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2025 Fellows-in-Residence Programme

Call for proposals and application details

The Fellows-in-Residence programme, run by CY Advanced Studies (CY AS), is a residential programme for researchers from outside CY Initiative for a period of 4 to 10 months. This programme aims to promote interdisciplinary exchanges, international collaborations and to strengthen the attractiveness of CY Initiative partners.

The Fellows-in-Residence programme will host, during the academic year 2025-2026 at least researchers in residence. All research fields are eligible. Fellows are encouraged to develop their research programme in line with the research activity carried out by the CY Initiative research groups. The evaluation of the research project will be based on its quality and originality.

Fellows-in-Residence benefit from a dual affiliation:

- At CY Advanced Studies, where they participate in transversal scientific activities: Fellows Seminars, Guest Lectures for Fellows, participation in scientific events organised within CY AS, advanced courses for researchers and PhD students, organisation of scientific events related to CY Initiative researchers;
- At a CY Initiative laboratory or research centre.

The programme distinguishes between two types of Fellows:

- *Senior Fellows*: researchers who have obtained their PhD more than 10 years ago, with a permanent position in a foreign university or research institute. They are hosted for a period of 4 to 10 months. It is possible, in the context of a long-term collaboration, to divide this period into two annual stays.
- *National Fellows*: junior or senior researchers and professors holding permanent positions in French higher education institutions and wishing to develop

collaborations with the scientific community of CY Initiative. These researchers are hosted as a delegation from their home institution or within the framework of a research leave (CRCT) for a period of one semester.

Target number of Fellows-in-Residence : up to 6 Fellows

Modalities of the Fellows-in-Residence Programme

Content of the application

Application documents for the Fellows-in-Residence programme, and a detailed description of the call for proposals will be available from **Tuesday 15 October 2025** via the platform: <https://cy-initiative.smapply.io>. A pre-submission of the application must be made by **Tuesday 26 November 2025**; the final application must be submitted by **Tuesday 21 January 2025**.

The application must include a curriculum vitae, a detailed presentation of the research project, a programme of activities describing the collaborations that will be implemented, both with the host laboratory and within CY Advanced Studies, a commitment to collaboration established by the host laboratory.

Who can apply?

The Fellows-in-Residence programme is open to researchers and teacher-researchers of all nationalities.

The programme distinguishes two types of Fellows:

- *Senior fellowships*: for researchers more than 10 years after obtaining their PhD, with a permanent position in a foreign university or research institute. Senior fellowships are granted for a period of 4 to 10 months. It is possible, in the context of a long-term collaboration, to divide this period into two annual stays.
- *National fellowships*: for junior or senior researchers and teacher-researchers occupying a permanent position in French higher education institutions and wishing to develop collaborations with the CY Initiative scientific community. These researchers are hosted as a delegation from their home institution or within the framework of a research leave (CRCT) within CY AS.

Evaluations and results:

Applications will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee of the Fellows-in-Residence call, chaired by the Director of CY Advanced Studies and composed of representatives of the CY Initiative scientific community and external scientific personalities. They will rely on the expertise of internationally recognised evaluators.

The results will be published in **May 2025**.

The selection criteria include:

- The scientific quality and innovative character of the project
- The candidate's expertise.

Contacts:

- For questions related to application to FIR applicants can contact the [Helpdesk](#).
- Applicants are invited to contact the director of the prospective host laboratory. The list of host laboratories will be given on the dedicated website of the Fellows-in-Residence programme.