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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
"Technologies of the Future" Scholarships 2027
FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN GERMANY

1. Program introduction and objectives

The French Embassy in Germany aims to strengthen Franco-German cooperation in the priority areas defined by the Treaty of Aachen by promoting the mobility of young researchers to France.

The "Technologies of the Future" scholarship program is jointly managed by the Office for Science and Technology (Service pour la Science et la Technologie – SST) and the Department for Cultural Cooperation and Action (Service de coopération et d'action culturelle – SCAC). It is aimed at early-career researchers (master's students with a research focus, doctoral students, and postdoctoral researchers) who are enrolled at a university and/or affiliated with a research laboratory or institute in Germany.

"Technologies of the Future" is specifically aimed at candidates whose research focuses on **high technologies**. The list of eligible topics is available in the eligibility criteria. These mobility grants allow early-career researchers to finance a research stay in a laboratory or research institute in France.

The calls for proposals for the "Procope Mobility" and "Technologies d'avenir" programs for the year 2027 are published simultaneously. Both calls are open until Monday, January 25, 2026 (11:59 PM, Paris time). It is possible to apply for both programs, but each applicant can only receive one grant.

2. Duration of stay

The mobility grant will fund a stay of **one, two, or three months**, which must begin **no earlier than May 17, 2027, and no later than December 31, 2026.** Separate selection committees will be responsible for the Master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral programs. The number of three-month grants is limited. Awarding these grants will depend on the number of applications and the ranking of the applications by the selection committee. Applicants will be asked to indicate their desired length of stay in the application form and to justify this choice in relation to the research objectives and the project scope.

3. Eligibility requirements

Nationality

Individuals of French nationality (including those with dual nationality) are not eligible for the program.

Status

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a research-oriented master's program, or be pursuing a doctoral degree, or hold a postdoctoral position, with a maximum of 5 years elapsed since the date of their thesis defense. For postdoctoral researchers, parental leave, caregiver leave, and sick leave can be counted towards this limit, up to a total of three years.

Affiliation

To be affiliated with a German university or research institution.

Application areas

All fields and scientific disciplines are eligible.

The application must focus on one of the following themes:

- **Ecological Transition:** Environmental policy, ecology, biodiversity, ocean and marine issues, circular economy, sustainable development education, biotechnology, green technology
- **Energy transition:** smart cities, rare earth materials, nuclear fusion, batteries, hydrogen, transportation, sustainable mobility, climate finance
- **Digital transformation:** cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, robotics, the Internet of Things, digital diplomacy, digital humanities
- **Geopolitics:** security, defense, climate diplomacy, scientific diplomacy, climate migration
- **Ethics and legal issues related to new technologies: human-machine interaction, transhumanism, regulations, and media**
- **Health:** mental health, neuroscience, biomedical, genetics
- **Cultural and creative industries:** arts, cinema, video games, and related technologies (metaverse, augmented reality, etc.).

Candidates will be asked to clearly explain the connection between their research project and high technologies.

4. Evaluation criteria

The scientific evaluation will be conducted in two phases:

- The first phase involves evaluating the scientific quality of all submissions by experts in each relevant field.
- A second phase will be dedicated to the evaluation of the highest-rated applications, conducted by the French Embassy in Germany.

The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- scientific quality of the research project;
- The added value of the mobility period for the broader research project;
- Contributions to Franco-German cooperation.
- Potential avenues for enhancing and/or transferring the project's value (societal, economic, technological, and regional).

When applications are of equal standing, particular attention will be given to the following:

- which are particularly aligned with the priority themes of the Treaty of Aachen[1], and/or the Franco-German research roadmap[2], and/or the France 2030 plan[3], and/or the High Tech Agenda[4].
- involving an institution located in the northern and eastern German states (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, and Thuringia);
- and/or involving two partner institutions that are members of the same European university alliance;
- and/or projects that receive less funding for their research.

5. Amount of the mobility grant

Beneficiaries of the program will receive a fixed amount of:

- **€2100 per month for postdoctoral researchers.**
- **€1850 per month for doctoral students.**
- **1200 euros per month for master's students focusing on research.**

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[1] Here are some examples of priority projects related to high technology for the implementation of the Aix-la-Chapelle Treaty.

[2] The priority themes of the Franco-German roadmap for research are available on the website Science Allemagne.

[3] „France 2030" is an investment plan launched in 2021 to accelerate the transformation of key sectors of the French economy.

[4] The "High-Tech Agenda" is an investment plan launched in October 2025 by the German federal government, which targets six key technologies for the German economy: artificial intelligence, quantum technology, microelectronics, climate technology, mobility, and biotechnology.

The mobility grant will be paid through an agreement established between the recipient and the French Embassy, and will be deposited into the bank account specified by the recipient in that agreement. It is intended to cover transportation and accommodation expenses. We strongly recommend using the least polluting mode of transportation possible. Recipients who will be staying in French overseas territories may apply for exceptional assistance to cover transportation costs, but there is no guarantee of funding.

6. Host institution

The organization that accepts the candidate is a laboratory or research institute located in France. It is the responsibility of the host institution to make all the necessary arrangements for the stay of the scholarship recipient within its facilities, if applicable.

7. Application submission

Candidates must submit their application **by January 25, 2027 (11:59 PM, Paris time)**.

- Please fill out the application form on the LYYTI application platform. The form can be modified until the deadline.
- Please submit your application package to the LYYTI platform as a single PDF file, in the following order:
  - The project proposal should be based on the following **Word document:** ..\2027_COMMUN\SCAC-SST_PROCOPE_MOBI_2027_TECHNOS 2027_Application File Template.docx (also **available for download** on the Campus France and Science Germany websites dedicated to the "Technologies d'avenir" program)
  - A resume (maximum two pages);
  - A certificate of enrollment in a master's or doctoral program, or the doctoral degree itself (for recent doctoral graduates), and either a postdoctoral contract or proof of affiliation with a German higher education and research institution (also for recent doctoral graduates);
  - A single letter of recommendation signed by the thesis director (for doctoral students) or the supervisor (for recent doctoral graduates), and, if applicable, the laboratory director (in cases where the supervisor is also the laboratory director, only one signature is required).
  - a letter of invitation from the host laboratory, signed by the supervisor and, if applicable, the director of the laboratory (only one signature is required if it is the same person).

Only **complete applications** that adhere to the required format will be considered. To facilitate the processing of applications, we kindly ask that you name your file using the following format: TECHNOS 202***7***_First Name Last Name

8. Provisional schedule

November 2026 – January 2027:
Application period

January 2027 – March 2027:
Evaluation and selection period

Mid-April 2027:
Notification of results

April 2027 – July 2027:
Preparation and signing of agreements

May 2027 – December 2027:
Start of research stays

The recipients will receive an email notification detailing the administrative procedures. Recipients from countries outside the EU will need to verify the conditions for staying in France and, if necessary, contact the relevant authorities. As the agreement process can be lengthy, it is important to provide the required information in the specified format. Recipients who begin their research stay between May 17th and June 15th will be given priority for the preparation and signing of their agreement, in order to ensure the mobility grant is paid as quickly as possible.

9. Activity report

Participants in the mobility program will need to submit an activity report detailing their achievements during their stay (in German, English, or French), depending on the case, to attache-science.berlin-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr (for doctoral or postdoctoral levels) or info.berlin@campusfrance.org (for master's level).

10. Contact Information

Master's level:

info.berlin@campusfrance.org

Doctoral and postdoctoral levels:

attache-science.berlin-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr