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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN GERMANY "TECHNOLOGIES D'AVENIR" 2026**

**Mobility grants to France for young researchers based in Germany  
working on technologies of the future across all disciplines**

### **1. Introduction and objectives**

The French Embassy in Germany (Office for Science and Technology and Office for Cooperation and Cultural Action) aims to strengthen Franco-German cooperation in research and innovation in the priority areas set out in the Aachen Treaty. To this end, it supports the mobility of young researchers to France who are undertaking a master's degree, a PhD or postdoctoral research in Germany, studying at a German university and/or affiliated with a research laboratory or institute in Germany. These mobility grants enable a research stay at a research laboratory or institute in France.

### **2. Length of stay**

The mobility grant can be used to fund a stay of **one, two or three months**. The stay may begin **between 1 September 2026 and 31 December 2026**.

Applicants are asked to state their preferred duration of stay on the application form and to justify their choice, considering their objectives and planned programme.

Only a limited number of three-month grants are available. These will be awarded based on the number of applications received and the assessment by the selection committee.

### **3. Admission requirements**

People with French citizenship, including those with dual citizenship, are not eligible to apply for the programme.

Applicants must

- be affiliated with a German university or research institution,
- be master's students, PhD students, postdoctoral researchers or early-career researchers who defended their thesis no more than five years ago (periods of parental leave and sick leave are considered).

The following subject areas are eligible for funding:

- **Ecological transition:** political ecology, ecology, biodiversity, ocean and marine research, circular economy, education for sustainable development, biotechnology, environmental technologies
- **Energie transition:** smart cities, rare materials, nuclear fusion, batteries, hydrogen, transport, sustainable mobility, climate finance
- **Digital transition:** cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, robotics, Internet of Things, digital diplomacy, digital humanities
- **Geopolitics:** security, defence, climate diplomacy, science diplomacy, climate-induced migration
- **Ethics and rights in relation to new technologies:** human-computer interactions, transhumanism, regulation, media
- **Health:** mental health, neuroscience, biomedicine, genetic engineering
- **Cultural and creative industries:** art, film, video games and related technologies (metaverse, augmented reality, etc.)

#### 4. Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- the academic quality of the research project
- the added value of the stay abroad for the research project as a whole
- the contribution to Franco-German cooperation
- the prospects for the exploitation and/or transfer of the project (in social, economic, technological and regional terms).

In the event of a tie, particular attention will be given to the following applications:

- Applications whose thematic focus aligns with the priorities of [France 2030](#)
- Applications involving an institution from a new federal state (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia)
- and/or applications involving two partner universities that are members of the same [alliance of European universities](#)
- and/or applications whose research topics have received less funding to date.

#### 5. Amount of the mobility grant

Scholarship holders receive a monthly lump sum of

- €2,100 for postdoctoral researchers
- €1,850 for doctoral students
- €1,200 for research-oriented master's students.

The mobility grant will be transferred to the bank account specified by the grant holder following the signing of an agreement between the grant holder and the French Embassy/Institut français Germany.

The grant is intended to cover transport and living costs. It is strongly recommended that environmentally friendly modes of transport be used.

Scholarship holders undertaking a stay in an overseas territory may apply for a special grant to cover transport costs. However, the award of this grant cannot be guaranteed.

## 6. Host institution

The host institution is a research laboratory or institute in France. It is responsible for taking all necessary measures to facilitate the scholarship holder's stay at its premises.

## 7. Application

The application deadline is **20 May 2026 at 23:59 (CET)**. Applicants must

- complete the online form in French, German or English (machine translation) on the [LYYTI](#) application platform (the form can be edited until the application deadline)
- upload the following application documents (in English) in a single PDF file and in the correct order to the LYYTI application platform:
  - a **description of the research project in the form of the Word document "[SCAC-SST TECHNOS 2026 Application File Template Project outline](#)", which you can download from the Campus France and Science Allemagne websites for the "Technologies d'avenir" programme**
  - a CV (max. two pages)
  - a certificate of enrolment for the master's programme or admission to a PhD programme, or the PhD certificate (for early-career researchers) and the postdoctoral contract or proof of affiliation with a German university or research institution (for early-career researchers)
  - a single letter of recommendation, signed by the doctoral supervisor (for doctoral candidates) or by the supervisor (for early-career researchers), and, where applicable, by the head of the laboratory (if the supervisor is also the head of the laboratory, only one signature is required)

- a letter of invitation from the host laboratory, signed by the supervisor and, where applicable, by the head of the laboratory (if the supervisor is also the head of the laboratory, only one signature is required).

Only **complete and correctly formatted applications** will be considered. To facilitate the processing of your application documents, **please name the file in the following format: TECHNOS 2026\_Surname Firstname.**

Please note that, in addition to the recommendation, the letters from the home and host institutions should also include details on how the application will benefit collaboration between the laboratories and teams involved.

## **8. Organisation and timetable**

### **Provisional timetable**

March – May 2026:  
Submission of applications

June 2026:  
Assessment of applications and selection of scholarship recipients

July 2026:  
Notification of results and signing of agreements

September 2026 – December 2026:  
Start of research stays

### **Administrative procedures following notification of selection**

Following notification of results, successful applicants will receive an email asking them to submit the documents required for the preparation of the agreements.

#### **Fellows must submit the following documents in a single PDF file (maximum 1 MB):**

- a valid identity card or passport
- where applicable, a residence permit for grant holders from non-EU countries
- a bank document stating the grant holder's address, as well as the IBAN and BIC of the bank account to which the grant will be transferred.

Regarding the bank document, you should contact your bank immediately after receiving notification to obtain a certificate containing the above information. This is required for the creation of your profile as a scholarship holder. **As the finalisation of the agreements may take some time, we ask scholarship holders to submit all required documents in the specified format.**

Scholars whose research stay begins in September will be given priority in the preparation and signing of the agreement so that the mobility grant can be paid out as soon as possible.

## 9. Final report

Laureates must submit a **final report** (in German, English or French), containing detailed information on the results achieved during their stay, to [attache-science.berlin-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:attache-science.berlin-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr) (for PhD and postdoctoral students) or [info.berlin@campusfrance.org](mailto:info.berlin@campusfrance.org) (for Master's students).

## 10. Information webinar

**An information webinar will take place on Wednesday, 15 April 2026 at 3.00 pm (CET).**

Below you will find the login details for this webinar.

Topic: Information webinar „Technologies d'avenir“

Date: 1 April 2026

Time: 3:00 pm (CET)

Join the Zoom meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87591066005?pwd=Or25J7R0zhnesQbjH0vJqbrZDkU-fRO.1>

Meeting-ID: 875 9106 6005

Access code: 696011

## 11. Contact

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