



**Service pour
la science et
la technologie**



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2019

“PROCOPE”-CALL FOCUSED ON AI

Mobility grants for PhD students, post-docs and young researchers between France and Germany

1. Presentation of the call for proposals

Within the framework of the French strategy « AI for humanity » from 29th March 2018 as well as the German strategy « KI made in Germany » from 15th November 2018, France and Germany wish to intensify collaborations in artificial intelligence research. Therefore, the Department for science and technology of the French Embassy in Berlin (SST) and the French National institute for research in computer science and automation (Inria) aim to support the mobility of PhD students, post-docs and young researchers between France and Germany by funding mobility grants.

This support granted will be formulized in an agreement signed between the applicant organization and Inria.

2. Objectives

The mobility grants allow PhD students, post-docs and young researchers from Germany to stay in a research laboratory in France which is relevant both for their research project and also for the French-German cooperation. Reciprocally, grants also allow PhD students, post-docs and young researchers from France to stay in a research lab in Germany.

3. Duration of stay

The mobility grants fund research exchanges up to three months (90 days) between laboratories in the eligible countries. The researcher's stay has to be completed before 31st December 2019.

4. Amount of the mobility grant

This mobility grants cover travel (up to 500€ for a round trip) plus subsistence (up to 2000€/month) of the fellow only and not of dependents.

The mobility grant will be transferred to the French institution (applicant institution).

5. Host Laboratory and partner institutions

Applicants have to identify themselves the research laboratory which shall host them.

The stay can take place in all academic laboratories of the partner countries (France or Germany). Mobility grants are not awarded for exchanges between two laboratories within the same country.

The host institutions have to make all necessary arrangements to ensure that the candidate is hosted according to all required local specifications (insurance...).

6. Eligibility requirements

Eligible applicants are PhD students, post-docs and young researchers 7 years max after their PhD, member of a French or German research institution dealing with artificial intelligence research.

The mobility grants aim to intensify research collaborations in artificial intelligence. Applications for fellowships to attend courses, workshops, or symposia will not be considered.

7. Submission of applications

The application form in a PDF file will be sent to the following e-mail address: procope_call_researchstays@inria.fr.

The applications can be submitted at any time, subject to funds availability. No application will be considered after 31st August 2019. It is mandatory to apply at least 6 weeks before the proposed starting date.

Writing language is English.

The following documents are requested:

- CV (1 page A4, PDF file) and in particular research experience.
- A covering letter with a brief description of the research project, value of the exchange for the laboratories involved (collaboration, co-publication), start date and the duration of the stay
- An letter of invitation from the host laboratory signed by both the head of the host laboratory and the legal representative of the host institution (stamp also required)
- A letter of the French applicant institution receiving the funds (in case it is not the host institution) supporting the project.

Only complete application forms will be considered and evaluated according to the following criteria: interest of the project, cooperation relevance, quality of the teams involved in the cooperation.

8. Activity report

Once the stay is finished, the beneficiaries are asked to send a synthetic report (1 page) to procope_call_researchstays@inria.fr , explaining their activities during the stay and its benefits. Reports must be submitted within 1 months of completing the research visit.

9. Contacts

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