

2024 – CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY GRANTS

DEADLINE EXTENDED : January 31st 2025

A. ELIGIBILITY

The Alliance Call for Doctoral Mobility is open to students enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Columbia University, Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University. All students must prove their eligibility by providing a copy of their student ID from one of the four institutions.

Applications will be accepted in all disciplines. Please note that there are additional requirements for Columbia University Law School and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. **Please refer to section C below.**

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to successful candidates. Funding will be received on a reimbursement basis after submitting an expense report.

B. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications must be submitted in English using the following online form:

Application materials include the following documents:

- a. Applicant's **Curriculum vitae**
- b. **Student ID** from the Graduate School of one of the 4 Alliance partner institutions: Columbia University, Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po, or Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
- c. **Letter of recommendation from the Ph.D. Supervisor from the home institution:**
To protect confidentiality, this letter should be emailed directly by the Ph.D. supervisor to the Alliance Program at: alliance@columbia.edu.
- d. **Letter of Invitation:**
 - **For Students from Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po or Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne:**

Letter of invitation confirming the sponsorship of a Columbia University Faculty member: Scholars should secure the sponsorship of a Columbia faculty member who agrees to provide the scholar guidance on their research. The faculty member will be the student academic supervisor during their stay. It is strongly recommended that the student's Ph.D. supervisor establish contact with the host faculty member.

To protect confidentiality, the letter of invitation should be sent by the sponsoring faculty member to the Alliance Program by e-mail at: alliance@columbia.edu.

- **For Students from Columbia University**

Letter of invitation from a faculty member from Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po, or Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne: The professor will be the academic supervisor during the research stay.

To protect confidentiality, this letter should be sent to the Alliance Program by e-mail at: alliance@columbia.edu. It is strongly recommended that the Ph.D. supervisor establish contact with the host faculty member.

e. Research project description:

The research project description should indicate how the visit will contribute to the applicant's field of research, and how the stay at the partner institution will help the progress of their dissertation. Any additional information on the student's specific interest in a visit at the partner institution (undertaking field work, courses or writing an article, etc.) may be included. The research project description should not exceed three pages (single-spaced, size 12).

f. Dates of the stay

g. A photo ID and short biography.

Please note that the biography and photograph of selected scholars will be published on the Alliance website and the Newsletter announcing Ph.D. Mobility recipients.

A description of the Alliance Doctoral Mobility program is available on the Alliance website. Applicants' supervisors/advisors should forward this document when contacting potential faculty sponsors at the partner institution.

Applicants who wish to be Visiting Scholars at the Columbia Law School (CLS) or at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) must also submit a separate application to CLS or GSAS. Please refer to section C below.

C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL (CLS) AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (GSAS)

a. Columbia Law School (CLS)

In addition to required application documents by Alliance, all students applying to come as Visiting Scholars to the Columbia Law School (CLS) must submit an application form and the supporting materials following instructions on the link below:

<https://www.law.columbia.edu/academics/international-programs/visiting-scholars-program>

We encourage Alliance Ph.D. Mobility program applicants to respect the deadlines listed on the Columbia Law School website listed below:

Fall or Summer intakes - Candidates who propose to join the program in the Fall term should submit their applications no later than January 15.

Spring intake – Candidates who propose to join the program during the Spring Intake of the following calendar year should submit their applications no later than September 1st of the previous year.

Program fees may be waived only when a CLS faculty member – through the CLS internal process – formally confirms that they will sponsor a Ph.D. Mobility candidate and a fee waiver.

b. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS):

In addition to the application documents required by Alliance, all students applying to come as Visiting Scholars to the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences must apply to Columbia University GSAS.

Please follow the instructions for incoming International Exchange Scholars on the following link:

<https://gsas.columbia.edu/degree-programs/admissions/non-degree-special-students-and-visiting-Ph.D-scholars>

Please note that being accepted by GSAS as a Visiting Scholar does not automatically entitle to an Alliance Grant.

D. REVIEW PROCESS

A reviewing team of faculty members will help select awardees.

The review process will consider the overall academic quality of the proposal, the level of support from the two faculty members, the significance of the project to the field, the feasibility of the project and the contribution of the stay at the partner institution to the progress of the dissertation.

E. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

Project timeline: The project-related expenses should be incurred within one year of the date of award.

Communication: Awardees are responsible for informing, at least 3 months in advance, their two faculty supervisors of the proposed dates of their stay, as well as confirming the date of their proposed arrival with the Director of Academic Administration and Finance of the Host/Sponsor Department.

Awardees are responsible for contacting their Host/Sponsor Department to obtain the correct visa documentation (i.e., all Visiting Scholars entering the United States from a Paris institution must obtain J-1 status before arrival).

Report: Awardees are required to submit to the Alliance Program a final Academic Report on the research conducted at the host university, signed by the host institution supervisor, within one month of the end of their mobility period. This report (of no more than 750 words) should describe research undertaken during the awardee's time in the host institution, as well as the benefits of the stay from an academic, personal, and professional point of view. A 200-words summary of the report is also required and will be posted on the Alliance website. **The submission of the report is a requirement for the payment of the grant.**

Payment of the grant. The grant will be attributed via expenses reimbursement upon completion of the research and conditional upon the submission of the final academic report. All expenses associated with the research project should be listed in a signed Expenses Report, which will be sent to the Alliance office within 120 days from the date of the first expense. Original supporting documents, including flight information, hotel

bills, and receipts should be attached to this report, with appropriate proof of payment. In compliance with Columbia accounting practices, personal letters will not be accepted as proof of payment. Students should collect all receipts relevant to the Alliance grant from the outset.

All Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant recipients entering the United States from a Paris institution must obtain J-1 status before arrival.

Conditions. Students who do not comply with the timeline and conditions detailed above will not receive the grant.

Acknowledgement. Recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of the “Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant” in any papers, publications, or resumes, and to provide the Alliance team with copies of these papers and publications.

All Columbia University students and faculty members who will travel internationally within an Alliance granted project should refer to the [International Travel Planning Policy](#), and are encouraged to register their travels through the [University’s Global Travel website](#).

Results will be announced by March 2025

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