

Call for Applications for Visiting Faculty through the PAUSE programme

Committed to supporting research at the highest level through their partnership, Sciences Po and Université Paris Cité are calling for outstanding applications for visiting faculty through the PAUSE programme. Candidates selected under a principle of shared interest for both institutions will be hosted at either Sciences Po or Université Paris Cité.

The visiting programme is open to **doctoral students, researchers and teachers-researchers** eligible to receive funding from the [PAUSE programme](#).

Funded and managed by Collège de France, the PAUSE programme supports scientists and artists in exile by facilitating their hosting in higher education and research institutions or cultural institutions. PAUSE also conducts advocacy activities for the defense of academic and artistic freedom. More information about the PAUSE programme [here](#).

Application deadline: February 22, 2026.

Applications are open for 1-year stays planned in 2026 and 2027.

Sciences Po is an international research university, both selective and open to the world, ranking among the finest institutions in the fields of humanities and social sciences. According to the 2025 QS Rankings by subject, Sciences Po is among the top four international universities around the world for studying politics and remains the leading university in the European Union in this discipline.

Sciences Po stands out for combining approaches and confronting different worldviews. This tradition of diversity and multidisciplinary approach makes Sciences Po a reputed player in academic research through its scientific production, an internationally recognized teaching university and an active participant in public debate, a forum where thought meets action. Detailed information about Sciences Po's research units can be found [here](#).

Université Paris Cité is France's leading multidisciplinary university. It covers a wide range of disciplines, with one of the most comprehensive and ambitious educational offerings available in the world. Université Paris Cité is part of the incarnation of a world city, aware of its place and missions, open to youth and knowledge. The ambition of Université Paris Cité is to lead and develop an exceptional potential to meet the challenges of tomorrow's society. Université Paris Cité is fully engaged in an experience that brings together thought leadership, pedagogical innovation in education, and excellence in research.

Sciences Po and Université Paris Cité are both involved in the PAUSE programme, and have respectively welcomed 10 and 18 exiled researchers and artists through this scheme.

CONDITIONS

Visiting faculty will be hosted in one of the [Sciences Po](#) or [Université Paris Cité](#) research units, and will have the opportunity to exchange and collaborate with colleagues from the other institution.

French is not required for the position, but speaking either French or English is essential.

More information on the salary and funding can be found on the [PAUSE programme website](#).

Visiting faculty will be given access to an office space on campus, to the library and university facilities, and to the research activity and events programme at either Sciences Po or Université Paris Cité.

APPLICATION

As per the [PAUSE programme eligibility conditions](#), applicants must :

- Be able to prove doctoral student, researcher or teacher-researcher status in their country of origin;
- Be in a crisis situation due to the security situation in their country of origin and/or persecution or fear of persecution due to their ethnicity, religion, political convictions, opinions, sexual orientation, or the content of their research and/or teaching. Economic emergency does not fall within the scope of the program;
- Be forced to go into exile from their country of origin, or have been in France for less than three years.

Application materials include the following and must be submitted in English:

- A statement of interest for the position, including research project to be undertaken at Sciences Po or Université Paris Cité, and demonstrating an interest in collaborations with the other institution;
- A full CV, including a list of publications;
- A letter of invitation from the head of the research unit sponsoring the visit to Sciences Po or Université Paris Cité;
- A statement on the emergency or crisis situation.

Applications and questions should be submitted by email to mathilde.croquet@sciencespo.fr.

Contact for Université Paris Cité : mathieu.sene@u-paris.fr.

SCHEDULE

Deadline for applications: **February 22, 2026.**

Important notice: Please note that the letter of invitation from the head of the research unit sponsoring the visit to Sciences Po or Université Paris Cité is an essential condition for applications to be considered.

Firstly, a selection committee will meet in each institution, to evaluate the applications received. A joint jury, with representatives from Sciences Po and Université Paris Cité will meet shortly thereafter, to review all pre-selected applications, with regards to the shared interest of both universities.

The applicants jointly selected by both institutions will be contacted in March to complete their application file, for submission to the PAUSE programme by the beginning of April 2026.

The PAUSE programme will then communicate its decision to applicants in June 2026.