



## Call for proposals for co-financing of 12- to 24-month postdoctoral research contracts

The Make Our Planet Great Again initiative has met with worldwide enthusiasm, generating expressions of interest from a large number of highly qualified candidates.

Within the framework of the initiative, France's ministries of Europe and foreign affairs (MEAE) and of higher education, research, and innovation (MESRI) have implemented a program of support for foreign postdoctoral researchers wishing to conduct further research in France on a topic related to earth systems, climate change and sustainability, or the energy transition. Under the program, approximately 20 postdoctoral researchers will receive co-financing of up to €50,000 for research beginning after September 2018.

The program is managed by Campus France. Interested candidates are invited to complete the online application form available at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>.

### Who may apply?

Foreign researchers holding a doctoral degree are encouraged to respond to this call for proposals. Candidates must include with their application a letter from a French host institution agreeing to co-finance the candidate's research. Institutions hosting the selected researchers will receive co-financing in the amount of €2,083 per month to support the candidates' research over a period of 12 to 24 months.

### Research themes

Three broad research themes are prioritized: earth systems, climate change and sustainability, and the energy transition. A complete list of eligible themes can be found at <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/priority-research-topics>

### Eligibility

Candidates must possess a doctoral degree or expect to receive the degree by June 30, 2018. They must not be French nationals and must not have resided in France after April 1, 2016. Candidates may be of any age. The postdoctoral contract must take effect no later than December 31, 2018.

### Selection process

Consistent with the aims and requirements of this call for proposals, the selection process will unfold in two phases. In the first phase, scientific experts in the covered fields will evaluate the applications received. In the second phase, an international jury will make the final selection of candidates to receive support.

### Financing

French institutions must agree to host the post-doctoral candidate under the terms of a 12- to 24-month employment contract. The minimum amount of the candidate's gross monthly remuneration shall be €2,500. A subsidy of €2,083 per month will be paid to participating institutions, up to a maximum of €50,000 over a 24-month research period.

### Application process

Candidates must submit their research proposals online at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>. Candidates must also supply a letter from a host institution in France agreeing to co-finance the proposed research if the candidate's proposal is accepted by the program.

### Timeline

Week of February 26, 2018: Pre-launch phase of application process

March 12, 2018: Application period opens

April 6, 2018 at 23:59 CET: Application period ends



Week of June 18, 2018: Announcement of results

Between September and December 2018: Supported candidates report to participating institutions



A complete list of research themes and other useful information is available at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>.

## Have a question?

For a personal response, write us at [mopga@campusfrance.org](mailto:mopga@campusfrance.org). We will do our best to answer your question promptly.

## Want to be kept informed of calls for proposals under the Make Our Planet Great Again initiative?

If you would like to be included on our e-mail list, send a message to [infomopga@campusfrance.org](mailto:infomopga@campusfrance.org). Your e-mail address will be automatically added to our distribution list.



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