

## « This is not another fellowship » Post-doctoral residency at Iméra - 2026-27

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For the 2026–27 academic year, Iméra, the Institute for Advanced Studies (IEA) of Aix Marseille, is offering two residency positions as part of its postdoctoral research call “This is not another fellowship.” These are distributed across four programs ([“Arts & Sciences: Interdisciplinary Knowledge,”](#) [“Interdisciplinary Dialogues,”](#) [“Mediterranean,”](#) and [“Necessary Utopias”](#)).

### 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 the 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 **(variable duration, minimum 3 hours or equivalent to one day)**.
- 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.**

**Below are links to online resources for identifying and locating expertise and scientific contacts at the Aix-Marseille site. These are not exhaustive but are those currently available:**

- CESAM - The Map of Scientific Skills & Equipment of Aix-Marseille: <https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/node/863>
- List of the 115 research units of Aix-Marseille University: <https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/structure-de-recherche>
- List of interdisciplinary establishment institutes of Aix-Marseille University: <https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/interdisciplinary-institutes>


### Conditions of eligibility

- To be less than thirty-five years old by 28 May 2027;
- To have a postdoctoral contract at the time of the residency, which enables a research residency abroad of at least three months;
- To not to have lived in France for more than twelve months in the three years preceding the call for applications.
- Hold a doctorate or PhD.
- If a visa is required, provide proof of sufficient funds to cover the duration of the stay.

### Application form

The online application file consists of the following documents:

- Complete the [application form](#) (including mandatory fields);
- Upload a curriculum vitae including a list of publications (maximum three pages);
- Upload your postdoctoral research contract for us to confirm your eligibility status;
- Upload your best article;
- Upload a presentation of the research project to be carried out during the residency (maximum five pages) followed by a selective bibliography;

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- Indicate and justify which of Iméra's four research programs is the most appropriate for your research project:
    - [Arts & Sciences: Indisciplined Knowledge](#)
    - [Interdisciplinary Explorations](#)
    - [Mediterranean](#)
    - [Necessary Utopias](#)

### Calendar

- **Call for proposals deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026, at 1:00PM. (UTC + 2)**
- **Duration of the residency: 3 months**
- Three-month residency in the first semester: from November 2, 2026, to January 26, 2027
- Three-month residency in the second semester: from March 1, 2027 to May 28, 2027
- **Publication of selection results: end of July 2026**

### Residency conditions

The postdoctoral fellows benefit from travel expenses coverage and free accommodation on the Iméra site.

### Accommodation

With few exceptions, residents will be housed in one of Iméra's fourteen 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.

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.

**All residents benefit from the support of the Iméra team, which facilitates the conditions of their stay.** 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.

