

Call for applications for postdoctoral fellowships

**Embassy of France in Egypt
Science, Technology and Innovation Funding Authority (STDF)**

The Embassy of France – French institute of Egypt (IFE) in cooperation with the STDF offers co-financed fellowships for Egyptian researchers who wish to spend 6 months in a French laboratory. The fellowship is around 1700€ per month and covers flight tickets, insurance and living costs in France.

Eligibility criteria

- Holder of the Egyptian nationality
- Holder of a doctorate degree not obtained more than 10 years before the closing date of the call for applications
- Not more than 45 years old at the time of the call's deadline
- French or English speaking, with a level meeting the requirements of the project
- Not previously benefited from another travel grant to France from the Egyptian government
- Not involved in another ongoing project funded by the French Government
- The project must be included in the list of eligible fields
- A plagiarism check will be applied to all proposals submitted to this grant. Accordingly, the proposal must be submitted in a readable PDF format (i.e. not scanned), to facilitate plagiarism checks.

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

Information and Communication Technology

Political science

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 outcome 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 -president- 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: February 6, 2023

Deadline for application: May 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Evaluation process: May - October 2023

Results announcement: December 2023 – January 2024

Departure: Between January and June 2024

Note that departure is dependent upon approval of the Egyptian government, confirmation by the hosting researcher in France, procurement of the visa and the possibility of travelling at all given the global sanitary crisis (as well as any additional administrative steps entailed by said crisis).

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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