



PASTEUR FOUNDATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship Program F.A.Q.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I eligible?

If you are preparing your doctoral thesis or have received your Ph.D. within the last five years, *and* if you are a citizen of the United States and do not live or work in France, you are probably eligible!

Which lab will I work in?

It is your choice. The first step is to identify an appropriate and willing host lab at the Institut Pasteur. See the “programs” page of our website (www.pasteurfoundation.org) for a list of labs at the institute. If you find a lab to sponsor you, you are all set to apply!

How do I know which call for applicants is best for me?

We try to hold at least one call for applicants each year (September), and sometimes two (February and September). February applicants are notified in April and recipients must commence their fellowships by December 1st. September applicants are notified in November and recipients must commence their fellowships by June 1st.

I haven't defended my thesis yet; when should I apply?

If you have a sense of the date of your thesis defense and are fairly certain your thesis is on track, we recommend that you choose the latest possible deadline in advance of your defense.

I have no knowledge/minor knowledge of the French language; should I apply?

Yes. Ability to speak, read or write French is not a pre-requisite for this program. However, these abilities will enhance your experience.

If I am a permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen at the time of application, even if I have a citizenship application pending, am I eligible to apply?

We regret that this program is strictly designated for U.S. citizens. You must be a U.S. citizen at the time you submit your application.

When is the deadline to apply?

We hold our calls for applicants at different times of the year depending on the availability of funding for our fellowships. To receive up-to-the-minute deadline information, go to the “Contact Us” page of our website (www.pasteurfoundation.org) and click on one of the links to Twitter, Facebook or Linked In.

Is the deadline a “postmark by” date or a “receive by” date?

Your application must be received in Paris by the deadline listed on our Program Deadlines page. This is not a “postmark by” date.

Do I have to send a PDF of my application?

Yes, as insurance that we have received your application in a timely fashion, please send the pdf of your materials to the emails indicated on the application guidelines. Again, please make sure that your application arrives in Paris **on or before** the application deadline.

May I submit my application in parts?

Please hold your application until it is complete. Partial submissions are discouraged.

Should I call the Pasteur Foundation to learn the status of my application or of the selection process?

We will notify you as soon as the selection process is complete. We ask that you wait to hear from us.

Is there someone who can tell me about his or her experience in this program?

Yes, many of our current and past fellows are happy to communicate with potential applicants. Please contact the Pasteur Foundation to learn how to reach a past or current fellow.

If you have questions, please reread the above carefully to make sure they have not been answered. For any questions not addressed above, please email:

PasteurUS@aol.com or visit www.pasteurfoundation.org.