



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (F.A.Q.)

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Is PRESTIGE open to all Nationality?

Yes, although for Re-integration mobility some restrictions apply.

Can I review my application after sending it?

Yes, you can modify and edit your application until the deadline for submission.

Is there any age limit for applying for a PRESTIGE co-financing grant?

There is no age limit. Furthermore, we also committed to the Recommendations of the “European Charter for Researchers” and the “Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers”.

Is PRESTIGE open to applicants from any country?

PRESTIGE is open to applicants from any country, as long as they are **non-residents undertaking trans-national mobility**. Definition of trans-national mobility: At the time of the deadline for submission of applications, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of destination for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account.

I am about to finish my PhD. Can I apply for a PRESTIGE Fellowship?

You can apply as long as you hold your PhD at the moment of the start of the fellowship.

How are applications submitted?

Applications for the PRESTIGE programme will only be accepted if submitted through the PRESTIGE Online Submission Tool: <http://application.prestige-postdoc.fr/en/>

What are the main requirements to apply to the PRESTIGE Programme?

- The applicants must be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least 4 years of research experience (full-time equivalent) after the degree which formally allow them to embark on a doctorate in the country in which the degree/diploma was obtained or in the country in which the research training is provided irrespective whether or not a doctorate was envisaged. PhD students can apply provided that they will be in possession of their doctorate degree by the start of the post-doc mobility.
- The applicants must comply with the Marie Curie Actions mobility rule: not have resided or carried out their main activity - work, studies, etc. - in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the application deadline.
- The hosting/sending research institution must be in France.

What are the main requirements once selected for a PRESTIGE co-financing grant?

The selected researchers:

- must be employed by the French hosting/sending institution and must be paid at least the minimum required financial allowances required for eligibility to the PRESTIGE programme;
- have to include a special mention in all the publications or any other document relating to the research work co-financed by the PRESTIGE programme shall include a statement as specified in the award letter;
- can't benefit from another EU grant during the postdoctoral research project co-financed by the PRESTIGE programme.

Are selected researchers considered as a Marie Curie Fellow?

Yes, they are considered as both a PRESTIGE Fellow and a Marie Curie Fellow.

Are all research fields eligible to the PRESTIGE Programme?

Yes, all research fields are eligible.

Do I have to find a host institution before applying to the PRESTIGE Programme?

Yes, when applying you need to upload both a letter of recommendation from the PI/supervisor at the host institution, and a letter of funding commitment signed by an authorized representative of the French hosting/sending institution (e.g. President, Director General, Head of Human Resources Department, etc.).

How much is the fellowship?

It depends on the mobility scheme you wish to apply to. There is a minimum funding to be offered to selected PRESTIGE fellows which includes the salary and specific allowances for mobility and research costs.

How long does it take between the application and the results?

Results are generally available within 2 months after cut-off date.

Where can I get relevant contact within the hosting institutions?

A list of contact persons in the French higher education and research institutions that are already partners of the PRESTIGE programme can be found [here](#). Please note that the list published on the website may be out-of-date and we might happen to know the relevant contact persons in some more organizations. Do not hesitate to ask for help: mention the name of the host institution(s) of your interest by writing to prestige@campusfrance.org.

Who is eligible to the Outgoing mobility?

Only researchers who already work in a French institution (French citizens or other nationalities) wishing to carry out a postdoctoral research project in another country are eligible.

More information, promotional and application documents: www.prestige-postdoc.fr

For any further question, please send an email to: prestige@campusfrance.org

