

FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
2021-2022 COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

(September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1, 2021

Overview

The France-Stanford Center sponsors high quality collaborative research projects likely to foster new linkages and deepen existing connections between French scholars and students and their counterparts at Stanford University. Applications are invited from scholars working in all fields of learning and collaboration does not require co-authorship.

Solicitation: Two Cultures projects

In 1959, the English novelist and chemist C.P. Snow delivered a lecture – later published as a short book – in which he lamented the division of the intellectual world into “two cultures” that were mutually uncomprehending and even hostile: humanists and scientists. Snow argued that the gulf between these two cultures was deeply impoverishing for both and a great misfortune for the larger world that urgently needed the combined efforts of all scholars. His argument seems at least as persuasive today as in 1959. Stanford has its own two-cultures tradition of “techies” and “fuzzies.” But the France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies has long helped build bridges among disciplines and now seeks to help build even larger bridges between the “Two Cultures.” We hereby solicit proposals for collaborative projects involving both humanists and scientists.

Eligibility

The France-Stanford Center seeks to fund research projects across all disciplines. Priority will be given to projects with the potential to develop new collaborations involving junior researchers, and to those leading to collaborative work on interdisciplinary issues. Applications must be submitted jointly by researchers affiliated with a French institution and researchers in any Stanford department, as long as they are eligible to serve as principal investigators. “French institution” refers to public and private universities, public technical universities, research institutes (CNRS, INRIA, INSERM, etc.), Grandes Ecoles, government agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations. Please note that applicants based at a French institution and seeking to do research at Stanford need not possess French citizenship. Likewise, applicants based at Stanford and seeking to do research in France need not possess U.S. citizenship.

Collaborative Research in the Humanities and/or Social Sciences

Collaborative research does not necessarily require co-authorship. The Center recognizes that much humanistic research and some social science research takes the form of individually authored publications but that the research process leading to such publications may be greatly benefited by the availability of meaningful opportunities to engage at length with other scholars. The Center seeks to promote precisely such opportunities by funding short-term visits, during which scholars can embed themselves in another institution and participate in that institution’s intellectual life by, inter alia, giving lectures, participating in workshops, and engaging in more informal exchange. There is, moreover, no requirement that the research address issues particular to France, the United States, or any specific country or region.

Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University

PSL and the Center have agreed jointly to fund a number of collaborative research projects, subject to the same competitive review process that applies to all funding proposals. Researchers affiliated with PSL are thus especially encouraged to apply. To learn more about PSL, please see [here](#).

Lead Teams

Each collaborative project must be led by program coordinators at Stanford and in France. They will be responsible for planning, coordinating the partnership and submitting the application. In the case of humanists and social scientists seeking funding for a short-term visit, the application must identify the individual who will undertake the visit, as well as the individual who will serve as the official sponsor at the host institution.

Option to apply for a separate fellowship grant

Applicants for collaborative research projects are strongly encouraged to involve researchers who are currently graduate students, postdocs or junior scholars (no more than three years from completion of the Ph.D.). Those who do are invited to apply for a fellowship. For details on the fellowship programs, please visit:

[Visiting Student Researcher Fellowship](#) and [Visiting Junior Scholar Fellowship](#)

Proposal

The application should include a description of the nature of the proposed project, its implications for further research, and potential for fostering long-term relationships between researchers from France and Stanford. Proposal must clearly state the aims, activities, and anticipated outcomes for the project. The most successful applications tend to be concise. Please be sure to follow the instructions for submission detailed [here](#).

Budget

Projects may be funded to a maximum of USD 15,000.

Transfer of funds

The totality of the funds will be transferred to a Stanford University Research Award account. Once disbursed, funds must be administered by the financial manager of the Stanford's department.

Duration of financial support and project monitoring

The Center allocates annual grants, whose commencement and completion track the academic calendar--i.e. September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. A research and financial report must be sent to the Center's program manager by December 31 of the year that the grant ends (namely, by December 31, 2022). Projects can be extended beyond the original date shown on the Notice of Award. A Request for a No Cost Extension should be submitted to osr_intake@stanford.edu. Details can be found at [here](#).

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

Grants awarded by the Center may be used only for expenses required specifically for this collaboration. The grant may be used for travel, lodging, and living costs associated with research or training, as well as for research-related services (e.g. duplication costs, purchases of microfilm, digitization of documents, production of questionnaires/surveys, human subject costs, data entry, transcriptions of interviews, running focus groups, etc.).

The grant may not be used for the purchase of equipment (e.g. computers, recording equipment, etc.), supplies, or software. It may not be used to pay for tuition fees; the costs of book translations and book publishing; or to cover conference registration fees. It may not be used to provide salary payments in any form (e.g., to fund coordinators or principal investigators for their work in setting up collaborations, to fund administrative staff, or to provide stipends for post-docs involved in collaborations).

Please note as well that the Center sets strict limits on the price per ticket that it will reimburse for flights from the San Francisco Bay Area to France and vice versa. These vary depending on the direction of travel and time of year.

Please see the "Financial Annex" for details.

Evaluation and non-technical summary of project

The France-Stanford Center Executive Committee will review and evaluate the proposals. The Committee consists of Stanford and France-based academics working across a very broad range of disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. It is thus vital that you describe the project such that it will be easily comprehended by all members of the committee. Towards this end, the application asks you to draft a short (no more than 200 words) non-technical summary of the project. This summary must (1) clearly identify the project's significance and (2) avoid disciplinary jargon.

Statement of compliance with ethical and environmental norms

All research proposals will be evaluated not only for their scientific merit, but also for their compliance with ethical rules of research and their respect for environmental integrity. All applications must include a statement (1) confirming compliance with ethical and environmental norms and (2) providing a summary account of how such compliance is to be attained.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the Center's Director, Jessica Riskin (jriskin@stanford.edu) or the Program Manager, Isabelle Collignon (francestanford@stanford.edu).