



# Alliance Program

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROFESSORS RELATED TO

## THE 2008 CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY OF THE ALLIANCE PROGRAM

The Alliance Program is a joint venture between Columbia University and three French Universities: the Ecole Polytechnique, SciencesPo and the Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. Our objectives are to promote education and research collaboration in all disciplines between our institutions through students' mobility, dual degree programs, visiting professorships, joint research projects and conferences series.

Every year, the Alliance Program funds doctoral students from both sides of the Atlantic, in all disciplines, to promote and finance transatlantic projects within the Alliance partnership. Columbia Ph.D. students are encouraged to pursue part of their research in one of our French partners for a period of one to three months, under the supervision of a professor in the host university. Similarly, French Ph.D. students are encouraged to pursue part of their research at Columbia for 1-3 months under the supervision of a Columbian professor.

Students are encouraged to take direct contact with their potential supervisor in the host institution. Supporting a PhD student within this framework does not imply any financial commitment. Provided you are interested in supervising and working with a given student, it would imply meeting with him/her on a regular basis, providing academic advising, and connecting with the Columbia community (participation in seminars, etc.). At the end of the stay, the student is asked to present a 10-pages research report and the advisor is asked to sign it.

Based on the documents they will provide (including a letter of invitation from you, as well as a presentation of the project and a CV), the final selection will be done by an independent jury composed of professors from our four universities.

These doctoral mobility grants amounts to \$4,000 per grant. The deadline to submit the application is November 3rd, 2008.

We hope this clarifies the purpose of these calls for project and we hope you will be supportive to the students who deserve it while there is, of course, no obligation on your side.

For more information, please go to our website [www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance) and to the page announcing our call for doctoral mobility.

The Alliance team remains at your disposal to discuss further about our activities, including visiting professorships programs and joint research programs at the faculty level.

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