

International Visiting Chairs Program – 2026

Deadline for applications:
November 19, 2026, 1.00 PM Paris time

Hi! PARIS is pleased to launch the 2026 edition of the International Visiting Chair Program. This program supports international researchers wishing to collaborate with research teams within the Hi! PARIS Cluster 2030 in France.

Hi! PARIS is an interdisciplinary Center on Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence for Science, Business and Society. Founded by [Institut Polytechnique de Paris](#) (IP Paris) and [HEC Paris](#), with [Inria](#) (Centre Inria de Saclay). The Center supports [Hi! PARIS Cluster 2030](#) (funded within France 2030), a world class research, training and innovation hub in partnership with CNRS, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and Université de Technologie de Troyes. One of the central aims of Hi! PARIS is to conduct breakthrough and multidisciplinary research on AI and Data Science.

Program Description & Categories

Hi! PARIS, as part of its commitment to promoting international scientific exchanges, is launching the "Hi! PARIS International Visiting Chairs" program. This program is designed to encourage scientists affiliated with international institutions to spend extended periods of time within Hi! PARIS Cluster 2030 affiliated research teams in France. The duration can range from several weeks to a year. The goal is to facilitate high-quality international collaborations, while at the same time giving greater visibility to our research institutions.

To make this program accessible to a broader spectrum of candidates, three categories of Chairs are proposed:

Category	Profile	Duration/ Timing
Starting Career	5-10 years post-PhD	4-6 months, spread over 2 years
Advanced Career	10+ years post-PhD	6-10 months, spread over 2.5 years
Visiting Fellow (Short stay)	5+ years post-PhD	1-2 months, one-time visit

Note: Hi! PARIS sets a higher priority for total duration visiting chairs equal or longer than 6 months.

Commitments

During their stay, Visiting Chairs and Fellows are expected to:

- Give lectures and participate in seminars
- Contribute to doctoral training
- Acknowledge Hi! PARIS and France 2030 in resulting publications

Hi! PARIS commitment to the visiting chairs and fellows:

- A high-quality research environment
- A financial allowance of 4,000 to 7,000 EUR/ month
- Travel cost support (case-by-case)

Eligibility and admissibility

To apply and participate in Hi! PARIS International Visiting Chair Program, the candidates must meet the following criteria to ensure effective and productive involvement in Hi! PARIS research teams in France.

Eligible host research teams are the Hi! PARIS Cluster 2030 affiliated research teams within Institut Polytechnique de Paris schools (École polytechnique, ENSTA, École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), ENSAE Paris, Télécom Paris, Télécom SudParis), HEC Paris, including Inria (Centre Inria de Saclay) and CNRS.

General Terms & Conditions:

- **Main activity abroad:** Applicants must have a full-time affiliation with an institution outside of France.
- **Employer authorization:** A written authorization from the main employer must be provided. This must confirm that he/she authorizes the candidate's stay in a Hi! PARIS entity and the acceptance of remuneration by Hi! PARIS during the periods of presence.
- **Attendance commitment:** Candidates must commit to the length of stay agreed with the host research team. To the extent possible, the dates of the stays will be planned.
- **Work program:** Each candidate must propose a detailed work program in collaboration with the host project teams.

Specific conditions for candidates in the "Starting Career" category:

- **Development of international collaborations:** Applicants must provide proof of their commitment to establishing and developing international collaborations.
- **Letter of support:** A letter of support from the applicant's home institution is required to confirm that the program is in line with the researcher's career objectives.
- **Letters of recommendation:** This is optional but strongly encouraged to support the application.

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.

Application Requirements

Applicants are asked to apply on the online platform on the Hi! PARIS website <https://www.hi-paris.fr/hi-paris-international-visiting-chairs-program/>.

The project proposal written in **English** should be composed of **one single pdf file** combining the following documents:

1. **Cover letter**
2. **Detailed Curriculum Vitae:** Provide an up-to-date CV including your academic background, publications, previous research experience and any other elements relevant to your application.
3. **Research Project Proposal:** Propose a detailed research proposal for the duration of the Visiting Chair, including your objectives, prospects for technological development, and potential applications or technology transfer.
4. **Work Plan (visit schedule):** Propose a plan detailing the periods of visit envisaged and the total duration envisaged for the Visiting Chair, as well as a provisional schedule of visits.
5. **Detailed opinion of the host team leader:** Include a detailed opinion from the host team leader justifying the research project and the additional expertise provided by the visiting researcher. If applicable, the letter should be signed by the laboratory director (or project team leader), validating the suitability of the proposed project for the team's and the lab's objectives.

Complementary document:

6. **Identity documents:** A copy of your valid passport will be asked at the end of the process to verify your identity and nationality.

Tips for a successful application:

- Ensure completeness and clarity of application
- Align research project with Hi! PARIS objectives
- Coordinate with your host team

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation process is launched as soon as the deadline is passed. The proposals are evaluated by a panel of experts issued from the Hi! PARIS Academic Operating Committee (composed of researchers, academic representatives from the institutions involved in the Center) and members of the Hi! PARIS Scientific Advisory Board. External reviewers could be involved in the evaluation process, if necessary and according to their expertise. The funding decision is validated by the Hi! PARIS Academic Operating Committee under the responsibility of the Hi! PARIS Executive Director.

The project proposals will be prioritized according to the following criteria:

- Candidate’s academic profile and track record
- Quality and feasibility of the research project
- Fit with the host team and research environment
- Relevance to Hi! PARIS objectives

Timeline

- **Deadline for applications:** November 19, 2026
- **Evaluation:** December 2026 – January 2027
- **Results:** February 2027
- **Start of visits:** From April 2027

Contact

- For any further information on the Center: <https://www.hi-paris.fr/>
- For any further information, please contact project@hi-paris.fr with “Hi! PARIS Call for International Visiting Chair Program” in the subject.

Hi! PARIS is strongly committed to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects. Applications are particularly welcome from women and candidates from ethnic minority backgrounds, who are currently under-represented in AI roles.