

GATES (Grenoble ATtractiveness and ExcellenceS)  
**International Excellence in the Humanities Programme**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**Post-doctoral fellowships 2026-2028**

*Maison de la Création et de l'Innovation (MaCI)*  
*Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)*

<b>10 March 2026: Opening of the call</b>
<b>15 May 2026: Submission deadline</b>
<b>12 June 2026: Selection of candidates</b>
<b>1 September - 1 November 2026: Start dates of fellowships</b>

### Description

[The Maison de la Création et de l'Innovation \(MaCI\)](#), UGA's International Center for the Humanities, is launching its annual Post-doctoral Fellowship Programme funded by the France 2030 ANR project GATES (Grenoble ATtractiveness and ExcellenceS).

The MaCI is an on-campus research center for the arts, humanities and social sciences. It stands out as a 5,000 square metre cutting-edge laboratory for experiential and experimental research with state of the art facilities for the arts, performance studies, architecture, urban studies, multimedia (sound, video), cinema, design thinking, health and humanities, environmental humanities, mountain studies, digital humanities and creative writing. The MaCI along with its other cultural partners can support a wide range of research practices.

The International Excellence in the Humanities Fellowship Programme promotes academic diversity and interdisciplinarity and welcomes researchers with an international background to apply for post-doctoral fellowships at the MaCI.

This programme is built in association with the following international partners:

- University of Oxford
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- University of British Columbia (UBC)
- Stanford University
- Swansea University

### Period

We offer **3 two-year post-doctoral fellowships** in the arts, humanities and social sciences. The postdoctoral fellowships can start between **1 September 2026 and 1 November 2026**.

## Application criteria

The International Excellence in the Humanities Programme is part of UGA's ambition to develop cutting-edge international research in the arts, the humanities and social sciences by funding innovative and original projects.

Post-doctoral candidates from **all disciplines** in the arts, humanities and social sciences and from **all countries** can apply. They must:

- have successfully completed their doctorate (Ph.D., D.Phil, C.Sc. or equivalent) at the time of the application and **within the last 5 years**,
- give proof of academic distinction by providing a list of peer-reviewed publications in internationally referenced journals and/or media,
- have a strong international academic background or research experience, which includes either a degree obtained from an institution outside of France and/or a long-term research project conducted abroad (e.g. Fulbright, Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships, ERC grants, research contracts, positions or affiliations...).

## Application procedure

Completed applications **in English** with the required documents must be submitted by using the following form: <https://uga.moveonfr.com/form/67580b45af252ce4840cccd/eng#>

- A copy of the PhD degree certificate (diploma or proof of completion),
- A CV (*5 pages maximum*),
- A list of publications, articles, awards and prizes,
- A description of the candidate's research project (*5 pages maximum*),
- A timeline of the planned research activities and technical requirements,
- A recommendation form to be filled by an UGA academic member\* who will act as the post-doctoral fellow's sponsor (*must be sent directly by the academic member*).  
Available at the following link: <https://cloud.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/s/eKJcdPMJKdgjpK4>

\*For potential collaborators at UGA, you may consult the lists available on the two research clusters dedicated to the humanities:

- [Humanities and Social Sciences \(SHS\)](#)
- [Social Sciences \(PSS\)](#)

## Evaluation and selection

Applications will be evaluated and preselected applicants interviewed by an international scientific committee composed of a minimum of **12 members** including the Vice-President for International Affairs and Head of the Humanities Fellowship Program, the Director of the MaCI, the Vice-President for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, two members in charge of the programme's international partnerships, both directors of the research divisions in the arts, humanities, and social sciences and representatives of the programme's international partners.

Each project will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Academic excellence
- Quality and impact of the project
- International dimension
- Feasibility

## Funding

The postdoctoral fellows will be hired on a fixed-term two-year contract. They will receive a gross salary of **3020 euros per month**.

The MaCI will support the fellows by providing:

- if required, the opportunity to apply for additional financial support for research activities or short trips (for an approximate amount of **5000 euros per fellow**),
- access to all of the MaCI's facilities (workspaces, studios, labs, conference rooms, computer rooms, resources and archive centre, Live Arts Lab, UX Lab, SonImage, Domus, etc...). For more details see: <https://maci.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/our-platforms-spaces>
- an office space with a computer at the MaCI's Humanities Fellowship Center, internet access, access to the Fellows' Lounge (for tea or coffee), to the meeting room, to shared working spaces, access to printing facilities and to all the university libraries,
- assistance to establish contacts with UGA researchers before their arrival,
- assistance to organize meetings, seminars, conferences and other research activities which will allow the fellows to fully participate in the life of the scientific community,
- the necessary advice and guidelines to help the fellows and their family organize their stay in Grenoble (housing, transportation, cultural and sporting activities...),
- a programme of visits and events.

**Please note that, if selected, the fellows are responsible for applying for the proper visa and will have to cover travel expenses to and from their country of residence.**

## Conditions of the fellowship

The post-doctoral fellows will be recruited for a **full-time residence** at the MaCI, with the exception of weekends, public holidays and periods when the university is closed. The fellowship can also include one or two short research trips abroad but for a period of no more than a month per year, by prior arrangement with the project team.

A key part of the fellowship is engaging actively with the academic community, both within the project and more broadly with the local and international scientific community. During the fellowship, a variety of mandatory research activities and cultural events will be organized within the project. The fellows will be expected to participate.

## Contact and submission details

With the exception of the recommendation form which should be sent separately by the UGA academic member, the candidates should send their completed application by using the relevant form for this call. Otherwise, they will not be considered.

Submission deadline: **15 May 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon) CET (French time)**

For any inquiries or assistance regarding the application process, please contact us at:  
[humanitiesfellowships@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr](mailto:humanitiesfellowships@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr)