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## THE 2009 ALLIANCE CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY

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Created in 2002, the Alliance Program is a transatlantic joint-venture between Columbia University, the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and the Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The Alliance Calls for Doctoral Mobility are intended to promote and finance transatlantic projects of the highest quality proposed by doctoral students from one partner institution and supported by a professor in the host institution.

From all disciplines, doctoral students from the Alliance network are encouraged to pursue their research in a partner institution: students from the three French institutions are encouraged to pursue their research at Columbia University while students from Columbia are welcomed to extend their research at the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po or the Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The prospects of the long term viability of the collaborations are an asset.

Three projects are usually funded every year with a maximum limit of \$ 4,000 per project.

### GUIDELINES

#### Participants

- The Call for Doctoral Mobility is open to doctoral students from Columbia University, the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and the Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- Applications will be accepted from all disciplines.
- *Note for doctoral students in Law:* please contact the Alliance team as special procedures apply.

#### Contacting professors

- The projects must be presented with the support of one professor from the home institution (usually the Ph.D. advisor) and one professor from the host institution, who will be the main academic advisor during the research stay.
- Please note that a flyer of presentation, aimed at the professor welcoming the student is available: please click [here](#). Students should feel free to send this flyer when contacting their potential advisors.
- The PhD students who do not already have contacts within the partner universities are very welcome to seek guidance from the Alliance team.
- No more than 3 professors should be contacted by each student in the host institution.

#### Deadlines

- Application deadline: **October 30, 2009**
- The results shall be announced in December.

#### Selection Procedure

- A multidisciplinary independent jury made up of 4 experts from the partner universities will select the winners of the Call for Doctoral Mobility.
- Ongoing projects and existing collaborations will not, in principle, receive the highest priority.
- Previous recipients of the grant can reapply two years after the completion of their collaboration.



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### Commitments from the winners

- Students will stay at least 1 month, and a maximum of 3 months, in a research center/department in the host institution.
- A report will be sent to the Alliance's team within two weeks after the research stay. It should be 10-pages-long and should be signed by the student's advisor in the host institution. This research report, written in English, should include:
  - The research's results: have the objectives been reached?
  - Material: Power Point presentation, draft pages, etc.
- All projects must be initiated within one year of the date of the award.
- Students who would not comply to these time and content conditions would have to refund the fellowship they have been awarded.

### Financial Procedure

The grant will be attributed via reimbursement. All expenses associated with the research project should be reported in a specific Expenses Report, to be filled out by the winners, within 120 days of the initiation of the project. Supporting documentation, including flight information, hotel bills as well as all original receipts, should be attached to this report.

### Application Procedure

The complete application, submitted in **English only**, must include the following documentation:

- A CV from the PhD student who applies.
- A letter of recommendation from the PhD student advisor. For confidentiality matters, this letter should be send directly to the Alliance Program either by mail or e-mail.
- A letter of agreement from the Research Center/Department/Professor welcoming the PhD student. For confidentiality matters, this letter should be send directly to the Alliance Program either by mail or e-mail.
- A description of the project, not to exceed three pages. This description should indicate how the research visit contributes to scientific knowledge within the applicants' fields and to the progress of their dissertation. It should explain the student's specific interest for a visit in the partner institution (take courses, do field work, write an article, etc.).

### Application

Please send your application to:

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