
Fellowship Programme 2024

“Master Scholarships – International Network” – Application guide

The English version of the regulations is provided for information purposes only, and in case of any discrepancy in translation, the French version shall prevail.

The information contained in this regulation is derived from the ANRS MIE's reference document entitled "Modalités d'organisation administrative, scientifique et financière de l'ANRS MIE" (MOASF), regarding the financial regulations for research grants allocated by ANRS MIE, which you can refer to on the [ANRS MIE website](#).

The information regarding organization, application submission and evaluation procedures, and deadlines are specific to this call for applications.

This document exclusively concerns applications for Master Scholarships - International Network.

Deadline for Applications

The application documents must be submitted electronically by:

21st May 2024 at 11:59 PM (Paris time)

to the following address : aap@anrs.fr

Context

The ANRS MIE aims to support the attractiveness of research careers within its scope, both in France and through international collaborations. The agency has therefore made the support of the next generation of scientists a strategic priority by mobilizing resources and implementing specific actions to encourage their involvement and development in its research areas.

The "Fellowship Programme 2024" is the first initiative launched within the framework of the new ANRS MIE programme specifically dedicated to young researchers

Objectives

Since its creation, the ANRS MIE has been committed to supporting research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) particularly affected by infectious diseases. The ANRS MIE has developed an ambitious international initiative that relies on a vast international network of partners, based in West and Central Africa, Southeast Asia, and Brazil, brought together through Partner Sites and Platforms for International Global Health Research (PRISME).

To strengthen international collaborations and contribute to the emergence of researchers in partner sites and PRISME, ANRS MIE has established specific a Master Scholarships programme. This historic initiative is now integrated into the Fellowship Programme 2024.

The Master Scholarships International Network presented here aim to enable supported candidates to pursue and obtain a Master II or a Specialized Master's (MS) degree, thus opening up opportunities to continue their careers in research.

Scope of the Call

Candidates must focus on one of the research domains within the scope of ANRS MIE: fundamental, translational, and clinical research, public health or social sciences, related to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STIs, tuberculosis, and/or emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

These scholarships exclusively concern Master II or Specialized Masters (MS). There are no restrictions on the subject of the chosen Master's degree or the country in which it must be taken. Distance learning programs are also eligible. The candidate is encouraged to ensure that the chosen Master's degree enables them to pursue a PhD and continue their career in research.

Expected candidates are young researchers, either already involved in research activities at a Partner Site or Partner Sites and Platforms for International Global Health Research (PRISME), or wishing to start a new collaboration with these structures.

For this call for applications, the structures concerned are those located in the following countries: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Vietnam.¹

¹ See list in annex 1

General terms and conditions

Timeline

Opening of the call for applications: from April 8th to May 21st, 2024 (11:59 PM - Paris time)

Results: June 2024

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this call for applications, the candidate must:

- Be a national of a low- and middle-income country [[according to the World Bank classification \(Low and middle income countries\)](#)] and be a resident in a partner country²;
- Have a letter of recommendation from a Partner Site or a Platform for International Global Health Research (PRISME)³ explaining the existing or future collaboration between the Partner Site/PRISME and the candidate (internship, project management, or any other collaboration) and the willingness to support the candidate in the Master's project and further development of their scientific career;
- Have proof of enrolment in the requested Master II/MS or, failing that, proof that a file has been compiled if enrolment is not yet open. The disbursement of funds will be conditional upon obtaining an acceptance letter to the Master's program;
- The acceptance letter must be provided before the funds are released.

Duration of scholarships

These scholarships are granted for 12 months for the academic year 2024-2025.

Submission Procedure

The application will be written in French or English and must include all the elements necessary for the evaluation of the application. All applications must be sent electronically to aap@ansr.fr before May 21, 2024, 11:59 PM (Paris time).

No additional documents will be taken into account after this date.

The transmitted files must strictly adhere to the following nomenclature:

AAC-Master-Scholarships-2024_LASTNAME_Application
AAC-Master-Scholarships-2024_LASTNAME_Budget
AAC-Master-Scholarships-2024_LASTNAME_CV
AAC-Master-Scholarships-2024_LASTNAME_LetterOfRecommendation
AAC-Master-Scholarships-2024_LASTNAME_Justification

The application must be submitted by the candidate.

² Brésil, Burkina Faso, Cambodge, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinée, République Démocratique du Congo, Sénégal, Vietnam

³ See list in annexe 1

The documents to be provided are as follows:

- The application form (DocumentA1-AAC-Bourses-Master-2024_NOM_Dossier) completed, detailing the candidate's experience, presentation of the Master II/MS project, the proposed internship project, and career prospects;
- The budget request form (DocumentA2-AAC-Bourses-Master-2024_NOM_Budget) completed, including the funding request addressed to ANRS MIE and any co-financing arrangements considered;
- The candidate's CV and motivation letter;
- A letter of recommendation from a representative of the Partner Site or PRISME⁴, clearly explaining and justifying the existing or future collaboration between the Partner Site/PRISME and the candidate (internship, project management, or any other collaboration), and demonstrating the commitment of the Partner Site/PRISME to support and follow the candidate in their project;
- A letter of recommendation from the scientific supervisor or internship supervisor, confirming the candidate's potential, expressing support for their approach, and the supervisor's commitment to support them;
- Unless justified by specific circumstances, a letter co-signed by the representatives of the Partner Site/PRISME and by the authorized person representing the managing organization of the Partner Site/PRISME, in which this organization commits to manage the scholarship obtained;
- Proof of enrolment in the requested Master's program or, failing that, proof that a file has been compiled if enrolments are not yet open.

Note: a Partner Site/PRISME can recommend several candidates if their profiles are deemed relevant.

A candidate may only submit one scholarship application for this call for applications.

Candidates must promptly inform ANRS MIE via email of any potential, subsequent allocation obtained after submitting the dossier, in order to suspend the candidacy with ANRS MIE as soon as possible.

Selection procedure

- The ANRS MIE checks the administrative and scientific eligibility of applications;
- A panel of experts, including all the necessary disciplines, evaluates the applications received;
- The ANRS MIE selects the candidates, notifies them of the results and publishes the list of successful applicants.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation will focus on:

- The quality of the application submitted: the presentation of the Master II / MS project, the proposed internship project, and its anticipated contribution to the activities of the International Network;
- The training: the relevance of the Master II / MS proposed and its consistency with the career plan presented;
- The candidate: experience and academic background, suitability for the career plan presented, motivation.

⁴ See list in annex 1

Terms and conditions of support

Funding

The awarded scholarship will be a maximum amount of €20,000 (excluding management fees).

The budget will need to be adjusted and must precisely detail the requested amount.

If applicable, proof of obtaining co-financing will be required before the implementation of the funding.

Scholarships Financing Procedures

The obtained scholarships result in the disbursement of a grant of the above-mentioned maximum amount by the ANRS MIE to the scholarship's managing organization (i.e., the employing managing organization of the grantee). It is the candidate's responsibility to inquire with the managing organization about its ability to manage the scholarship and obtain its agreement.

The identified managing organization must be specified in the budget request form A2. Unless justified by specific circumstances, it will be the organization or one of the organizations that usually manage the budget of the Partner Site or PRISME to which the candidate wishes to be associated.

ANRS MIE requests, as a principle, a waiver or a minimum limitation of management fees levied by managing organizations on the support it provides to them. In case of strict impossibility for the managing organization to agree to this waiver, the rate of management fees chargeable to the grant will be capped at 8% of the total amount of the supported expenses.

Obligations of laureates

The winners of this call for applications undertake, with the acceptance of ANRS MIE funding, to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Integration into the ANRS MIE network of young researchers

The grantee will be integrated into the ANRS MIE network of young researchers and may be invited to participate in meetings offered by the network and the agency's scientific animation bodies, and present the progress of their work.

They will also be required to participate in any meeting organized by ANRS MIE regarding the monitoring of their scholarship.

2. Reports

The grantee will send to ANRS MIE via email:

- A brief progress report six months after the start of their training (1 page max);
- A final scientific report within three months of the end of the Master's scholarship funding, including a final activity report, the reasoned opinion of the internship supervisor highlighting the candidate's career prospects, and the certificate of completion of the Master's course.

The managing organization of the funding will provide ANRS MIE with the corresponding financial reports, as specified in the grant award document.

Additionally, the grantee must inform ANRS MIE of any changes that may have occurred in their administrative situation at any time.

3. Publications

Any publication or oral communication carried out within the framework of the obtained funding must imperatively mention the financial support of ANRS MIE:

"This study was supported by a grant from ANRS MIE (program acronym, year of the program, registration number: example Fellowship Programme 2024 ANRSXXXX)."

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4. Promotion de la science ouverte

As part of ANRS MIE's contribution to promoting and implementing open science, in connection with the National Plan for Open Science 2021-2024 and the joint commitments signed with the National Agency for Research (ANR), the National Agency for Food Safety, Environment, and Labour (Anses), the National Cancer Institute (INCa), and the Agency for Ecological Transition (Ademe), beneficiaries of ANRS MIE funding commit to ensuring free access to peer-reviewed scientific publications.

Thus, grant recipients and their Master's supervisors, in the event of funding under the "Fellowship Programme," commit to depositing scientific publications resulting from their project (full text) in an open archive, either directly in HAL or through a local institutional archive. This deposit is made in accordance with Article 30 of Law No. 2016-1321 of October 7, 2016, for a Digital Republic (Article L533-4 of the Research Code). Furthermore, ANRS MIE recommends prioritizing publication in journals or books natively in open access.

Contacts

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Annex 1 : List of partners of the ANRS MIE International Network eligible for this call for applications and contacts of their representatives

PARTNER	CIVILITY	Title	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMAIL
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* Platforms for International Global Health Research