



IMÉRA / LABEX OT-MED CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IMÉRA, Institute for Advanced Study Aix-Marseille University

Labex OT-Med (Objectif Terre : Bassin Méditerranéen)

Open 3 July – 16 September 2014

In connection with the Labex OT-Med programme

***For residencies of 5 or 10 months
between 2 March 2015 and 29 January 2016***

*ONLY electronic applications can be submitted on IMéRA's website
(www.candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr)*

Applications sent by e-mail or by post will NOT be considered.

**Applications must be sent not later than on
Tuesday 16 September 2014 (included).**

Aix-Marseille University Institute for Advanced Study IMÉRA has 3 to 12 months residency schemes (depending on calls for applications) for foreign top-level researchers; it also accommodates a few multi-disciplinary teams with a collective project for short duration stays.

Research projects carried out at IMÉRA focus on cross-fertilisation within social science, within science, between social science and formal/experimental and health science, and on relationships between art and science, exploring and enhancing the potential openings between such disciplines and the new objects that may be formed there.

IMÉRA aims at fostering the emergence and development of world-class *cross-disciplinary* research approaches and grooms young researchers for such approaches on Aix-Marseille University ground.

The objective of OT-Med is to stimulate interdisciplinary research on global change and natural hazards in the Mediterranean basin and semi-arid regions of Sahel. Its teams are pluridisciplinary including environmental sciences, ecology, law, economic and social sciences.

In their project, candidates should therefore clearly demonstrate their interest in cross-disciplinary projects **on the basis of their research or itineraries**, by:

- providing a list of already experienced cross-disciplinary collaborations or of publications calling for such collaboration schemes; or
- proposing to start one such collaboration and specifying its characteristics; or
- detailing expected contributions from cross-fertilisation of their own research program with perspectives and intellectual resources of other disciplines.

Schedule

Applications must be sent not later than on Tuesday 16 September 2014 (included).

Residences (duration 5 or 10 months) will take place at the following periods (to be chosen by the candidates):

- From 02.03.2015 to 31.07.2015 (5 months)
- From 01.04.2015 to 31.08.2015 (5 months)
- From 04.05.2015 to 30.09.2015 (5 months)
- From 01.06.2015 to 30.10.2015 (5 months)
- From 02.03.2015 to 31.12.2015 (10 months)
- From 01.04.2015 to 29.01.2016 (10 months)

Who can qualify?

Special Labex OT-Med residences at IMÉRA are open to **researchers in all disciplines and of all nationalities with a regular status in foreign institutions.**

Who is eligible?

- Researchers from all parts of the world, except those who have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Researchers holding a Doctorate or PhD and who have been in a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- Researchers presenting a project in connection with global change and natural hazards in the Mediterranean basin and semi-arid regions of Sahel.

Selection criteria

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Project and researcher's value and potential;
- Connection of project with IMÉRA's cross-disciplinary framework (capacity to link with other disciplinary domains);
- Interaction perspective with Labex OT-Med programme partner research centres as well as with Aix-Marseille University research centres and teams.

Living conditions

Under a partnership agreement with the Labex OT-Med programme, IMÉRA offers:

Remuneration

IMÉRA will pay an allowance to researchers, who fall into two classes.

- Junior: €2,300 monthly allowance;
- Senior: €3,500 monthly allowance.

Junior class: Researchers who have been in a university position for 2 minimum years and with maximum 9 years' experience in full-time research as at the closing date of the call for applications.

Senior class: Top-level researchers with minimum 10 years' experience in full-time research as at the closing date of the call for applications, and university professors.

Accommodation

IMÉRA provides free accommodation to residents.

Transport

IMÉRA will pay for the residents' ticket from their usual place of residence to Marseille and back.

Research means

IMÉRA invites residents to organise an international research seminar on a theme related to their project during their stay, with the possibility of asking several external specialists to participate.

Application

Applications must be in English or French.

Candidates must submit their applications EXCLUSIVELY on IMÉRA's website (www.candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr). Applications sent by e-mail or by post will NOT be considered.

Online applications must include:

- ① Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- ② One sole file (to be downloaded) including:
 - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications and/or creations/exhibitions;
 - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
 - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.