ALLIANCE CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY 2014-2015

Created in 2002, the Alliance Program is a unique joint-venture between Columbia University, the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and Paris Pantheon Sorbonne University.

The Alliance Call for Doctoral Mobility is intended to support and finance transatlantic research projects of the highest quality, in all disciplines, from doctoral students affiliated to one of the four partner institutions.

Doctoral students are encouraged to pursue their research abroad for a period of one to three months under the supervision of a host faculty member: students from the three French institutions can complete a research period at Columbia University while students from Columbia can complete a research period at the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po or Paris Pantheon Sorbonne University.

Each project will be funded with a maximum limit of $4,000 per project during the academic year 2014-2015.

GUIDELINES

■ ELIGIBILITY

- The Alliance Call for Doctoral Mobility is open to students enrolled in a PhD program at Columbia University, the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and Paris Pantheon Sorbonne University.

- Applications will be accepted from all disciplines. Please note that a special procedure applied to Law students.

■ APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- To apply, please submit your application, in English only, to Lauranne BARDIN: lb2808@columbia.edu by September 30th, 2013.

  ⇒ Curriculum vitae of the applicant.
  ⇒ Proof of enrollment
  ⇒ Letter of recommendation from the home institution (Ph.D. advisor). For confidentiality matters, this letter should be send directly to the Alliance Program by e-mail.
  ⇒ Letter of support from one professor from the host institution, who will be the main academic advisor during the research stay. For confidentiality matters, this letter should be send directly to the Alliance Program by e-mail. It is strongly recommended that the PHD advisor establishes the first contact with the host professor.

  Students who did not succeed in identifying a faculty sponsor are welcome to seek guidance from the Alliance team.

  ⇒ Research project description (three pages, single spaced, size 12). This description should indicate how the research visit contributes to scientific knowledge within the applicant’s field, and how the stay at the partner
institution will help the progress of his/her dissertation. Any additional information on the student’s specific interest for a visit in the partner institution (take courses, do field work, write an article, etc.) may be included.

- A description of the Alliance Doctoral Mobility program is available on the Alliance website for download. Applicants’ advisors shall forward this document when contacting potential faculty sponsors at the partner institution.

- Please note that students should not contact directly Columbia Law School professors; instead they must submit in their application a list of professors (no more than three), indicating why they wish to work with them.

### Review Process

- Applications are reviewed by a multidisciplinary independent committee comprised of faculty members from the four partner universities.

- The review process will take into account the overall academic quality of the proposal, the level of support from the two advisors, the significance of the project to the field, the feasibility of the project and the contribution of the stay at the partner institution to the progress of the dissertation.

### Requirements Of Grant Recipients

- **Project timeline.** All research projects must be initiated within one year of the date of the award. Awardees will stay a minimum of one month and a maximum of 3 months at the partner university.

- **Report.** Students are required to submit a final Academic Report on the research conducted at the host university. This report must be sent to the Alliance Program within one month at the end of this mobility and will relate the main benefits of the stay from an academic, a personal and a professional point of view.

- **Payment of the grant.** The grant will be attributed via reimbursement upon completion of the research and conditional to the submission of the mentioned report. Students should send original receipts for all expenses associated with the research project (flight information, hotel invoices, rent contract, public transportation, books, food, etc.). All documentation must be submitted within 120 days after the research stay. Passed this delay, the grant may become taxable income.

- **Conditions.** Students who do not comply to the timeline and conditions detailed above will not receive the grant.

- **Acknowledgement.** Recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of the “Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant” in any papers, publications or resumes and to provide the Alliance team with copies of these papers and publications.

### Contact & Information

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