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# CIVIS3i Postdoctoral fellowship programme

## First Call

[CIVIS3i](#), The CIVIS Alliance Programme for International, Interdisciplinary, Intersectoral Research and Training for Experienced Researchers, is an Alliance program selected under the MSCA-H2020 COFUND for postdoctoral researchers, open to experienced researchers from all around the world, developed in the context of the European University CIVIS. Aix-Marseille University (France) coordinates the program, which gathers four recruiting universities belonging to the [European University CIVIS](#), the five other CIVIS universities that offer co-advisors, training and secondments and 24 non-academic partners, who offer training and secondments.

The four recruiting universities are Aix-Marseille University (AMU, France), Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Belgium), Sapienza Università di Roma (SUR, Italy), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM, Spain). The associated partners are the [5 CIVIS universities](#): National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, University of Bucharest, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, University of Stockholm, University of Glasgow; and the [non-academic partners](#) (please see list at the end or check the CIVIS3i website).

The CIVIS3i program is rooted in the concept of a cross-border environment for research that offers a wide range of possibilities in terms of international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration. CIVIS3i offers a comprehensive training and networking program, integrating interdisciplinarity and intersectorality in research, as well as skills to work on an international environment. CIVIS3i is devoted to increase the career perspectives of fellows, by offering talented researchers an attractive environment for research and by training a future generation of employable, mobile, first-class researchers.

[Aix-Marseille University \(AMU\)](#) is the largest multidisciplinary French-speaking University. AMU welcomes 80,000 students, including 10,000 international students and 3,400 PhD in progress distributed among 12 Doctoral schools, and nearly 8,000 staff on 5 large campuses of international standards. The university is present in 9 cities in 4 departments of the Southern French Region. AMU's [A\\*Midex](#) University Foundation contributes to the development of a world-class interdisciplinary higher education and research centre. Known as an "intensive research university", it is home to 122 research structures linked to major national research organisations. AMU is structured around five disciplinary sectors and one multidisciplinary sector: Arts, Letters, Languages and Human Sciences; Law and Political Science; Economics and Management; Health; Science and Technology.

[Université libre de Bruxelles \(ULB\)](#) was founded in 1834. It has a long tradition of excellence in Research with four scientific Nobel Prizes, two Nobel Peace Prizes, one Fields Medal, three Wolf Prizes, two Marie Curie Excellence Awards, and 20 spin-off projects per year. It is one of the largest and best Research Universities in Belgium, with a student population of 30,000 and with almost 2,000 PhD in progress distributed



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among 22 Doctoral schools. ULB has considerable experience with European funding programmes, being involved in around 270 projects financed by both the 7th European Framework Programme and Horizon 2020, including 41 ERC grants and 74 MSCA grants.

**Sapienza Universitat di Roma (SUR)** is one of the oldest universities in the world. With some 110,000 students enrolled each year, of which 9,000 are foreign students, and more than 3,000 professors and researchers, SUR is also the largest university in Europe. It offers a vast array of courses including 287 degree programmes at Bachelor and Master level, 85 PhD courses, over 190 professional courses and several specialisation schools, which are run by 58 Departments and 11 Faculties. It also counts with a School for Advanced Studies and a School of Aerospace Engineering. SUR is a high performer in international rankings: it is 1st in Italy and 114th globally for Cwur, while, according to the QS it ranks as 3rd in Italy and 171st globally as well as in the top 3 universities in the world for Classics & Ancient History Studies. SUR engages in national and international research projects on a wide variety of themes, including more than 220 projects approved under the H2020.

**Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)** is a Spanish public university offering graduate and postgraduate degrees in many different fields. It combines quality teaching, intensive research and a high level of employment with a strong social commitment, being a benchmark in these areas, as recognized by various global indicators. In the QS World University Rankings 2021, UAM ranks for the second consecutive year among the 200 best universities in the world. It is the second best university in Spain, the first in Madrid, and is among the 100 most prestigious universities in Europe. Collaboration with the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) in one of the first Campus of International Excellence in our country, has allowed it to create a privileged environment for research and teaching.

University	Euraxess University link
AMU	<a href="https://euraxess.univ-amu.fr/">https://euraxess.univ-amu.fr/</a>
ULB	<a href="https://www.ulb.be/fr/devenir-chercheur-chercheuse/euraxess">https://www.ulb.be/fr/devenir-chercheur-chercheuse/euraxess</a>
SUR	<a href="https://www.euraxess.it/italy/information-assistance">https://www.euraxess.it/italy/information-assistance</a>
UAM	<a href="https://www.euraxess.es/spain/spain-network">https://www.euraxess.es/spain/spain-network</a>

## **Description of fellowship and conditions to apply**

Sixteen 24-month Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded to experienced researchers of any age or nationality (in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of research experience) from the entire world in all fields of research, with a bottom-up approach, within the five CIVIS thematic hubs aligned with global societal challenges (see list below). Candidates may choose to be hosted and develop their research at one of the alliance four recruiting universities (AMU, ULB, SUR, UAM), and mobility within the whole alliance (the nine universities + non-academic partners) will be facilitated. Fellows are required to included elements of intersectoral mobility and interdisciplinarity in their application, such as a 3-month secondment and short visits in one of the academic or non-academic partners, and



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a co-supervision at one of the 9 CIVIS Universities (For more information see the [CIVIS website](#)). Secondment provisions and co-supervision should be included at the proposal stage if possible; however, if such elements are not fully defined in the proposal, the laureates will be accompanied on these dimensions once selected. Fellows are expected to participate in outreach activities related to their research. The competitive fellowships are designed to further the education and training of the fellows with primary emphasis placed on the individual's research promise, and to boost their future career inside or outside academia. The [five CIVIS hubs](#), aligned with societal challenges, integrate multiple topics, giving the fellows the freedom to conduct research on a wide range of subjects, for instance:

- In **Health**: Nutrition and food; Ageing; Well-being; Epidemiology; Immunology; Public Health; Medical Studies; Neurosciences; Pharmacology; Sport and movement science
- In **Climate, Environment, Energy**: Geology; Oceanography; Biodiversity; Migrations and settlements; Sustainable energy; Climatology; Pollution; Astronomy.
- In **Digital and Technological Transformation**: Artificial Intelligence; New Media; Technologies & Engineering; Processes; Music; Learning; Sciences; Digitalization.
- In **Society, Culture and Heritage**: History; Literature; Sociology; Archaeology; Arts; Migrations; Religions; Philosophy; Political science; Languages.
- In **Cities, Territories and Mobilities**: Smart cities; Urbanism; Geography; Architecture; Transports; Logistics; Migrations; Governance.

## **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for a CIVIS3i postdoctoral fellowship, candidates must fulfil these two cumulative obligations:

- Candidates must be in possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience (calculated according to the MSCA programme) by the call deadline. As a condition of the fellowship, candidates must be able to present their diploma, a certified copy of their diploma, or proof of minimum four years of full-time equivalent research by the call deadline (work contracts, employer certificate, scholarships, certificates, a career description), and optionally a certified letter from the appropriate university or research institute official stating that they have completed all of the requirements for their degree including the completion of their final thesis, before they begin their fellowship appointment. There is no age or nationality restriction. **Please regularly check the [Guide for applicants and templates](#) available at the CIVIS3i website.**
- Candidates must be recruited by a CIVIS3i University (AMU, ULB, SUR, UAM) in a country where they have not resided or carried out their main activity for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.



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## **Application procedures**

Candidates must present an ambitious research project (deadline 22 October 2021) that meets the three "I's" of CIVIS3i: International, Interdisciplinary and Intersectoral. Applications are done via the CIVIS3i Application portal (see the "[Apply](#)" button). Candidates are invited to check the [application and the evaluation guides](#) prior to starting an application procedure. Communication with potential CIVIS3i advisors prior to submitting an application is highly encouraged.

The application file will include the application form to be filled online on the CIVIS3i submission platform, A research and training proposal ([template](#) available on the CIVIS3i website), a curriculum vitae in Europass format (template available on the CIVIS3i website), an Ethics Issues Form (template available on the CIVIS3i website) and Self-Assessment, a copy of the PhD degree or certificate confirming that the PhD is fulfilled prior to the call deadline, or alternatively a career description proving at least 4 years of full-time research experience by the call deadline (template available on the CIVIS3i website), including work contracts, employer certificates, etc, and a copy of their passport or identity card. Application templates are available on the CIVIS3i website along with a comprehensive [guidelines for applicants](#).

## **How to identify advisors?**

The best way to obtain more information about ongoing research within the CIVIS3i alliance is via the database found on the CIVIS3i research inventory ([Find an advisor](#) page) of the CIVIS3i website and by visiting the individual Department, Center and Institute web pages listed below. For any queries or help finding a host and/or supervisor, please contact the project manager, listed below on the contacts section.

University	Link to Research Departments and Research Centers
AMU	<a href="https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/public/research-units">https://www.univ-amu.fr/en/public/research-units</a>
ULB	<a href="https://www.ulb.be/en/research/institutes-resources-and-contacts">https://www.ulb.be/en/research/institutes-resources-and-contacts</a>
SUR	<a href="https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/departments">https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/departments</a> <a href="https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/research-centres-italian">https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/research-centres-italian</a>
UAM	<a href="https://www.uam.es/uam/investigacion/centros-institutos">https://www.uam.es/uam/investigacion/centros-institutos</a>

It is expected that candidates will have a command of the English language, although the CIVIS3i management team will be able to assist specific issues in other languages, on a case-by-case basis (Portuguese, Spanish, French, Italian - see contact details). Applications are done in English. Candidate selection will follow an open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable procedure based on international peer-review. After evaluation of the research proposals, candidates will be shortlisted for interviews (also in English) with the selection committee via videoconference. Final results will be communicated to the candidates in January 2022 and available on the CIVIS3i website. Laureates will have one-week to accept or decline the fellowship.



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## **Conditions offered**

Successful candidates of fellowships can start their research appointment at the Institution of their choice as described in the proposal (within the Alliance, see above description) any time up to six months following the acceptance of the fellowship. Recipients of the 2021-2022 fellowships will receive a living allowance of 3 710€ per month, plus a fixed monthly mobility allowance of 300€ to cover moving expenses. In line with Horizon 2020 MSCA-IF and ITN practices, Country Correction Coefficients will be applied to provide a salary better adapted to the local conditions (see table below). An additional family allowance can be provided for researchers with family obligations before the call deadline. Each fellow will have a 15 000€ grant to cover research and training expenses (eg, publication costs, travel and accommodation). The Country Correction Coefficient is the one applicable to the country of the recruiting university and may suffer small changes on a year-by-year case. The living allowance is a gross amount, including compulsory deductions under national law, such as employer and employee social security contributions and direct taxes.

Cost Categories		Country-corrected Amount (EURO/month)				
		Amount	France (115.7%)	Italy (104.4 %)	Belgium (100%)	Spain (95.4%)
Fellow-related costs	Living allowance	3710	4292.47	3873.24	3710	3539.34
	Mobility allowance	300	300	300	300	300
	Family allowance (if applicable)	250	250	250	250	250
Research-related costs	Management and communication costs	752	752	752	752	752
	Research costs (eg, travel, accommodation, publication fees, etc.)	625	625	625	625	625

## **Equal opportunities**

CIVIS3i is committed to a comprehensive policy of equal opportunities and merit in employment and to preventing any type of discrimination to ensure that all candidates are treated equally, irrespective of nationality, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, age, disability, political or religious belief, or socio-economic class, and so welcomes applications from everyone.



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## **Contacts**

For further information and informal enquiries about the position, please contact the CIVIS3i project manager Dr. Joana Boavida by email to joana.boavida(at)univ-amu.fr and, for specific issues related to the hosting universities, contact the Local Contact Points for each of the Alliance Universities as indicated in the summary table below.

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<b>University</b>	<b>University acronym</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>No. fellowships Call 1</b>	<b>No. fellowships Calls1+2</b>	<b>Contact email</b>
University of Aix Marseille	AMU	France	5	10	PROJECT MANAGER joana.boavida@univ-amu.fr
Université libre de Bruxelles	ULB	Belgium	4	8	ulb-europe@ulb.be
Sapienza Università di Roma	SUR	Italy	3	6	rosa.distefano@uniroma1.it
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	UAM	Spain	4	8	rafaella.lenoir@uam.es
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	



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## **Non-academic associated partners for secondments**

<b>PARTNER</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Marseille (AP-HM)	FR
SAFECLUSTER	FR
Pôle MER	FR
Éa éco-entreprises	FR
SATT Sud-Est	FR
ABG	FR
INNORMADRID	SP
Romania National Environmental Protection Agency - Agenția Națională pentru Protecția Mediului	RO
Innov' Alliance	FR
MUCEM	FR
EUROBIOMED	FR
Pole SCS	FR
Fundacion Parque Cientifico de Madrid	SP
Swedish Museum of Natural History	SE
Institute for Historical Research - National Hellenic Research Foundation	GR
Central Institute for Archeology - Istituto Centrale per l'Archeologia	IT
Parco archeologico del colosseo	IT
Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH) – Institute of Applied and Computational Mathematics	GR
si-CLUSTER - The Hellenic Space Technologies and Application Cluster	GR
National Observatory of Athens (NOA) – Institute of Environmental Research and Sustainable Development	GR
Pole Optitec	FR
ICOM - International Council of Museums (Belgium)	BE
ENAR - European Network Against Racism asbl (Belgium)	BE