

Call for outgoing international mobility for doctoral researchers 2021 – 2nd call

Departures between July and December 2021

The « Ecole des Docteurs » and the “Pôle Doctoral de Rennes” is setting up a program to support outgoing international mobility for doctoral researchers who wish to carry out a research stay in Europe or abroad during the year 2021. Rennes Métropole, the Pôle Doctoral de Rennes, and the Région Bretagne fund this campaign¹.

Covid-19: restrictions on international travel

The current pandemic is affecting possible travel between countries. We strongly advise you to read regularly the instructions in force in the country in which you plan to move.

[Consult the "Travel advice" page of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs](#)

IMPORTANT: in the event of postponement, disruption or cancellation of the mobility project, the laureates undertake to inform the Ecole des Docteurs or the Pole Doctoral de Rennes, and their doctoral school immediately in order to jointly define the possible options. Please note that the mobility grant must be used during a stay that begins and ends in the calendar year 2021.

What are the objectives of this international mobility program?

The objectives of this program are to encourage the international mobility of young researchers, to allow them to develop their scientific network and finally, to contribute to the development of international scientific collaborations with research units where doctoral students work.

What are the eligibility conditions?

- To be a doctoral researcher registered for the year 2020-2021 in one of the higher education and research establishments located in Brittany (for a mobility grant by the *Région Bretagne*) or in Rennes (for a mobility grant by *Rennes Métropole* or the *Pole Doctoral de Rennes*), within one of the 11 Doctoral Schools in the area.
- **To plan a scientific stay abroad of a minimum duration of 2 months² taking place between July and December 2021³.** Mobility grant is calculated according to the length of the stay, with a maximum of 6 months that can be funded (even if the stay lasts longer, the maximum amount of the attributable grant will be calculated based on a stay 6 months).
- To present a research program for the planned scientific stay, jointly accepted by the French research unit and by the host research unit abroad, which undertakes to ensure the scientific supervision of the project on square.

What are the financing and selection methods?

- Mobility grant aims to cover all or part of travel costs (round trip between France and the host country) as well as costs of stay abroad (accommodation, meals, etc.).
- Mobility grants are paid to the enrollment institutions of the selected doctoral researchers. Each institution then makes this grant available to each doctoral researcher according to its own terms.
- **The mobility grant awarded is calculated according to the length of stay: € 800 per month of stay⁴**
- The selection of candidates is carried out by a jury within each doctoral school, made up under the responsibility of the director of the doctoral school (possibly delegated to a deputy director). The selection criteria are presented below.
- The jury cannot adjust the amount of the grant, except for margin adjustments linked to the exhaustion of the available financial envelope (Example: if a stay of 4 months is selected, the amount of the grant will be € 3,200).

¹ The Brittany Region subsidy was mainly used up during the first 2021 campaign. There are still funding possibilities on regional credits only in the three following Doctoral Schools: MathSTIC, 3M and ELICC.

² For a stay of less than 2 months, your research unit and / or your doctoral school can potentially fund them.

³ The stay may possibly be extended beyond that, but the part of the stay that takes place in 2022 will not be counted in the duration funded by the 2021 mobility grant.

⁴ Calculated by full half-months and within the maximum limit of 6 months covered, i.e. € 4,800 maximum, and counting only the months of stay in 2021. Example: a stay from 10/07 to 30/10 (3,7 months) will be funded € 2,800

How to apply?

To apply, all you have to do is complete the online application form to which you will need to attach:

- A motivation letter from the candidate, presenting the program of the work that he or she intends to perform during the stay and its relationship with his doctoral research project, and possibly with his/her professional project.
- A detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate (also including the projects already carried out and the list of publications)
- The co-signed reasoned opinion of the thesis director and the director of the research unit, explaining in particular the scientific interest of the planned stay, for the candidate and for the Research Unit.
- A letter of invitation from the host institution or the host research unit indicating the conditions and the dates of the stay.
- The partnership agreement in the case of joint supervision or international « thesis cotutelle » (joint degree).

What are the selection criteria?

The selection is made by the jury of the doctoral school of the candidates, based on the following criteria:

- The quality of the scientific program planned for the stay, and its expected benefit for the doctoral research project (collecting data, carrying out specific experiments or analyzes, learning a new technique or methodology, etc.)
- The contribution of the stay to the strategic partnerships of the higher education and research institutions
- The value of the stay for strengthening the scientific cooperation of the research unit
- The possible perspectives for the doctoral researcher and for his or her research unit in France
- The inclusion of the international stay in the professional project of the doctoral researcher
- The quality of the presentation: the project must be sufficiently detailed, the objectives and expected results clear and precise

In practice

If you applied for the 1st call of the 2021 international mobility campaign organized by the *Ecole des Docteurs*, your application is retained **IF the following 4 conditions are met**: 1- your file was eligible, 2- you do not have been selected on the main list, 3- you are a doctoral researcher registered in an institution in Rennes and 4- your stay is scheduled between July 1 and December 31, 2021.

Access the online application form (before May 31st 2021, included)

1. I apply to the call for mobility before May 31st 2021

Contacts : ecole-des-docteurs@doctorat-bretagne Loire.fr, drv-pole-doctoral-rennes@univ-rennes2.fr

2. I receive the answer from the *Ecole des Docteurs* or Pôle Doctoral de Rennes (end of June)

3. I sign the engagement letter received from the *Ecole des Docteurs* or the *Pôle Doctoral de Rennes*, and provide the requested certificates (civil liability, personal accident insurance, medical repatriation)

4. I contact my enrollment institution so that they make the grant available to me. The establishment makes this grant available to you according to its own terms.

5. I mention the financial support of *Région Bretagne*, *Rennes Métropole* or *Pôle Doctoral de Rennes*, with its logo, in the materials resulting from the work carried out during my stay (publications, oral communications, posters, etc.) The logos can be downloaded here: [Région Bretagne](#), [Rennes Métropole](#), [Pôle Doctoral de Rennes](#)

6. I answer [this questionnaire](#) as soon as I return from mobility, to which I attach a financial report