

Iméra, Institute for Advanced Study of Aix Marseille Université
Job description
M/F
Research engineer in institutional history
(BAP D)

18-month contract starting in March 2026

Net monthly salary: €2,000

Mission

In preparation for the twentieth anniversary of Iméra, the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) of Aix Marseille Université, the research engineer will make a significant contribution to a collective project focusing on the history, current activities, positioning and prospects of Iméra.

This will involve documentation, reflection, storytelling as well as original and creative promotion. It will be carried out at national and international level, in close collaboration with the scientific team and the working group (experts, scholars and artists) responsible for designing and implementing this collective project.

Context and specific aspects

This mission is based at Iméra, a university foundation which each year hosts around thirty researchers and artists from all disciplines and nationalities, and organises a wide range of academic events.

It is characterised by significant challenges related to:

- The ambitions of Iméra, which, as a UBIAS (University-Based Institutes for Advanced Study), is strategic for the local and international influence of Aix Marseille Université;
- Its integration into several networks of institutes for advanced study at national, European and international levels, namely the RFIEA (French Network of Institutes for Advanced Study), NETIAS (Network of European Institutes for Advanced Study) and UBIAS;
- Its partnerships with scientific, cultural and institutional institutes of the highest calibre and at all levels of the institute;
- Its upward trajectory in terms of the quality of the scientific and cultural projects it incubates;
- The profiles of its internationally renowned residents.

Activities

Documentation and archiving work

- Identifying, cataloguing, describing, listing and contextualising textual, graphic, iconographic and audio documentary sources relating to the history of Iméra, on all types of media.
- Creating an Iméra archive in which the most important and significant of these sources will be stored and made accessible, in conjunction with the IT, digital and multimedia assistant.
- Using and promoting these sources quantitatively (data extraction, statistics, indicators) and qualitatively (individual trajectories, significant encounters and events, key moments).

Contribution to the creation of a series of textual, graphic and visual products that will recount the most significant strands of the history of Iméra.

- Conducting and promoting individual and group interviews with key figures in the history and current affairs of Iméra.
- Conducting and promoting individual and group interviews with fellows in residence at Iméra.
- Writing, as lead author, a scientific article in a peer-reviewed journal specialising in interdisciplinary studies and/or research policy. This article will be based on qualitative and quantitative research on 'the Iméra formula' in relation to the context of IASs. It will draw on the activities mentioned above and may be based on:
 - The experiences and perspectives of former fellows, as well as quantitative indicators of their success, thus providing empirical evidence of Iméra's success and the value of its approach.
 - A mixed approach combining in-depth interviews with fellows and a statistical analysis of the impact of their time at Iméra.
- Contributing to the organisation of events related to the celebration of Iméra's twentieth anniversary.

Contribution to the creation of an Iméra *alumni* network

- Providing a significant boost and contribution to the creation of an Iméra *alumni* network, in conjunction with the resident survey mentioned above.
- Helping define a strategy to attract donations from *alumni* in connection with the celebration of Iméra's twentieth anniversary.

Main skills

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of the history of academic institutions (in-depth knowledge)
- An advantage would be to have already written an article or paper on the history of a research institution
- Methods for researching and cataloguing historical and cultural sources (in-depth knowledge).
- Methods and tools for data production (in-depth knowledge).
- Methods and tools for data processing and analysis (in-depth knowledge).
- Database management systems (general knowledge).
- Long-term archiving of research data (application).
- Written and oral presentation techniques.
- Proficiency in the English and French language.

Operational skills:

- Ability to develop data collection tools (questionnaires, interviews, etc.).
- Ability to use a database.
- Ability to locate, catalogue, analyse and critique data (ability to judge the relevance of data or sources).

- Ability to formalise techniques and methods.
- Ability to write reports, documents and scientific publications.
- Ability to mobilise and lead networks.

Regulatory qualifications required – Desired professional training

Doctorate, engineering degree.

Knowledge and/or practical experience of institutes for advanced study would be an advantage.

Requested documents of application

Applicants must send:

- a detailed cover letter
- an academic CV,
- a selection of three (3) previously published articles
- and (*if requested*) additional materials related to a similar academic project

Applications should be sent to Enrico Donaggio, Scientific Director of Iméra: enrico.donaggio@univ-amu.fr