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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
"PROCOPE MOBILITY" SCHOLARSHIPS 2027
FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN GERMANY

1. Program introduction and objectives

The French Embassy in Germany aims to strengthen Franco-German cooperation by promoting the mobility of early-career researchers researchers between France and Germany.

"Procope Mobility" is a scholarship program managed by the Office for Science and Technology (Service pour la Science et la Technology – SST). It is aimed at early-career researchers (at the PhD and postdoctoral levels) who are enrolled at a university and/or affiliated with a research laboratory or institute in Germany. This scholarship program will enable them to finance a research stay at a laboratory or research institute in France. **All fields, disciplines, and scientific topics are eligible.**

The calls for applications for the "Procope Mobility" and "Technologies d'avenir" programs for 2027 are being released 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 research stay of one, two, or three months, which must begin no earlier than May 17, 2027, and no later than December 31, 2027

The number of scholarships for two-month and three-month periods is limited. Awarding these scholarships will depend on the number of applications received and the ranking of the applications by the selection committee. Separate selection committees will be responsible for evaluating applications for the doctoral and postdoctoral programs.

Candidates will be asked to specify the desired duration of their stay in the application form and to justify this choice in relation to their 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 doctoral program 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.

Areas

All scientific fields, disciplines, and topics are eligible.

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, special consideration will be given to the following:

- involving an institution located in the "new federal states" (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, and Thuringia);
- and/or involving two partner institutions that are members of the same European university alliance;

- and/or research projects that receive less funding.

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.

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 costs and living expenses. We strongly recommend choosing the most environmentally friendly mode of transportation possible.

The recipients who will be spending time in French overseas territories may apply for exceptional financial assistance to cover travel expenses, 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, and it is responsible for taking all necessary measures to ensure the well-being of the scholarship recipient during their stay at the institution, including ensuring the security of the research, if applicable.

7. Application submission

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

1. Complete the registration form on the LYYTI application platform (which can be modified until the deadline).
2. Please submit your application package (written in English) as a single PDF file, in the following order, to the LYYTI application platform :
   - The project proposal should be based on the following Word document: SCAC-SST_PROCOPE_MOBI_2027_TECHNOS_2027_Application_File_Template (also available for download on the program's dedicated webpage).
   - A resume (maximum two pages);
   - A certificate of enrollment in a doctoral program (for PhD students), or a PhD degree (for recent PhD graduates), and either a postdoctoral contract or proof of affiliation with a German higher education and research institution (for recent PhD graduates);

- Only one letter of recommendation is required, signed by the thesis director (for doctoral students) or the supervisor (for postdoctoral researchers).
- A letter of invitation from the host laboratory, signed by the supervisor and, if applicable, the laboratory director (only one signature is required if the same person holds both positions).

Only **complete applications** that adhere to the required format will be considered. To facilitate the processing of applications, we kindly ask that you name the file using the following format: PROCOPE MOBI 20**XX**_First Name Last Name. (Replace "XX" with the appropriate year)

8. Provisional schedule

November 2026 – January 2027:
Application period

January 2027 – March 2027:
Evaluation and selection period

Early April 2027:
Notification of results

April 2027 – July 2027:
Preparation and signing of agreements

May 2027 – December 2027:
Start of research stays

The selected candidates will receive an email notification detailing the administrative procedures. Candidates 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 all required information in the specified format. Candidates who will begin their research stay between May 18th 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 must send a report on their activities to attache-science.berlin-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr no later than one month after the end of their research stay, using the following template.

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