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IMéRA, Institute for Advanced Study, Aix-Marseille University

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## CALLS FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

Deadline : Friday 27 November 2015 (this date included)

***For residence schemes scheduled between  
12 September 2016 and 14 July 2017***

*ONLY electronic applications can be submitted on IMéRA's website  
([candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr)).*

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

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## *IMéRA: Laboratory for Cross-disciplinary Exploration*

**A foundation of Aix-Marseille University, IMéRA is an Institute for Advanced Study, a unique research centre where both emerging and top-level scientists can take advantage of residence schemes to carry out innovative research projects.**

**IMéRA is specifically aimed at fostering cross-disciplinary projects.**

It receives scientists and artists of all disciplines (in residence between 3 and 10 months), as well as a few cross-disciplinary teams with joint projects for short stays (2 to 4 weeks). Residents carry out their research in connection with Aix-Marseille University (AMU) teams and laboratories or with partner bodies.

Research undertaken at the Institute is meant to develop interaction within social science, within science, between social science and hard, experimental and health sciences, and links between art and science.

The Institute thus contributes to the emergence and development of world-class cross-disciplinary research approaches on Aix-Marseille University ground and grooms young researchers for such approaches.

It also enthusiastically welcomes projects bearing on Mediterranean territories or submitted by researchers from the Mediterranean rim.

In their applications, candidates should 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.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Eligibility conditions vary according with applications:**

- General call is open to scientists and artists with or without official status and residing outside France, and is not targeted;
- Specific calls are open only to persons with university or researcher position in a foreign institution, and cover research disciplines or themes.

## *Application*

**Deadline: 27 November 2015 (this date included)**

Applications must be in English or French.

Candidates must submit their applications EXCLUSIVELY on IMéRA's website ([candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr)). Applications sent by e-mail or by post will NOT be considered.

**Online applications must include:**

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded :
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications (and/or creations/exhibitions for artists);
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation;
  - Additional documents specific to each call.

## Living Conditions

Living conditions are the same for all residents, be they applicants to general or specific calls.

### Remuneration

IMÉRA will pay an allowance or a salary to residents depending on their candidate status.

#### Scientist remuneration

Scientists fall into two classes:

- Junior: €2,300 net monthly allowance or salary
- Senior: €3,500 net monthly allowance or salary

**Junior Class:** Researchers who have 2 to 9 years of full-time research experience after obtaining the PhD (PhD training is not considered in the calculation of experience) as at the closing date of the call for applications.

**Senior Class:** Top-level researchers with minimum 10 years' experience in full-time research after obtaining the PhD (PhD training is not considered in the calculation of experience) as at the closing date of the call for applications, and university professors.

#### Artist remuneration

Artists will receive a €2,300 net monthly allowance.

### Accommodation

IMÉRA provides free accommodation to residents in one of the apartments of the institute, situated in "Parc Longchamp" in the center of Marseille.

Requests for familial hosting at IMÉRA shall absolutely be mentioned in the application form, for consideration. These requests will be satisfied within the constraints of the available accommodations at IMÉRA's disposal, i.e. 14 apartments from which 4 can host families (3 apartments for a couple with one child, 1 for a couple with 2 children).

### 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.

IMÉRA does not finance production means for resident artists planning to make pieces of work.

## 1 – IMéRA GENERAL CALL

IMéRA is open to and receives scientists and artists from all disciplines. It gives preference to high-aspiring research projects conducive to inter-disciplinary collaboration on complex science issues or major society challenges.

IMéRA also enthusiastically welcomes projects bearing on Mediterranean territories or submitted by researchers from the Mediterranean rim.

Residents carry out their research in connection with Aix-Marseille University (AMU) teams and laboratories or with partner bodies. A statement of interest from a researcher of Aix-Marseille shall necessarily be included in the application file.

### *Schedule (General Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 5 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 12 Sept 2016 to 06 Feb 2017 (5 months)
- 20 Feb 2017 to 14 July 2017 (5 months)
- 12 Sept 2016 to 14 July 2017 (10 months)

### *Who can qualify? (General Call)*

**This call is open to scientists and artists of all disciplines, both junior and senior, with or without official status.**

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 3 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have at least two years' post-doctoral experience in full-time research as at the call for applications deadline.

**To be eligible, artist applicants must meet the following 2 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Carry out a research project in connection with science.

### *Selection Criteria (General Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Relevance of the research project in terms of its connection with the Aix-Marseille area (potential interaction with local facilities, teams and research centres; use of local resources – field, archives, etc.).

### *Application (General Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded :
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications (and/or creations/exhibitions for artists);
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - A statement of interest from a researcher of Aix-Marseille ;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.

## 2 IMéRA/Inserm Call

Through its mission statements as an institution in terms of theoretical and applied research in life sciences and health, Inserm (**French National Institute of Health and Medical Research**) aims at advancing scientific research and fostering the transfer of such knowledge to clinical applications (<http://www.paca.inserm.fr/>).

### *Schedule (IMéRA/Inserm Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 3 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 12 Sept 2016 to 09 Dec 2016 (3 months)
- 03 April 2017 to 30 June 2017 (3 months)

### *Who can qualify? (IMéRA/Inserm Call)*

IMéRA residence schemes under the specific IMéRA/Inserm Call for Applications are **open to junior researchers** from all countries **holding a position in a foreign institution and specialized in Biomedicine, Biophysics, Bioinformatics or Health Economics**.

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- **Be specialized in Biomedecine, Biophysics, Bioinformatics or Health Economics**

### *Selection Criteria (IMéRA/Inserm Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Interaction perspective with Inserm laboratories Aix-Marseille Region.

### *Application (IMéRA/Inserm Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - One to three letters of recommendation;
  - A letter of approval of the Director of Inserm Unit (Aix-Marseille site) providing the resources needed to research presented.

### 3 – IMéRA/LabexMed Call

**The IMéRA/LabexMed specific call is aimed at researchers (scientists) with a project in connection with the Mediterranean.**

LabexMed, a laboratory of excellence sponsored by the university foundation A\*MIDEX, includes 16 Aix-Marseille joint research units in social sciences.

LabexMed's ambition is to make progress in cross-disciplinary, integrated research on the Mediterranean on the strength of its partner units' disciplines (archaeology, history, anthropology, sociology, geography, political science, economics, law, philosophy, epistemology) and to stimulate dialogue between man and social sciences and earth, life and environment sciences at all time and space scales.

#### *Schedule (IMéRA/LabexMed Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 5 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 12 Sept 2016 to 06 Feb 2017 (5 months)
- 20 Feb 2017 to 14 July 2017 (5 months)
- 12 Sept 2016 to 14 July 2017 (10 months)

#### *Who can qualify? (IMéRA/LabexMed Call)*

**Special LabexMed residences at IMéRA are open to researchers (senior or junior) in all disciplines and of all nationalities with a regular status in foreign institutions.**

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- **Carry out a research project in line with themes and fieldwork related to the Mediterranean.**

#### *Selection Criteria (IMéRA/LabexMed Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Interaction perspective with LabexMed programme partner research centres as well as with Aix-Marseille University research centres and teams.

#### *Application (IMéRA/LabexMed Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.

## 4 – IMéRA/OT-Med Call

**The IMéRA/OT-Med specific call is aimed at scientists with a project in connection with global changes and natural hazards in the Mediterranean basin and the semi-arid Sahel regions.**

**OT-Med** (Objective Earth - Mediterranean Basin), a laboratory of excellence sponsored by the university foundation A\*MIDEX, includes 10 research laboratories and a research federation.

Its teams are pluridisciplinary including environmental sciences, ecology, law, economic and social sciences ([www.otmed.fr](http://www.otmed.fr)).

### *Schedule (IMéRA/OT-Med Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 5 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 12 Sept 2016 to 06 Feb 2017 (5 months)
- 20 Feb 2017 to 14 July 2017 (5 months)
- 12 Sept 2016 to 14 July 2017 (10 months)

### *Who can qualify? (IMéRA/OT-Med Call)*

**Special Labex OT-Med residences at IMéRA are open to researchers (senior or junior) in all disciplines and of all nationalities with a regular status in foreign institutions.**

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- **Carry out a research project in connection with global changes and natural hazards in the Mediterranean basin and the semi-arid Sahel regions.**

### *Selection Criteria (IMéRA/OT-Med Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Interaction perspective with OT-Med programme partner research centres as well as with Aix-Marseille University research centres and teams. It is essential to have got in touch with a researcher of the team aimed before submitting an application.

### *Application (IMéRA/OT-Med Call)*

Online applications ([www.candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr](http://www.candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - A statement of interest from a researcher of Aix-Marseille;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.

## 5 – IMéRA/BLRI Call

**The IMéRA/BLRI specific call is aimed at researchers (scientists) carrying out projects on the theme “Language and Brain”.**

The Brain & Language Research Institute (BLRI) is a federation of 7 research institutes, encompassing the fields of linguistics, neuroscience, informatics, medicine and psychology. It includes 4 experimental platforms, which provide for state of the art experimentation in fMRI, MEG, EEG and primate studies. In addition, the BLRI provides an interactive service, to help with data analysis. The BLRI aims to elucidate the underpinnings of human language, via the interaction and intersection of modelling, experimentation and informatics. Its ultimate goal is to elaborate a generic model of language processing and the cerebral basis thereof ([www.blri.fr](http://www.blri.fr)).

### *Schedule (IMéRA/BLRI Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 5 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 12 Sept 2016 to 06 Feb 2017 (5 months)
- 20 Feb 2017 to 14 July 2017 (5 months)
- 12 Sept 2016 to 14 July 2017 (10 months)

### *Who can qualify? (IMéRA/BLRI Call)*

**Special BLRI residences at IMéRA are open to researchers (senior or junior) in all disciplines and of all nationalities with a regular status in foreign institutions.**

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- **Carry out a research project in connection with the theme “Language and Brain”.**

### *Selection Criteria (IMéRA/BLRI Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Interaction perspective with BLRI research centres: LPL (UMR 7309), LPC (UMR 7290), LIF (UMR 7279), LNC (UMR 7291), INT (UMR 7289), LIA (EA 4128), INS (INSERM 1106).

### *Application (IMéRA/BLRI Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imer-a.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imer-a.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.



## 6 – IMéRA/AMSE Call

**The IMéRA/AMSE call for projects is open to researchers in economics, but also in the following disciplines, insofar as the project allows for interaction with the economic science: biology and medicine, law, geography, history, mathematics, neuroeconomics, philosophy, statistics, political science and sociology.**

Within the framework of this call, all research projects will be considered, especially those that present a certain element of risk in launching a particularly innovative project, and those aiming to produce a work of synthesis.

As an example, IMéRA/AMSE are particularly interested in projects concerning economic philosophy, inequality, development, economic geography, neuroeconomics and historical perspectives on growth.

**Aix-Marseille Sciences Economiques/Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE)** was selected in 2011 as a Labex (Laboratory of Excellence) within the framework of the Grand Emprunt. AMSE is part of Aix Marseille University and is structured around three research centres: Greqam (centre for economic research), Sesstim (research centre for the economics and social sciences of health and medical information processing) and Idep (a public-economics think-tank).

AMSE has three missions. Firstly, it presents a vast programme of research on the theme "Globalization and public action", which covers projects ranging from international trade to the formalization of social preferences, the study of inequality, development and environmental economics. Secondly, AMSE proposes Master's and PhD level courses, leading to career opportunities in academia and international institutions. Thirdly, AMSE is also focused on the valorization of economics research results among local authorities, public administration and business, and information of the general public (<http://www.amse-aixmarseille.fr>).

### *Schedule (IMéRA/AMSE Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 4, 6 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 05 Sept 2016 to 30 Dec 2016 (4 months)
- 16 Jan 2017 to 14 July 2017 (6 months)
- 05 Sept 2016 to 07 July 2017 (10 months)

### *Who can qualify? (IMéRA/AMSE Call)*

**Special AMSE residences at IMéRA are open to researchers (senior or junior) in all disciplines and of all nationalities with a regular status in foreign institutions.**

**To be eligible, scientist applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD;
- Have a university or research position for minimum two years as at the closing date of this call for applications;
- **Present a project in the field of economics or allowing for interaction with economics.**

### *Selection Criteria (IMéRA/AMSE Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- The prospect of interactions with the AMSE (Greqam and SESSTIM) and any other research centre of Aix Marseille University.

### *Application (IMéRA/AMSE Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imera.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
  - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.

## 7 - IMÉRA / MuCEM Call

### **Open to historians, geographers, heritage and museography staffs of the Mediterranean.**

A residency programme is launched to work about the scientific content of the semi permanent display "Gallery of the Mediterranean". This exhibition is renewed every three years. In the framework of the opening of MuCEM, in June 2013, the display was structured through the next main topics : The Birth of Agriculture; Jerusalem holy city of three religions; The question of citizenship & human rights. From spring 2016 to 2019, the Gallery will focus on Mediterranean Cities.

The fellow is invited to contribute on the 3rd exhibition programme. He/she will have to suggest different approaches and themes for the next display. He/she will have to work tightly with the MuCEM collections, the acquisition policy. He/ She will have to work within the department of research and training and the scientific team of MuCEM, and in connection with Aix-Marseille laboratories. He/She might contribute or lead a working group on today's museography on Mediterranean and work in partnership with research centers located in Aix-Marseille (AMU and partners).

Further information : [www.museum.org](http://www.museum.org) ; [yolande.padilla@museum.org](mailto:yolande.padilla@museum.org)

#### *Schedule (IMÉRA/MuCEM Call)*

**Deadline:** 27 November 2015 (this date included)

**Duration of residences:** 5 or 10 months

**Residence periods** (to be chosen by the candidates, several choices are possible):

- 20 Feb 2017 to 14 July 2017 (5 months)
- 12 Sept 2016 to 14 July 2017 (10 months)

#### *Who can qualify? (IMÉRA/MuCEM Call)*

**Special MuCEM residences at IMÉRA are open to historians, geographers, heritage and museography staffs of the Mediterranean**

**To be eligible, applicants must meet the following 4 conditions:**

- Not to have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Hold a Doctorate or PhD (for scientists);
- **Carry out a project exploring different approaches and themes for the next display of "Gallery of the Mediterranean".**

#### *Selection Criteria (IMÉRA/MuCEM Call)*

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Candidate's course;
- Research project;
- Interdisciplinary component;
- Interaction perspective with MuCEM and Aix-Marseille laboratories.

#### *Application (IMÉRA/BLRI Call)*

Online applications ([candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr](http://candidatures-imeram.univ-amu.fr)) must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- Files to be downloaded:
  - Curriculum Vitae;
  - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
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