

Iméra Core Call for Applications 2026-2027

For the year 2026-27, Iméra, the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) of Aix Marseille University is opening 6 resident fellowships ranging between 5 and 10 months, targeting academics. Among these, [the Fulbright/Iméra Chair in Migration Studies](#) and the Friche La Belle de Mai / Iméra residency are the subject of separate calls for applications, which will close in the second half of September 2025.

The fellowships are distributed over 4 programs (Arts & Sciences: Indisciplined Knowledge; Interdisciplinary Explorations; Mediterranean; Necessary Utopias).

Chairs open to competition:

- Albert Hirschman: Identity Passions between Europe and the Mediterranean — Sciences Po Aix / Iméra Chair
- [Migration Studies — Fulbright / Iméra Chair](#)
- Sustainable Development and Interdisciplinarity — IRD / Iméra Chair
- Transregional Studies — EHESS / Iméra Chair
- Transdisciplinarity and Research on Complex Systems — t-co.re@AMU / Iméra Chair
- Friche Belle de Mai / Iméra Residency: *the provisional launch date is scheduled for July 28, 2025.*

Anyone interested may apply for only one chair.

Participate in an Intercultural, International and Interdisciplinary Context

Residing at Iméra means immersing yourself in a bilingual environment open to Francophone culture and, more broadly, to interculturality in the unique context of Marseille, a historical melting pot and a "refuge city", "port city", "transit city", "Mediterranean city", etc.

It also means taking the time to discover the research of other residents and potentially experimenting with new forms of collective intelligence that blend methods, subjects, and disciplines. Scientific activities are led by program directors who form the scientific team. Mostly professors and researchers, they support residents throughout their stay and ensure interactions with the Iméra scientific community and the Aix Marseille Université academic ecosystem.

For this purpose:

- **An active knowledge of French and/or English (written and spoken) is essential. Linguistic skills in both languages are desirable due to the bilingual context of Iméra:** for example, weekly seminars (see below) are held in both languages. Laureates who are not fluent in French are encouraged to familiarize themselves with it during their stay, if not beforehand.
- Candidates commit to participating in the scheduled activities with other residents and the Iméra scientific team. The Community-Building Seminar (CBS) is one of the central activities, held each **(variable duration, minimum 3 hours or equivalent to one day)**.
- In the interest of research internationalization, just as the local scientific and cultural community should benefit from the methodological traditions brought by the residents, the latter should also benefit from the numerous expertise present on site, where most disciplines are represented. For these reasons, applicants must not have lived in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years preceding the deadline for this call for applications and submit **a project that maximizes the resources available on-site (around a hundred laboratories, various archives, a vibrant cultural and associative life, etc.)**. It is highly recommended to identify key local resources related to the research theme beforehand, mention them in the project, and outline the envisioned modes of collaboration.

Below are links to online resources for identifying and locating expertise and scientific contacts at the Aix-Marseille site. These are not exhaustive but are those currently available:

- CESAM - The Map of Scientific Skills & Equipment of Aix-Marseille: [click here](#)
- List of the 115 research units of Aix-Marseille University: [click here](#)
- List of interdisciplinary establishment institutes of Aix-Marseille University: [click here](#)



Conditions of eligibility

Candidates who are former Iméra residents may reapply at least 5 years minimum after their first research stay.

Eligibility conditions specific to the Chairs are detailed in the pages devoted to them in the present call, at which level the candidate's application must be submitted, by clicking on the "apply" button, located at the beginning and end of the page.

More generally, candidates meeting the following conditions are eligible:

- Not to have lived in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years preceding the call for applications.
- Hold a doctorate or PhD.
- Have an employment contract (permanent or not) in a foreign university or research institution during the residency.

Application form

Texts can be submitted in either English or French.

In his application, the candidate must:

- Complete the **application form** (including mandatory fields).
- Upload a **curriculum vitae** including a list of publications (maximum 10 pages).
- Upload a **presentation of the research project** to be carried out during the residency (maximum 5 pages) followed by a selective bibliography.
- Optional: upload a **letter of reference** from someone who has played a decisive role in the scientific career of the candidate.

Calendar

Application deadline: Monday, October 20, 2025, at 1 pm (UTC +2)

Residency periods:

- **Duration of the residency: 5 or 10 months between September 2026 and June 2027**
- **10-month residency: from September 2, 2026 to June 30, 2027**
- **5-month residency in the first semester: from September 2, 2026 to January 26, 2027**



- **5-month residency in the second semester: from February 4, 2027 to June 30, 2027**

Publication of selection results: early February 2026

Residency conditions

For information on remuneration, candidates should refer to the content available on the pages of the chairs being advertised.

Accommodation

With few exceptions, residents will be housed in one of Iméra's 14 apartments, located in the Parc Longchamp, in the center of Marseille.

The allocation of accommodation is the sole responsibility of Iméra, which strives to accommodate all residents to the best of its ability. To this end, when submitting the application ("type of hosting"), applicants must indicate their family configuration, which concerns only permanent presence for the entire duration of their residency (and not occasional visits).

Pets are not allowed.

Transportation

Iméra will pay for the single resident's return trip between Marseille and his/her usual place of residence.



Research facilities

Residents benefit from an office in an open co-working space, not an individual closed office. Iméra is unable to offer work spaces for families outside the apartment.

All residents benefit from the support of the Iméra team, which facilitates the conditions of their stay and the organization of their activities within the limits of available financial resources. These normally relate to the themes of their program but can also be transversal to other programs. In this context, Iméra helps residents to establish new contacts with the scientific and cultural environment of the Aix-Marseille region.

Resident commitments

The Iméra resident agrees to accept all the principles and living rules contained in the Institute Charter.

