



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



Call for proposals

Doctoral and post-doctoral students exchanges Inserm / University of Sydney 2015

The University of Sydney and Inserm are pleased to offer a short term research mobility opportunity for doctoral and post-doctoral students. The aim of the programme is to develop and/or consolidate scientific cooperation between excellent research teams of the University of Sydney and Inserm. Four candidates in total (2 from the University of Sydney & 2 from Inserm laboratories) will be selected every year through a call for proposals.

1. **Format of exchanges:**

The exchanges will last from 1 to 3 months, unsplitable.

2. **Targeted population:**

Candidates to mobility will have to be doctoral students or have been awarded a PhD or equivalent research doctorate within 5 years.

Candidates from University of Sydney applying to visit France must not have stayed in France for professional reason during the 6 months preceding the mobility.

Candidates from Inserm laboratories applying to visit Australia must be EU passport holders.

3. **Targeted research domains:**

Applications are invited from researchers wishing to undertake an exchange in Life sciences and Health research.

Priority will be given to mobility proposals addressing the following research areas:

- neuroscience and mental health,
- cancer,
- infectious diseases,
- diabetes and obesity,
- cardiovascular diseases.

4. **Funding of exchanges:**

The parties will cover the expense for travels of recipients from their institutions, on the basis of a roundtrip economy class ticket flight (to the maximum value of 1600€ for Inserm researchers and a maximum of AUD2200 for University of Sydney researchers).

The recipients hosted at the University of Sydney will each receive AUD2500 per month, covering daily allowance and accommodation costs. This funding will be provided by the University of Sydney upon arrival into Sydney via a travel money card.

The recipients hosted at Inserm will each receive 1800€ per month, covering daily allowance and accommodation costs. This funding will be provided by Inserm. The contact for funding issues at INSERM will be advised when applicants are informed of the successful proposal.

5. **Selection criteria:**

The submitted mobility proposals will be evaluated and selected by Inserm and the University of Sydney jointly.

The selection of proposals will be based on the following criteria:

1. Excellence of the doctoral/post-doctoral student profile,
2. Excellence of the hosting researcher and laboratory,
3. Excellence of the research project related to the mobility, and expected added value of the Inserm-University of Sydney collaboration,
4. Feasibility of the work programme planned in the framework of the mobility (including in terms of estimated budget).

6. **Application modalities:**

IMPORTANT: Candidates must submit their applications directly to their own institution in accordance with its procedures (**Inserm candidates submit their applications to Inserm & University of Sydney candidates submit their application to the University of Sydney**)

Applications must be submitted electronically to the email addresses indicated below.

Applications must be submitted in full by the deadline in order to be considered for funding and must include a completed copy of each of the following documents:

- A completed candidacy form,
- A CV,
- A letter of support from the proposed supervisor at the host institution, detailing acceptance of the research plan and committing to provide infrastructure required to complete the project,
- A reference/support letter from the applicant's supervisor at their home institution, indicating the benefit to be obtained from a mobility period with the other party.

7. **Award notification & administration:**

Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application in September 2015.

The award letter advising successful applicants of their grant will include details of a contact person within each institution who will be responsible for administration of financial and logistical aspects of the exchange.

Successful applicants will also be provided with advice from their host institution about the process of applying for the necessary visa to travel to their host institution.

Successful applicants will need to complete the mobility period within 2016.

8. **Contact details for applications & information :**

For candidates from Inserm:

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For candidates from the University of Sydney:

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Application forms can be downloaded from the Office of Global Engagement's website at:
<http://sydney.edu.au/global-engagement/index.php?dir=partners&page=inserm>

Proposals submission deadline (at Inserm AND University of Sydney):
9 June 2015