

Blaise Pascal Research Chairs

(Français ci-dessous)

Deadline: 28 January 2008

The Blaise Pascal Research Chairs were established in 1996 by the State and the Ile-de-France region. Each chair allows highly qualified, internationally acclaimed, foreign research scientists in all disciplines, accompanied if they wish by other research workers, to continue their work on a scientific project for a 12 months period that could be spread over two years in a higher learning institution or research institution in Paris/Ile-de-France.

The management of these chairs is undertaken by the " Fondation de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure ". A scientific committee selects the candidates every year.

The Blaise Pascal chairs have acquired a solid reputation in the francophone scientific community and their attribution is an important milestone in a scientific career.

Les chaires internationales de recherche Blaise Pascal ont été créées en 1996 par l'Etat et la Région d'Ile-de-France. Chaque chaire permet à un scientifique étranger de très haut niveau, de renommée internationale et de toutes disciplines, de poursuivre ses travaux, autour d'un projet scientifique, pendant 12 mois éventuellement répartis sur 2 ans, accompagné, s'il le souhaite, par d'autres chercheurs, dans un établissement d'enseignement supérieur ou de recherche de Paris/Ile-de-France.

La gestion de ces chaires est confiée à la Fondation de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure. Un Conseil scientifique sélectionne chaque année les candidats. Les chaires Blaise Pascal ont acquis une grande notoriété à l'étranger et au sein de la communauté scientifique francilienne et leur attribution constitue un événement majeur de la vie scientifique.

The State and the Ile-de-France Region are establishing new International Research Chairs to accommodate highly qualified, internationally acclaimed, foreign research scientists in all scientific fields.

Each Chair allows the foreign scientist to be hosted for 12 full months, possibly spread over 2 years, in one or more well-known Higher Learning or Research Institutions in Paris/Ile-de-France that are focused on a particular scientific project and are able to provide the suitable environment, equipment and means required.

The global financial amount attributed to each project can go up to 200 000 € which includes among other things, salaries, social charges, taxes, accompanying expenses. The candidates are required to give about ten lectures and a public seminar at the end of the period.

A multi-disciplinary jury, in association with the French Institute, will select

5 applicants for 2008 based on the scientific interest of the project, on its interdisciplinary characteristic and the quality of the application.

The applications must be received before 28 January 2008. The foreign candidate may be hosted in Ile-de-France as early as September 2008.

Applications by female candidates are given encouragement.

The applications must be filled in by the candidates and presented by a person in charge of the laboratory receiving the candidate. The following documents are compulsory and must be presented in triplicate :

an application form

a financial form

an activity and research project

a CV and a list of recent publications

a letter of agreement from the hosting laboratory a letter of motivation from the Director of the hosting Establishment Receipt of each application will be acknowledged by the person in charge of the hosting laboratory. Only complete applications will be presented to the jury.