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LABORATORY FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY EVALUATION OF PUBLIC POLICIES

LIEPP International scholars in policy evaluation programme

Call for Applications for a research stay in 2027

The Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policies (LIEPP), a research platform at Sciences Po (Paris, France), is relaunching its **International scholars in policy evaluation programme.** The visiting fellowships funded as part of this programme (for visits in 2027) aim at fostering the incoming mobility of scholars from universities and research institutions outside of France, in order to expand LIEPP's research activities and develop its international relations.

Created in 2011 under the "Investissements d'avenir" programme of the French National Research Agency, this laboratory has redeployed since 2020 in partnership with Université Paris Cité.

LIEPP develops an innovative approach to evaluative research: articulating quantitative, qualitative and comparative methods; confronting disciplinary views; and promoting the cross-fertilization of methodological and theoretical inputs from different disciplines, with those from the international field of evaluation. LIEPP thus works on anchoring the evaluation approach in academic research.

This call is targeted at scholars specializing in policy evaluation and who, in their universities or research institutions, are in permanent academic positions equivalent to those of Full Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor. Applications from all countries outside of France are welcome. LIEPP is open to all social science disciplines, including (but not limited to) economics, education, environmental science, management, political science, public administration, psychology, sociology, public health.

Research activities conducted by the visiting scholar should focus on one or more of the following areas of specialization of LIEPP (see links for a description of each research program):

- Discriminations and category-based policies (research group led by Catherine Verniers and Laura Morales)
- Educational policies (research group led by Lidia Panico and Clément Pin)
- Environmental policies (research group led by Charlotte Halpern and Martin Hendel)
- Evaluation of democracy (research group led by Lou Safra and Patrick Le Lidec)
- Health policies (research group led by Etienne Nouguez and Thomas Rapp)
- Socio-fiscal policies (research group led by Clément Carbonnier, Elvire Guillaud and Tom Chavalier)

Applications by scholars with a cross-cutting approach who specialise in evaluation methods are also welcome.

The selection of applications will be made by the laboratory council (composed of the research groups directors and the director of LIEPP), on the basis of the scientific quality of the project, its relevance in terms of policy evaluation, and its fit with one or more of LIEPP's areas of specialization.

For more information about LIEPP's activities, please check our website: www.sciencespo.fr/liepp/en

Terms & conditions

As part of this visiting programme, LIEPP is offering a stay of one month covering the expenses related to accommodation in Paris up to 3000 euros for one month. In addition, LIEPP will finance travel expenses for one roundtrip ticket to Paris in economy class (and airport transfers).

The one-month stay is to be scheduled **between January, 4th, 2027 and December, 17th, 2027**.

Scientific contribution

During the stay, the visiting scholars will be asked to present their work in one of our seminars, and to contribute to our LIEPP Open Access publication series via a working paper or a policy brief[1] on a topic of relevance to policy evaluation. The working paper or policy brief, whose title and abstract will be sent with your application, should be delivered within four months after the visit at the latest. Please note that our Policy Briefs are intended to present the results of research that has already been completed, and that has already been validated in the form of a research report or scientific article, for example, which should be referenced in the PB.

Location

Sciences Po – Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policies (LIEPP), Paris, France. Our offices are located in the center of Paris, 199 bd Saint Germain (7e). A shared workspace will be available for the visiting scholar, as well as access to the Sciences Po Library.

Deadline for application

The deadline for application is **September 7th, 2026**.

The results of the selection will be made available in October 2026.

Application

Applications can be written in English or French. They should be sent to liepp@sciencespo.fr [subject: Visiting programme]. They include:

- A curriculum vitae;
- A cover letter explaining your interest and contribution to policy evaluation in one of the LIEPP research areas, or broader methodological or theoretical contribution to policy evaluation. Specify which project(s) you would plan to work on during your stay. Collaborations with LIEPP affiliates are encouraged. Make sure to mention precisely which LIEPP research group your fellowship would be affiliated to (see list above).
- A pdf copy of **one** published (or in print) article or book chapter that illustrates your contribution to policy evaluation.
- The first draft (or at least title and abstract) of your working paper or policy brief to be published in LIEPP's publication series.
- A seminar proposal: title of your presentation and abstract (the seminar may be organized around your working paper proposal).

Don't hesitate to contact us at liepp@sciencespo.fr if you need additional information ahead of your application.

[1] Policy Briefs are intended to present the results of research that has already been completed, and that has already been validated in the form of a research report or scientific article, for example. The PB aims to present these results in a synthetic manner, emphasizing the implications for the evaluation of public policies. The PB is short (less than 5,000 words) and aims to make the results of the research accessible to a wide audience (public actors, civil society).