

Call for applications for postdoctoral fellowships 2025 – Call 11

Embassy of France in the Arab Republic of Egypt Science, technology and innovation funding authority (STDF)

The Embassy of France in cooperation with the STDF offers co-financed fellowships for Egyptian researchers who wish to do a short research stay in a French laboratory from 6 to 9 months. The fellowship will cover a stipend of approximately 1700€ minimum and covers flight tickets, insurance and living costs in France.

Eligibility criteria:

- To be holder of the Egyptian nationality
- To hold a doctorate degree that has been obtained less than 10 years ago at the closing date for applications.
- To be less than 45 years old at the closing date for applications.
- To speak and write French or English, with a level meeting the requirements of the research project.
- Not to have previously benefited from another travel grant to France from the Egyptian government.
- Not to be involved in another ongoing project funded by the French Government
- The project must be included in the list of eligible fields

Eligible fields for application:

- Health and medical research (only research purpose is accepted)
- Earth and space science
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Engineering science
- Artificial intelligence and computer science
- Data science
- Communication technologies
- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology

Application procedure:

Creating an account on [the STDF's website](#), filling the required information, and uploading **one application file**, which consists of the following documents:

- Application form signed and stamped by the institution of origin specifying the duration of the stay
- Recent CV in English for both the applicant and the host researcher (1 page each)
 - o A list of publications and of conferences attended should be added to each CV separately
- Invitation letter from the head of the French laboratory specifying the dates of stay
- Research project in English, including:
 - o Abstract in English and Arabic (one page maximum each)
 - o Project objectives and benefits expected of the stay in France for the candidate/project (one page maximum)
 - o Research approach, methodology and time schedule (five pages maximum)
 - o Expected project outcomes and impact (one page maximum)
 - o Key references (one page maximum)
- Recent recommendation letter in English
- Valid Passport copy
- PhD degree certificate
- Endorsement letter signed and stamped by the legal representative of the institution stating:
 - o the project title,
 - o the name, position and affiliation of the applicant,
 - o that the project's idea was not funded or submitted to another STDF program, another agency (national or international), or otherwise declare,
 - o that the applicant was not previously granted a post doc travel grant to France,
 - o that the institution approves the project.
- Signed terms and conditions

All incomplete applications will be considered ineligible and rejected.

Timetable:

Launching date of the call: January 5, 2025

Deadline for application: February 5, 2025

Evaluation process: February 2024 - May 2025

Results announcement: June 2025

- Kindly note that the provisional departure date of the research stay should initially be set for October 1st, 2025.
- The announcement of results and the subsequent departure dates mentioned above are contingent upon receiving the necessary approvals for the selected projects.

Please note that the funds associated with this program are contingent on the final approval of the renewed agreement between STDF and the Embassy of France.

The departure is dependent upon:

- Approval of the Egyptian government.
- Reception of a letter of invitation from the hosting research institution in France and the hosting professor.
- Procurement of the Schengen visa.

Fellowship cancellation:

The Embassy of France reserves the right to cancel a scholarship, even after having given the laureate a signed certificate, for the following reasons, among others:

- Visa not delivered by the Consulate of France or case of force majeure forbidding mobility ;
- The laureate has another grant from the French government for the same research program ;
- One of the eligibility conditions mentioned above is not respected.

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