



France-Nokia Chaire d'Excellence (ICT)

by Nokia Foundation and the French Institute of Finland

Call for Applications 2026

The France-Nokia Chaire d'Excellence in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) offers a unique opportunity for scholars from France to engage in an international research collaboration with Finland. The Chaire d'Excellence position is available for scholars and specialists in ICT and includes research and lecturing at a higher education or research institution in Finland.

The Chaire d'Excellence position can engage in a variety of professional activities, such as:

- research collaboration in an international environment,
- writing joint publications with Finnish colleagues,
- teaching and lecturing,
- mentoring student research at the master and doctoral level, and
- developing international exchange collaboration between French and Finnish institutions.

The scholar and the Finnish host institution work together in designing the Chaire d'Excellence position activities. The visiting researcher coming to Finland will typically participate in research work, give lectures or, if applicable, collaborate with Finnish companies. The collaboration is expected to advance the field of ICT. Candidates should be eminent scholars and have a prominent record of scholarly accomplishment, including a significant publication record. The collaboration is also expected to explore potential longer-term cooperation between France and Finland.

A minimum visit period of four months is required, which can be divided into a maximum of two periods. The visiting researcher can stay for a longer period if agreed between French home and Finnish host institutions. The mobility can take place in 2026 or in 2027 according to the visiting researcher's availability. The visiting researcher does not necessarily need to speak Finnish or Swedish to be able to live in Finland. English is widely spoken in academic circles and in the country.



The Chaire d'Excellence position is jointly funded by the Nokia Foundation (EUR 20,000) and the French home institution of the visiting researcher (EUR 20,000):

- The Nokia Foundation grant will support costs related to the period of the visit in Finland (e.g., travel, accommodation, local transportation, insurance, children's daycare, etc.), as well as academic collaboration. The funding granted by the Nokia Foundation is not intended to cover the visitor's or a third person's salary.
- The purpose of the requirement for matched funding from the home institution is to ensure that, together with the grant received from the Nokia Foundation, the visiting researcher has sufficient resources to carry out a successful visit to Finland. The financial commitment of the home institution, as well as the corresponding funding arrangements in the event of a successful application, must be secured prior to submission and described in the Sponsoring Letter (see below). Typical cost items include the visiting researcher's salary, contribution to mission-related expenses (e.g., living costs), or academic collaboration.

How to apply

Call for applications is open from December 8th, 2025, to April 16th, 2026.

Please fill in the application form: <https://nokiafoundation.apurahat.net>

The application should include the following attachments:

- Detailed working plan of the visit
- Applicant's Curriculum Vitae
- Invitation letter from the academic host
- Sponsoring letter from the home institution (for matched funding)
- Commitment letter from the sponsoring organisation

For further information, please contact science@france.fi or in English leena.tanner@aspicore.com

Deadline for applications: April 16th, 2026.

Selection results will be announced in June 2026 at the latest.