

Scientific stays in France

2022 edition

The French Embassy in Slovakia, the French Institute in Slovakia and the Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport offer a program to support scientific stays (from one to three months) in France during the year 2023 for researchers working in Slovakia who do not hold French citizenship. Researchers who are French citizens may be offered part of the benefits below and are encouraged to contact the French Institute in Slovakia.

The objective of this program is to facilitate the transfer of skills or access to specific equipment, in order to support Franco-Slovak cooperation in areas identified as priorities. Consequently, applications will be submitted individually by young researchers, but demonstration of support by French and Slovak research teams will be an important criterion for selection.

Application schedule

- Opening date of the call for applications: September 19, 2022
- Deadline for sending complete applications: November 20, 2022
- Interviews with the candidates: week of December 5 to 9, 2022
- Publication of results: December 12, 2022
- Implementation period: from February 1st to December 31, 2022.

Benefits offered to selected candidates

The selected candidates will:

- Receive a grant ranging from 1704€ to 2055€ per month, for one to three months, depending on their administrative status, from the French Embassy in Slovakia and the French Institute of Slovakia;
- Benefit from accommodation during their stay;
- The travel expenses of students affiliated with Slovak higher education institutions will be covered by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic.

Conditions for eligibility

The call for proposals is open to researchers who do not hold French citizenship and are enrolled in a doctoral program or who have defended their doctorate no more than five years before the time of application, and who are working in Slovakia in institutions of higher education or in research organizations.

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Content of applications

Applications should include:

- The attached information sheet;
- A curriculum vitae of the candidate researcher;
- A presentation of the scientific project in which the research stay takes place (2 pages maximum);
- A presentation of the objective of the stay and its expected impact, mentioning the dates planned for the stay (2 pages maximum);
- A letter of invitation from the director of the French host organization, preferably describing their support for the application, written in either French or English;
- A letter of authorization from the director of the Slovak home organization, preferably describing their support for the application, written in either French or English.

Evaluation criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a Franco-Slovak jury which will take into account the quality of the scientific project to which the proposed stay will contribute, the benefits for Franco-Slovak cooperation and the individual scientific record of the applicant. Projects that have never received support from the French Embassy in Slovakia will be given priority.

The French Embassy in Slovakia and the French Institute of Slovakia support gender equality and will seek to achieve parity in the list of supported researchers.

Scientific disciplines

The following topics have been identified as priorities by the French Embassy in Slovakia and the Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport:

- art, creation and associated industries
- health sciences
- agricultural and food technologies
- technologies contributing to the reduction of energy consumption
- responses to the environmental crisis.

Applications in other fields are also eligible for support.