



NANTES INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
CHAIR FOR HEALTH OF THE FUTURE
Call for applications - 2018-2019 Fellowships 31 May 2017



Each year, the “**Health of the future**” chair will welcome a researcher at Nantes-IAS, on the terms outlined below, whose work will help to put in perspective health issues not only in the light of medical developments, but also in terms of the subject and societies.

What conditions are needed to produce enlightened practitioners? What are the conditions for sharing and accessing healthcare? What are the conditions and limits of using big data, predictive modelling or tele-medicine? Beyond this first circle of questioning, how can we define the “normal” state of living beings in the midst of the technological and social transformations we are experiencing? What kinds of imaginaries are at work behind the promises of regenerative medicine? How can we benefit from the diversity of medical knowledge around the world? How can we organise analysis perimeters between the molecular level and that of the individual, social groups or societies? How can we overcome the typically western oppositions of body and mind, psyche and soma, man and environment? How can we take account of evolving risks? What funding models should we adopt?

These are a few examples of issues that will form the basis of this chair. It is open to biologists and doctors as well as to researchers in humanities and social sciences, given the theoretical and critical nature of the work which is intended to raise wide-ranging questions. The “Health of the Future” chair will also form part of the development of a body of world-renowned expertise based in Nantes, as part of the NEXt (Nantes Excellence Trajectory) project backed by the French government under the Future Investment Program.

Nantes Institute for Advanced Study

Each academic year, the Nantes Institute for Advanced Study, a state-approved public benefit foundation, invites about thirty fellows selected for the quality and originality of their work. It offers nine-month research stays from October to June, during which Fellows are given the freedom to pursue a project of their choice without any other administrative or teaching obligations. In return, selected fellows are simply asked to reside in Nantes during their fellowship, take part in the weekly seminars in which each of them is expected to present the progress of their work once in the year, and to attend the three weekly meals which provide the perfect opportunity for discussion and interaction between fellows.

Nantes-IAS offers its fellows a great number of benefits, starting with the quality and personalization of its services and its library. The institute is located near the historic city centre. Its offices and accommodation are located on the same site, in a stunning setting on the banks of the River Loire. To find out more about Nantes-IAS: <https://www.iea-nantes.fr/>

In order to apply, the following documents should be sent to Nantes-IAS by 31 May 2017 at the latest:

- An exhaustive and up-to-date curriculum vitae, including a list of publications,

- A research project (5 to 10 pages written in French or English),
- Two significant publications: articles, books or book contributions (in the case of books, please indicate which chapter(s) the reviewers should pay specific attention to and send these chapters as pdf files)
- The completed application form and appendix ([à télécharger sur notre site](#))

These documents should preferably be sent by email (Word or PDF format) to: admission@iea-nantes.fr

or by post to:

Admission procedure
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Eligibility criteria

- **Qualifications:** candidates must hold a PhD or have already published a book.
- **Administrative situation:** candidates must be able to be relieved from their teaching and administrative obligations during the period of their fellowship in Nantes.
- **Language skills:** candidates are required to be able to hold a conversation in English or in French (it is therefore not compulsory to speak French). Linguistic assistance is provided by Nantes-IAS during seminars and conferences to facilitate understanding.

Admission procedure

The admission procedure consists of two distinct phases: a scientific phase (from May to November) followed by an administrative phase for the successful candidates (from December to March).

During the scientific phase, the applications are first assessed by two independent experts before being studied by an international and interdisciplinary scientific advisory board. The final selection takes into account the personal commitment of the candidate and the ambition, quality and originality of his/her research project. As well as considering these individual criteria, Nantes-IAS seeks to balance each year of fellows in terms of their geographical origins, disciplines, age and sex, to ensure as far as possible that the fellows and their projects will complement and enhance one another.

Further details:

- **Administrative conditions:** In most cases, candidates simply need to obtain an authorisation for leave of absence from their employer. The IAS draws up a residence agreement with the selected candidates, setting out all the material, administrative and financial conditions of their stay in Nantes. If necessary, the IAS can also draw up a delegation or partnership agreement with the University employing the selected fellow.
- **Financial conditions:** Candidates are encouraged to seek financial support from their employer or other body whenever possible. The IAS then compensates, within the limit of remuneration of a French researcher with the same level of experience, the eventual loss or drop in income and/or the difference in living standards. The amount of this compensation is decided on a case by case basis and is subject to agreement between the parties.