

IMéRA / MuCEM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IMéRA, Institute for Advanced Study Aix-Marseille University
MuCEM – Museum of Civilizations of Europe and of the Mediterranean

In partnership with MAP Laboratory (UMR CNRS/MCC)-
Models and Simulations for Architecture and Cultural Heritage



Open 20 March - 5 May 2014

*For residencies of 6 months or 12 months
from 15 September 2014*

*ONLY electronic applications can be submitted on IMéRA's website (www.imer.fr)
Applications sent by e-mail or by post will NOT be considered.*

Applications must be sent not later than on Monday 5 May 2014 (included)

The digital revolution of the last decade has had a profound impact on museum practices, whether interactive applications, graphics, augmented reality or the exhibition of intangible heritage. These new systems raise questions not only about heritage activity in itself, but also, and in particular, the conditions for access and disclosure, as much for researchers or curators as for amateurs or the general public.

In this context, **IMéRA** and **MuCEM**, in partnership with the **MAP** Marseille laboratory - Models and Simulations for Architecture and Cultural Heritage (UMR CNRS/MCC 3495), are launching a joint call for applications for a residency aimed at a researcher (scientist or artist), either to conduct a theoretical reflection on the application of new technologies in exhibition systems, or to propose an innovative method of application of these new technologies in the museum sphere. For this purpose, the MAP laboratory will make available to the resident its expertise in digital modelling and representation of heritage objects, as well as its technical platform for 3D scanning, visualization and printing

Aix-Marseille University Institute for Advanced Study **IMéRA** has 3 to 12 months residency schemes (depending on calls for applications) for foreign top-level researchers; it also accommodates a few multi-disciplinary teams with a collective project for short duration stays.

Research projects carried out at IMéRA focus on cross-fertilisation within social science, within science, between social science and formal/experimental and health science, and on relationships between art and science, exploring and enhancing the potential openings between such disciplines and the new objects that may be formed there.

IMéRA aims at fostering the emergence and development of world-class cross-disciplinary research approaches and grooms young researchers for such approaches on Aix-Marseille University ground. Residents work on their own research projects at IMéRA in connection with Aix-Marseille teams and laboratories.

MuCEM-Museum of Civilizations of Europe and of the Mediterranean, a national museum and public and administrative establishment located on the port of Marseille, was inaugurated in June 2013.

Its purpose is to foster knowledge of the contemporary societies of the Mediterranean and Europe, which are presented to the public in a range of activities and encounters. It presents permanent and temporary exhibitions, organizes cultural and scientific events, and maintains a collection of art objects and popular traditions.

Associated with its activities are researchers involved in developing and running specific research projects, translating research data into exhibitions intended for a wider public, and introducing innovative collection, exhibition and research systems and devices.

In this overall context, it is now considering the development of experimentation and analysis of the linkage between digital practices and the museum of society.

The profile of the **MAP Laboratory (UMR CNRS/MCC 3495) Marseille** has been formed around the development and implementation of new information and communication technologies, in applications ranging from the humanities to engineering sciences, with a bearing on architecture in its heritage and projectual aspects. MAP, which currently brings together four research teams (MAP-Gamsau in Marseille; MAP-Aria in Lyon; Nancy Crai MAP and MAP-Maac in Paris), is the result of integrating expert skills (architects, engineers, computer scientists, historians, archaeologists, etc.) to allow rational handling of the technical elements involved in the design and development of innovative representation systems, as well as the formulation of methodological considerations related to scientific issues raised by the subjects under study. In recent years, Marseille MAP team has refocused on the development of methods, tools and models for observing, understanding and documenting the evolution of architectural heritage. For more information see www.map.archi.fr.

Schedule

Applications must be sent not later than on Monday 5 May 2014 (included).

Residences (duration 6 or 12 months) will take place at the following periods (to be chosen by the candidates):

- 15 Sep 2014 to 13 Mar 2015 (6 months);
- 15 Sep 2014 to 11 Sep 2015 (12 months)

Who can qualify?

Residences at IMéRA are open to researchers (be they scientists and artists) of all nationalities and disciplines.

Which scientists are eligible?

- Researchers from all parts of the world, except those who have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Researchers holding a Doctorate or PhD and who have a postdoctoral experience in full-time research of two years minimum as at the closing date of this call for applications.

Which artists are eligible?

- Artists from all parts of the world, except those who have lived in France more than 12 months during the three years preceding this call for applications;
- Artists with a research project.

Selection criteria

Application assessment criteria include, but are not limited to project and researcher's value and potential;

Living conditions

Remuneration

IMéRA will pay an allowance or a salary to residents depending on their candidate status.

Scientist remuneration

Scientists fall into two classes:

- Junior: €2,300 net monthly allowance or salary;
- Senior: €3,500 net monthly allowance or salary.

Are considered as junior those researchers who, by application closing date, can show between 2 and 9 years of post-doctoral experience in full-time research.

Are considered as senior high-level researchers who, by application closing date, can show at least 10 years of post-doctoral experience in full-time research, and university professors.

Artist remuneration

Artists will receive a €2,300 net monthly allowance.

Accommodation

IMéRA provides free accommodation to residents either in a flat within the Institute premises or near the Institute in the Marseille city centre.

Transport

IMéRA will pay for the residents' ticket from their usual place of residence to Marseille and back.

Research means

The MAP laboratory will make available to the resident its expertise in digital modelling and representation of heritage objects, as well as its technical platform for 3D scanning, visualization and printing.

IMéRA invites residents to organise an international research seminar on a theme related to their project during their stay, with the possibility of asking several external specialists to participate.

IMéRA does not finance production means for resident artists planning to make pieces of work.

Application

Applications must be in English or French.

Candidates must submit their applications **EXCLUSIVELY** on IMéRA's website (www.imera.fr). Applications sent by e-mail or by post will **NOT** be considered.

Online applications must include:

- Duly completed application form (mandatory fields);
- One sole file (to be downloaded) including:
 - Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications and/or creations/exhibitions;
 - Presentation of research project (maximum 5 pages) with selective bibliography;
 - For junior researchers: one to three letters of recommendation.