

PROGRAMME NADIYA

Research Fellowships on science engineering in France from 2 weeks up to 6 months in 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Location: Centers of research in France among the list (i.e. Ecole Polytechnique, Ecole Centrale, Brest National Engineering School, etc.).

Number of Fellowship: up to 15 grants of variable duration.

Audience: doctoral students, post-doctoral students, researchers (junior/ senior).

Conditions: allocation of a **monthly grant** fellowship (1704 euros for PhD / junior, 2055 euros for senior), accessible **accommodation**, coverage of **travel costs** round trip and policy **insurance** costs. The fellowship grant is co-financed by the host french engineering school.

Deadline for application: 20/04/2025

Supporting documents for application:

- A **research project proposal** outlining the candidate's work plan during their stay in France.
- The **names of the host laboratories or research teams** the candidate is interested in joining (up to **three choices** from the [attached list](#)).

- A **detailed CV** in English.
- An **affiliation letter** from a recognized research institution in Ukraine (e.g., an official statement from the institution confirming the candidate's current position).
- **Completion of the online [application form](#).**

Our team provides support in orienting the candidate to french research institutions upon request.

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CONTEXT

The Fellowship Programme offers co-financed grants to Ukrainian researchers to promote academic and scientific cooperation between Ukraine and France, with a focus on integration into the European Research Area. Designed to meet the needs expressed by both Ukrainian and French partners in the context of war of aggression in Ukraine which dramatically wounds and fragilises the scientific community in Ukraine, the programme supports short-term research stays of ukrainien colleagues who have decided to stay in Ukraine to undertake a part of their research in leading French engineering schools.

The programme is led and implemented by the French Embassy in Ukraine together with the CDEFI which is the network of engineering school in France.

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Main objective

- To initiate or continue a research work embedded in French leading engineering schools. The French Embassy is associated with the network of french engineering schools for this program, among others Ecole Polytechnique Paris, AgroParisTech, Ecole Centrale Lyon, Arts et Métiers Institutes of Technology, aviation schools, etc.
- To understand and strengthen approach, procedures and research methods in link with french teams of researchers.
- The research stay may include lectures, practical research based, groups work, experience sharing.

Eligible research fields for 2025

- **Materials science and engineering:** study of material and surface properties, innovations in nanotechnology, and new composite materials.
- **Biotechnology and life engineering:** applications in health, agri-food, and environmental sciences, including bioengineering and bioprocesses.
- **Geosciences and environment:** soil and mineral resource management, advanced pollution remediation techniques, and ecological restoration.
- **Sustainable energy and Energy transition:** research on renewable energy, energy storage, and optimisation.
- **Agronomy and veterinary sciences:** innovation in sustainable agriculture, agri-food resource management, animal health, and the impact of environmental changes on agricultural ecosystems.
- **Innovative technologies** and prospective civil engineering (with a particular focus on aeronautics).

Prerequisites

- Application for Ukrainian citizen only **residing currently in Ukraine** and aiming to do a short research mobility.
- Proficiency in English, French is not required.
- Holder of a PhD diploma or in process of defending a doctoral thesis (aspirantur status).
- Currently involved in research activity in an Ukrainian recognized academic or research institution. A letter of the institution of your affiliation confirming your current research position and support for your mobility project is required.
- A clearly defined research project aligned with one of the eligible fields and demonstrating relevance to scientific collaboration with a French laboratory.
- Availability to undertake the research stay within the specified timeframe of the program (2025, dates to be agreed).
- Commitment to actively engage with the host institution and contribute to knowledge restitution to your institution of affiliation upon return in Ukraine.
- **Strict observation of the Ukrainian legal provision and in particular the martial law provisions applicable at the dates of the mobility.**

Evaluation

Scientific excellence, project relevance are the two key criteria for evaluating applications. The assessment is performed by the engineering schools to which the candidates applied. The results of the call will be communicated to each candidate individually before beginning of June 2025.

Program timeframe and milestones

- information Webinar and Q/A session organised by the French Embassy and CDEFI on **Friday, March 14 at 4:00 PM (Kyiv time)**. Interested candidates are invited to express their interest by contacting cooperation@ifu.kiev.ua. The connection link to the webinar will be shared upon registration.
- Reception of expressions of interest and applications by **April 20th**.
- Support for candidates and schools still needing orientation to pairing from **April 20th to May 15th**.
- Launch of the first Fellowship mobilities on **May 20th**.

Each program, along with the duration and the start and end dates of the mobility, is organized on an individual basis between **May and December 2025**, in coordination with the candidates' supervising institutions.