



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACULTY SPONSORS RELATED TO

ALLIANCE CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY 2014-2015

The Alliance Program is a joint venture between Columbia University and three French Universities: the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. The Alliance Program aims to promote education and research collaboration in all disciplines between the four 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 network. Ph.D. candidates are encouraged to spend a research period of one to three months abroad under the supervision of a faculty member in the host university. The Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant amounts to up to \$4,000 per student and it is meant to cover travel and living expenses.

Candidates applying to the Doctoral Mobility Grant are required to submit a letter of endorsement by a faculty sponsor from the host institution. Students are encouraged to take direct contact with their potential faculty sponsors.

Agreeing to supervise a student within the Doctoral Mobility Program does not imply any financial commitment, however it entails the following responsibilities:

- Meeting with the visiting student on a regular basis to provide guidance during the development of the project,
- Helping the student connect with the academic community at the host institution (participation in seminars, workshops etc.).

Students must submit their applications, complete with their CV and research proposal, by **September 30, 2013**. Doctoral fellows for the academic year 2014-2015 will be selected by an independent jury of professors from the four partner universities.

We hope this clarifies the purpose of this call 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.

Should you agree to sponsor the application of a candidate, you may submit your letter of endorsement directly to the Alliance Program by September 30, 2013.

For more information, please visit our website www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance .

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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