

Inria International Chairs

Inria wishes to encourage long stays - from several weeks to a year - of scientists posted in international institutions in its research teams in France and give them greater visibility, by operating the "Inria International Chairs" (IIC) program of international chairs.

Applications from scientists in Human and Social Sciences (HSS) are strongly encouraged.

Since 2023, the program is open to a wider audience by proposing to distinguish between two ways for applying to the program:

- ◆ IIC "Starting Career" (5 to 12 years of experience):
 - is intended for permanent researchers who have been engaged in research activities for 5 to 12 years after the thesis defense,
 - allows a stay of 6 to 9 months over 3 years.
- ◆ IIC "Advanced Career":
 - is intended for permanent researchers of international renown,
 - allows a stay of 10 to 12 months over 5 years.

Application conditions

- Carry out your main professional activity abroad,
- Have a written authorization from the main employer stating that it authorizes the chairholder to spend time at Inria and to receive a salary from Inria during his/her periods of presence at Inria,
- Commit to spending the period of time defined above within the Institute in France during the period of the Chair. The dates are fixed with the leaders of the host research teams according to a provisional schedule provided,
- Propose a work program, in connection with the host research team(s).

For "Starting Career" IIC only:

- Provide an attestation by which he/she commits to develop international collaborations,
- Provide a letter of support from his/her home institution.

During your stay at Inria, you will also commit to give lectures and to indicate that you are attached to Inria for any scientific work carried out within the institute.

By hosting you as an Inria International Chair holder, Inria commits to providing you with a high quality work environment and **a salary during your stay(s)**.

How to apply?

The application must include:

- The completed application form (available on www.inria.fr),
- A passport copy,
- A detailed CV,
- A research project and for the period of the Chair, including possible technology development and transfer opportunities,
- A work plan specifying the planned visiting periods during the Chair, and the total duration of the Chair,
- A letter of support from the Inria research team leader.

Recommendation letters and/or references from international experts can be provided.

Your application must be submitted to the Director of the Inria Research Centre of the host team.



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Recruitment Process

- 1. Eligibility:**
Inria checks to make sure that each applicant meets the eligibility criteria of the Program.
- 2. Selection based on application:**
a selection committee assesses the applications and gives a review on each application.
- 3. Choice of candidates:**
the chairs are awarded by the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute. Recruitment is finalized upon clearance by the Security Officer.

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Calendar

- **October 01, 2025:**
deadline for submitting the application to the Director of the Inria Research Centre of the host team.
- **October 16, 2025:**
Deadline for the Directors to send the applications to the International Relations Department.
- **October to december 2025:**
Applications review by the Chair Committee.
- **January / february 2026:**
Notification of the awarded Inria International Chairs 2026.