**The French-Swedish research association’s (AFSR) postdoctoral fellowships**

***Invitation to apply***

***Who can apply***

The French-Swedish research association (AFSR) invites postdoctoral researchers in Sweden and France from all disciplinary fields to apply for two fellowships. The fellowships are meant to be used over a continuous period of time during the academic year of 2024/25. One fellowship is intended for Swedish citizens, or foreign citizens with a permanent residence permit in Sweden, interested in conducting research in France. The other fellowship is for French citizens, or foreign citizens with a permanent residence permit in France, interested in conducting research in Sweden.

By “postdoctoral researcher” we refer to a person conducting professional research after the completion of her/his doctoral studies. The doctorate should have been awarded no more than four years before the expiry of the application period, which is on May 20, 2024.

***Extent of fellowship period***

The two fellowships are granted for a continuous period of three to four months starting on September 1, 2024 at the earliest, and ending on June 30, 2025 at the latest

***Subject area, project title and previous research***

Your application should contain a brief presentation of the subject area of your research, the title of your research project, and your previous research in the field. (maximum 600 words)

***Institution at which the research project is intended to take place***

The research should, in the case of Swedish applicants, be conducted at a French research institution that can provide the necessary resources for the successful completion of your project. For applicants from France the reverse applies.

Your access to a host institution during the intended time period should be confirmed by an invitation letter signed by an authorized representative of the host institution.

***Indicative workplan***

Your application should contain an as detailed description as possible of the organization of your research project, including methodology and timetable. The description should include a presentation of your planned collaboration with colleagues at the chosen host institution.

(maximum 300 words)

***Dissemination of results***

Expected results of your research project and how you plan to make them available to the research community as well as other stakeholders should be presented. Dissemination can take place in a traditional way through e.g. article (-s) in peer-reviewed journals, conference paper (-s), and book chapter (-s), but also new, innovative forms of knowledge diffusion such as e.g. podcasts, blogs, TED talks and videos are welcome to be applied.

(maximum 300 words)

***Personal presentation***

Your application should include a resume which gives a clear picture of you as a person and researcher. The resume is suitably complemented with a curriculum vitae (CV) and a letter of recommendation written by a leading representative of your university/research institution well familiar with your professional and personal qualities. The personal presentation should not exceed 300 words. An attached CV should not exceed two pages.

***Payment of fellowship***

The financial contribution, which amounts to €2,500 per month (total amount €7,500 - €10,000), is intended to contribute to travel costs, accommodation and increased costs of living in the visiting country. Eighty (80) percent of the awarded amount will be transferred to the recipient not later than one month before the fellowship period starts. The remaining twenty (20) percent will be transferred within a month after AFSR’s receipt of the awardee’s

“Fellowship Report” (see below).

If a project runs according to plan, no financial reporting is required for the received grant. If a project cannot be completed, the reasons for this should be explained, and full or partial repayment may be requested.

***Application deadline***

AFSR expects to receive the applications for the postdoctoral fellowships for 2024/25 not later than May 20, 2024. Your application can be sent either by post to the following address:

Svensk-franska forskningsföreningen (AFSR)

GrevTuregatan 14

SE-114 46 Stockholm

or by e-mail to: info@afsr.se

***Selection process***

The applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee composed of members of AFSR's board of directors (“Comité directeur”). The committee may, in special cases, involve external expertise in the assessment of an application.

***The evaluation committee’s decision***

The results of the evaluation process will be presented to all applicants via e-mail by June 15, 2024 at the latest. The name of the recipients of the two postdoctoral fellowships will also be published on AFSR’s website (www.afsr.se).

***“Fellowship Report”***

Recipients of a postdoctoral fellowship are expected to present a final report, “the Fellowship Report”, no later than three months after the visiting period has ended. The report should contain a presentation of both the scientific results of the project and personal experiences that may be useful for the future organization of the fellowship program. (maximum 1.500 words).