Rules for the call for proposals
Young Visiting Scholar

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Introduction

Dedicated to the incubation (emergence and development) of innovative projects, the Houses of Human Sciences (MSH), of which there are 21 nationwide, bring together researchers and teacher-researchers from all disciplines as well as non-academic actors to create a shared space for interdisciplinary research. The MSH rely on a process of interdisciplinary co-construction, particularly at the interface between the humanities, social sciences, and economic sciences, and more broadly with life sciences, environmental sciences, and engineering sciences. They are also part of a participatory process involving field actors and groups of citizens.

The MSH encourage collaboration with other French partners associated with the other MSHs of the National MSH Network, but also with relevant foreign partners for the proposed research.

The Young Visiting Scholar (YVS) call fits into this approach of interdisciplinary co-construction by promoting international collaborations.

The "Young Visiting Scholar" Call

The Young Visiting Scholar call for projects is co-led by the MSH of Bordeaux and the MSHS of Poitiers. This joint leadership allows applicants to submit their application to either MSH, depending on existing collaborations with the research units involved. These regulations set out the procedures and expectations for projects supported by the MSHS of Poitiers.

This call for projects aims to:

- Support the creation of ambitious, international-scale collaborative projects in order to promote international collaboration and encourage the development of large-scale research projects ;
- Establish or strengthen cooperation ties with local researchers based at the MSH of Poitiers ;
- Develop interdisciplinary and international research with the laboratories of the MSH of Poitiers.

Target Audience

This call for projects is intended for early-career researchers and academic staff working abroad. It aims to promote international collaboration and encourage the development of large-scale research projects. It is aimed at candidates who have held a PhD for less than 10 years, hold an employment contract outside of France, and are affiliated with a research laboratory for the duration of the project.

Objectives

The objective is to support the creation of ambitious collaborative projects with an international dimension. This call for projects aims to initiate and develop partnerships between research actors through the sharing of their work. The goal is to structure enhanced collaborations in order to submit large-scale projects to national and international calls for projects within the year following the YVS project.

Selected candidates will benefit from a visiting period in Poitiers of a minimum duration of one month—which can be split into one or two periods—in order to establish or strengthen cooperation ties with local researchers.

Expectations and Prerequisites

With a view to submitting proposals to national and/or international large-scale calls for projects, the project must contribute to :

- Either the emergence of new exploratory research collaborations with high innovative potential and/or structuring value for the scientific community (emergence) ;
- Or the maturation of pre-existing research collaborations (maturation).

During this stay (or stays), the duo—consisting of the external candidate and an academic or researcher affiliated with one of the governing institutions of the MSH (University of Poitiers, CNRS) must :

- Co-organize a scientific seminar with the host researcher aimed at supporting and structuring collaborations with a view to applying for calls for projects. To this end, upcoming research or publications may be presented, and the platforms used may be indicated where applicable ;
- Present their research work to the laboratories of the MSHS of Poitiers.

The submitted project must also comply with current requirements regarding research ethics, open science, and Science with and for Society (SAPS).

Open and Participatory Science (Open Science)

The submitted project must promote the accessibility and reuse of research data and results, thereby contributing to the overall advancement of knowledge.

Science with and for Society (SAPS)

Funding options for SAPS projects are available and can be accessed by local participants in Poitiers during project execution. Candidates are invited to briefly describe one or more original SAPS actions that could stem from their work.

Project Duration and Funding Terms

Selected projects will be supported for a maximum duration of 18 months (non-renewable), between April 2027 and September 2028. The grant allocated to the project is set at 6,000 euros, including expenses related to travel and accommodation as well as costs associated with organizing scientific events.

Expected Deliverables

All selected projects will be monitored and supported by the team at MSHS Poitiers.

In order to evaluate project activity and the impact of its funding, project team leads must send to MSHS Poitiers and its Scientific Advisory Board :

- At mid-term, a short report of 2 pages maximum ;
- At the end of the project, and no later than September 31, 2028, project team leads must submit a final report of no more than five pages (see Annex 1).

The final report must clearly state :

- The status of the partnership effectively established and the network formed (emphasizing the contribution of the team scope: international cooperation, interdisciplinarity, etc.) ;
- The list of publications produced, presentations, and other events related to the program, as well as the list of student work related to the project ;
- An overview of sources, materials, and methodologies used ;
- A concluding paragraph presenting a summary of the work accomplished (scientific overview) and the prospects opened up by the results obtained: refined research angle and objectives ; expansion of the research network; response(s) to national or European calls for projects ; new definition of scientific, social, cultural, and/or economic impact.

Eligibility Criteria and Recommendations

Eligibility checks of applications are carried out by the MSHS Poitiers team based on the following criteria :

- **Compliance with call deadlines** : see "Timeline" section below ; applications submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed.
- **Target group eligibility** : applicants must :
  - Hold a PhD degree awarded less than 10 years prior to the application deadline (i.e., defended their thesis between September 2016 and September 2026 inclusive) ;
  - Hold an employment contract outside of France and be affiliated with a research laboratory for the duration of the project.
- **Completeness of the application package** : incomplete applications will be declared inadmissible. To be complete, an application must include :
  - The fully completed Excel application form (see Annex 2) ;
  - A commitment letter confirming that the host unit at MSHS Poitiers is aware of the application submission and in favor of carrying out this project (regardless of whether co-funding is provided) (see Annex 3) ;
  - A copy of the employment contract covering the project duration or an attestation from the home institution giving approval for this application ;
  - A copy of the PhD diploma ;
  - A copy of the passport or national identity document.

Note : For selected projects, a health and repatriation insurance certificate covering the duration of the stay will be required prior to any travel to France.

- **One application per lead (or co-lead) :** candidates are authorized to submit only one application as project lead, but may participate in other projects as involved contributors ;
- **Duo submission** : the project must be submitted by a duo comprising an external candidate and an academic or researcher affiliated with one of MSH Poitiers' governing bodies (University of Poitiers, CNRS) and involving at least one MSHS Poitiers research unit.

Recommendations

- **Intersectorality** : The involvement of civil society actors, non-profit associations, businesses, or local authorities/public institutions is not mandatory. However, it remains encouraged as part of this call.
- **Co-funding :** Candidates are strongly advised to seek co-funding for their project, whether secured or only requested at the time of submission.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board of MSHS Poitiers based on the following criteria :

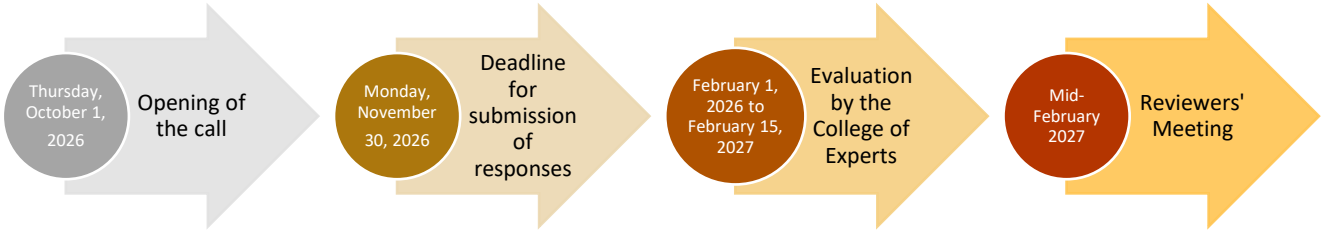
- Scientific quality and methodology
- Ambition and prospective outlook of the project regarding submission to national or international calls for projects
- Feasibility, alignment between ambitions and resources
- Emergence: exploratory dimension
- Maturation: structuring dimension
- Composition and quality of the project team
- Budget coherence
- Involvement of research platforms: PROGEDO, HumaNum, PACH (Platform for the Analysis of Human Behavior)

Terms and Timeline

Timeline

Étape	Date
Opening of the call	Thursday, October 1, 2026
Closing of the call	Monday, November 30, 2026
Notification of the award decision	Mid-February 2027
Projet initiation	March 1, 2027

Selection phase



Execution phase



Eligible Expenses

The MSHS Poitiers grant can contribute to numerous expenditure items in the project's estimated budget *(see Annex 4).*

This call for projects is not intended to support data collection ; therefore, expenses related to salaries (with the exception of internship stipends) and equipment purchases are ineligible.

To be admissible, expenses must be proportionate, justified, directly linked to the project, and limited to its duration. Only expenses incurred (service rendered) before the end date of eligibility, i.e., August 31, 2028 at the latest, will be covered.

Commitments of Project Leads

Project leads agree to :

- Comply with these terms of reference as well as the agreements and user charters governing the services, platforms, and equipment made available to them ;
- Stay on site for 1 month, with the option to split the stay ;
- Organize a scientific event (seminar, workshop, symposium, etc.), at least one of which must take place on the MSHS Poitiers site ;
- Submit an application to a national or European call for projects ;
- Acknowledge MSHS Poitiers and its governing institutions on all communication materials and publications produced within the framework of the supported project, notably by displaying their respective logos.

Application Submission Portal

A joint submission portal for both MSH is available to submit applications. Candidates must upload the required documents to the shared folder at : https://sdrive.cnrs.fr/s/RYTFkFyjcRDmiLa



Upload Homepage Text

Please upload the constituent parts of your application (form and commitment letters) strictly adhering to the file naming rules. Any file submitted past the deadline or misnamed will not be reviewed. Please make sure to use the same applicant name and file name if replacing a file.



Message displayed upon successful submission

In case of submission issues, feel free to contact us at this address or call (+33) 5 57 12 10 04.

Submission Notification to MSHS Poitiers

Candidates must notify MSHS Poitiers of their document submission by email to : **mshs.yvs@univ-poitiers.fr**