

Extraordinary Call for Applications 2025-2026



For the year 2025-26, Iméra, the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) of Aix-Marseille University is three resident fellowships, non-related to its Core Call for applications. The fellowships are distributed over 4 programs (Arts & Sciences: Indisciplined Knowledge; Interdisciplinary Explorations; Mediterranean; Necessary Utopias).

- [Postdoctoral Residency at Iméra – This is not another fellowship.](#)
- [Transdisciplinarity and Research on Complex Systems – t-co.re@AMU / Iméra Chair](#)
- [North/South. Work, cultures, utopias – TEC/CRIAC / Iméra Chair](#)


Anyone interested may apply for one and only one chair.

Participate in an Intercultural, International and Interdisciplinary Context

Residing at Iméra means immersing yourself in a bilingual environment open to Francophone culture and, more broadly, to interculturality in the unique context of Marseille, a historical melting pot and a "refuge city", "port city", "transit city", "Mediterranean city", etc. It also means taking the time to discover the research of other residents and potentially experimenting with new forms of collective intelligence that blend methods, subjects, and disciplines. Scientific activities are led by program directors who form a four-person scientific team. Mostly professors and researchers, they support residents throughout their stay and ensure interactions with the Iméra scientific community and the local academic site.

For this purpose:

- **An active knowledge of French and/or English (written and spoken) is essential. Linguistic skills in both languages are desirable due to the**



bilingual context of Iméra: for example, weekly seminars (see below) are held in both languages. Laureates who are not fluent in French are encouraged to familiarize themselves with it during their stay, if not beforehand.

- Candidates commit to participating in the scheduled activities with other residents and the Iméra scientific team. **The Community Building Seminar (CBS) is one of the central activities, held each week (all day Thursday).** The time investment amounts to one day per week in total.
- **In the interest of research internationalization**, just as the local scientific and cultural community should benefit from the methodological traditions brought by the residents, the latter should also benefit from the numerous expertise present on site, where most disciplines are represented. For these reasons, candidates must be based abroad and submit a project that maximizes the resources available on-site (around a hundred laboratories, various archives, a vibrant cultural and associative life, etc.). **It is highly recommended to identify key local resources related to the research theme beforehand, mention them in the project, and outline the envisioned modes of collaboration.**

Links to online resources:

- CESAM - The Map of Scientific Skills & Equipment of Aix-Marseille, available [here](#)
- List of the 114 research units of Aix-Marseille University, [available here](#)
- List of interdisciplinary establishment institutes of Aix-Marseille University, [available here](#)

Conditions for eligibility

Candidates who are former Iméra residents may reapply at least 5 years minimum after their first research stay.

Eligibility conditions specific to the Chairs are detailed in the pages devoted to them in the present call, at which level the candidate's application must be

submitted, by clicking on the "apply" button, located at the beginning and end of the page.

More generally, candidates meeting the following conditions are eligible:

- **For all profiles:** not to have lived in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years preceding the call for applications.
- **For academic researchers only:** hold a doctorate or PhD.
- **For academic researchers only:** have an employment contract (permanent or not) in a foreign university or research institution during the residency.
- **For artists applying to the [Work, culture and utopias residency](#):** have an employment contract (permanent or not) during and throughout the period of residency.

Application form

Texts can be submitted in either English or French.

The list of documents to be submitted can be found under the “**Application**” section of all pages.

Calendar

For the [Complex systems](#) and [Work, culture and utopias Chairs](#) :

- **Deadline: Tuesday, December 10th 2024, at 1 PM (CET+2)**

For the [Postdoctoral residency](#) :

- **Deadline: Friday, January 10th 2025, at 1 PM (CET+2)**

The selection result publication and residency period dates may be found on the residency pages



Residency conditions

For information on remuneration, candidates should refer to the content available on the pages of the chairs being advertised.

Accommodation

With few exceptions, residents will be housed in one of Iméra's 14 apartments, located in the Parc Longchamp, in the center of Marseille.

The allocation of accommodation is the sole responsibility of Iméra, which strives to accommodate all residents to the best of its ability. To this end, when submitting the application ("type of hosting"), applicants must indicate their family configuration, which concerns only permanent presence for the entire duration of their residency (and not occasional visits).

Pets are not allowed.

Transportation

Iméra will pay for the single resident's return trip between Marseille and his/her usual place of residence.

Research facilities

Residents benefit from an office in an open co-working space, not an individual closed office. Iméra is unable to offer work spaces for families outside the apartment.

For artists, Iméra provides a modular studio space, intended to be shared, whose walls can be fully used for various exhibitions. **As detailed in the framework text for the "Arts and sciences: Indisciplined knowledge" cross-disciplinary program, Iméra does not have production facilities for artists, either for the production of works or for exhibitions.**

All residents benefit from the support of the Iméra team, which facilitates the conditions of their stay and the organization of their activities within the limits

of available financial resources. These normally relate to the themes of their program but can also be transversal to other programs. In this context, Iméra helps residents to establish new contacts with the scientific and cultural environment of the Aix-Marseille region.

Resident commitments

The Iméra resident agrees to accept all the principles and living rules contained in the Institute Charter.

