Soon to come online
The “Hosting high-level researchers” call

This is a specific action aiming at promoting the international attractiveness of France by enabling both promising and established brilliant researchers from beyond France’s borders to come and work in reputed French research institutions. It is planned to open the call during February.

In view of the cross-border mobility of today’s researchers, the ANR has decided to contribute to the strengthening of France’s scientific positioning, while at the same time enabling researchers from abroad to benefit from the outstanding resources offered by France’s research institutions.

The programme is aimed at both promising (junior) and experienced (senior) French and foreign researchers who reside abroad or who have recently moved to France, the goal being to attract researchers who will work for a relatively long period of time in renowned French research institutions.

The ANR will be providing the selected institutions with funding ranging from €150,000 to €900,000 for three to four years.

This support can be used to cover part of the researchers’ salary, and will at the same time enable the researchers to build their own teams and realise an ambitious, original and high impact project in the scientific domain of their choosing.

For the host institutions, the programme will promote the integration of new areas of high-calibre scientific expertise and the building of new international collaborations. The benefits derived from participation, competencies and know-how on the part of international scientists will enable France’s scientific community to strengthen its potential and explore new avenues of research.

This new instrument is an extension of the "Post-doctoral return" and Chairs of excellence programmes. The call for applications will be issued this coming February, and the closing date will be in the spring of this year.

ANR provides funding for project-based research. Employing a method based on competitive peer reviews that complies with international standards, ANR attaches great importance to providing the scientific community with instruments and conditions that promote creativity and openness and stimulate new ideas and partnerships, particularly between the public and private sectors. Its activity also contributes to enhancing the competitiveness and the influence of French research in Europe and across the world. Since 2010, ANR has also been the principal operator of the Investments for the Future programme in the field of higher education and research. In this role it ensures the selection, funding and monitoring of projects relating to the centres of excellence, health, biotechnologies, and the transfer of technology and the creation of value from research.

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