

Research Mobility Opportunity for Doctoral Students and Post-doctoral Researchers from the University of Sydney and Inserm

2016 Call for Applications

The University of Sydney and Inserm (the French national institute of health and medical research) are pleased to offer a short term research mobility opportunity for doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers. The aim of the scheme is to exchange researchers in order to develop and/or consolidate scientific cooperation between research teams of excellence from these institutions. Up to four candidates (two from the University of Sydney and two from Inserm) will be selected through this call for applications and awarded funding to support mobility between Australia and France in 2017.

1. Timing and Duration of the Exchanges

The exchange of researchers will be funded on the basis that the time each researcher spends at the host institution will be 1 – 3 months in duration. The exchange period is unsplitable. Successful applicants must embark on the exchange and undertake the research in 2017.

2. Eligibility

Applications are invited from doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers who have been awarded a PhD (or equivalent research doctorate) within the last five years. Researchers must be currently affiliated with the University of Sydney or work in an Inserm laboratory. Candidates from the University of Sydney applying to be hosted by an Inserm laboratory must not have stayed in France for professional reasons during the six months preceding the mobility.

Candidates from Inserm laboratories applying to be hosted by a laboratory of the University of Sydney must hold an EU passport.

3. Research Area Focus

This call for applications invites proposals that address the following research areas:

- neuroscience and mental health,
- cancer,
- infectious diseases,
- diabetes and obesity,
- cardiovascular diseases.

4. Funding Principles

The University of Sydney and Inserm will cover the cost of the return airfares between Australia and France for the successful applicants from their respective institutions. Each return airfare will be funded to a maximum value of AU\$2,200 for the University of Sydney researchers and 1600€ for Inserm researchers.

The Inserm researchers hosted at the University of Sydney will each receive AU\$2,500 per month of their stay in Sydney (three months being the maximum). This funding is provided on the basis that it is used to cover accommodation costs and daily living expenses. The finance will be provided to Inserm researchers in the form of a Travelex cash passport upon their arrival in Sydney.

The University of Sydney researchers hosted by Inserm will each receive 1800€ per month of their stay in France (three months being the maximum). This funding is provided on the basis that it is used to cover accommodation costs and daily living expenses. The University of Sydney researchers will be introduced to the Inserm finance contact upon notification of the success of their application to this scheme.

5. Selection Criteria

Applications submitted to the scheme will be evaluated jointly by the University of Sydney and Inserm.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The excellence of the doctoral student/post-doctoral researcher profile.
2. The excellence of the hosting supervisor and laboratory.
3. The excellence of the research project related to the mobility opportunity and its value-add from the Inserm–University of Sydney collaboration.
4. The feasibility of the work program to be undertaken in the framework of the mobility (including in terms of estimated budget).

6. Application Submission Process

Applicants must submit their applications directly to their own institution by email in accordance with the relevant procedures. Specifically, Inserm candidates are to submit their applications to Inserm and University of Sydney candidates are to submit their applications to the University of Sydney. See section 8 of these guidelines for the appropriate contact points and email addresses related to submission of applications to the scheme.

Applications must be submitted in full by Wednesday 8 June 2016 in order to be eligible for consideration.

Each application must include the following documents:

1. A completed application form.
2. An up-to-date resume/CV of the applicant.
3. A letter of support from the proposed supervisor at the host institution. The letter must include approval of the work program and confirmation that the infrastructure required to undertake the research will be provided.

4. An academic reference and expression of support from the applicant's supervisor at their home institution. The letter must also outline the benefit of the exchange to the home institution.

All four documents listed above must be submitted as individual attachments to one email and must be clearly named.

7. Notification of Application Outcome and Exchange Administration

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by end of July 2016.

Each Letter of Award issued to successful applicants will include the name and contact details of the representative from the host institution who will be responsible for the administration associated with the finance and logistics of the exchange.

Successful applicants will also be introduced to a representative from the host institution who can provide advice regarding the visa application process for travel to the host country.

Successful applicants must ensure they adhere to their home institution's travel insurance policy and also that of the host country with respect to health insurance.

8. Contact Point for Applicants and Email Address for Application Submission

All enquiries from **Inserm** researchers regarding this scheme may be directed to:

Maud Poitrasson-Rivière

Tél. : + 33 (0)1 44 23 62 12

maud.poitrasson-riviere@inserm.fr

All enquiries from **University of Sydney** researchers regarding this scheme may be directed

to:

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Researchers from each institution are to submit their applications to the relevant contact listed above.

The application material may be downloaded from the following University of Sydney webpage:

<http://sydney.edu.au/global-engagement/index.php?dir=partners&page=inserm>

Application submission deadline

Wednesday 8 June 2016