

**NANTES INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
CHAIR “France-ILO”
Call for applications - 2020-2021 Fellowships**

Closing date: 30 April 2019



Each year, the “**France-ILO**” chair welcomes every year a researcher at the Nantes-IAS, under the conditions defined below, whose work will help to contribute to a better understanding of labour issues in the world and under the aegis of “decent work” broadly defined.

This Chair is open to researchers of all nationalities and all disciplines (history, economics, law, sociology, anthropology, psychology, literature, etc.), who will have the opportunity to come to France for an academic year, in order to forge lasting relations not only with the other fellows of their promotion, but also with the best French and European research teams in the field of labour, employment and social welfare.

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 centre of the city. 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/>

Applications must be submitted **online by 30 April 2019**, with the following documents to be uploaded in PDF format:

- An exhaustive and up to date curriculum vitae, including a list of publications;
- A research project for the period of the Fellowship in Nantes (from 5 to 10 pages, in French or in English);
- Two significant publications: articles, books or collective books (if one of the publications is a book, please indicate which chapter(s) the reviewers should pay more attention to and please provide these chapters as pdf files).

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, from October to June.
- **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 followed by an administrative phase for the successful candidates.

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.

Should you have any queries regarding the admission procedure, please contact admission@iea-nantes.fr