

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESEARCHER'S VISA

Visa attests to your right to enter a foreign country. Affixed to your passport, in the form of a sticker, it informs the authorities of the duration and purpose of your stay in the host country, whatever the duration. Applying for a visa is the first important step to take as soon as your scientific mobility is confirmed. Therefore, it is important to be well informed about the procedure to follow, depending on your situation.



• Which visa to apply for?

- You are a PhD student, a researcher, a post-doctoral researcher, or faculty member from the European Union or Switzerland:

If you are a citizen of the European Union (or EEA) or Switzerland, you do not need a visa to stay and work in France. A valid identity document is enough.

- You are a PhD student, a researcher, a post-doctoral researcher, or faculty member **not** from the European Union or Switzerland:

The visa you are entitled to depends on the financing of your stay.

- Work contract in France or in your country:

You are eligible for the procedure relating to the long-stay visa mentioning "passport-talent - researcher" (long-stay visa "scientist-researcher" for Algerians). **You must first request a hosting agreement ("Convention d'accueil") from the Euraxess service center of the University of Orleans.** The supporting documents to obtain a hosting agreement are the following:

- "Fiche de renseignement Euraxess" completed (need to be ask by email)
- Copy of your passport
- Copy of your visa (if you're already in France)
- Certificate of financing indicating the dates and amount of remuneration
- Health insurance certificate for the first 4 months of the stay (or CPAM/CEAM if already in Europe)

As the time limit for signing the hosting agreement is approximately 10 days, we advise you to make your appointment at the embassy according to this time limit. As soon as your hosting agreement is ready, the scanned copy will be sent to you by e-mail and the original will be sent to you by post (international registered mail) as it will be requested by the embassy.



You must bring your original hosting agreement in France, in order to certify your scientific stay. It does not replace your work contract.

- Other financing:
 - Registered to the University of Orléans

If you are going to be registered as a doctoral student at the University of Orléans and your funding is in the form of a scholarship, own resources, etc... other than through a salaried employment contract, then you must apply for a "student" visa (visa "étudiant").

- Non registered

If you do not have a work contract in France or in your country of origin and you are not registered at the University, you can apply for a tourist visa.

🌟 How to apply for a visa?

The visa application is to be made by yourself at the French Embassy or Consulate nearest to you. You can start the process online on this site:

https://france-visas.gouv.fr/fr_FR/web/france-visas

Once you've received your visa, please send a copy to your correspondents at the University of Orleans.

🌟 How to validate your visa?

In the 3 months following your arrival in France, you must validate your visa.

- For a stay of less than 12 months :

You have a visa valid as a residence permit, called VLS-TS "passeport talent - chercheur -- L313-20 4°" or "étudiant". It is valid for one year but must be validated online on this site:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Cost: 200€ for "passeport talent" and 60€ for "étudiant" to be paid as tax stamps that can be purchased on the same site.

The mention "L313-20 4°" corresponds to "CESDA a R311-3-9" in the list quoted on the site because article 9 of CESDA a 311-3 mentions the holders of a visa bearing the mention "L313-20 4°".

More information: **https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000038189078/**

- For a stay superior to 12 months :

You first have a 3 months visa "passeport talent-chercheur" bearing the mention "L313-20 4° C.SEJ A SOLLIC. (understand resident permit to be solicited "Carte de séjour à Solliciter")" or "étudiant". **This visa is valid for three months and is not a residence permit.**

To obtain a residence permit you need to take an appointment at the nearest prefecture:

- For Orléans and Montargis : **<https://www.loiret.gouv.fr/Prendre-un-rendez-vous-en-ligne>**
- For Chartres : **<https://www.eure-et-loir.gouv.fr/Prendre-rendez-vous-en-ligne>**
- For Châteauroux : **<https://www.indre.gouv.fr/Prendre-rendez-vous-en-ligne>**
- For Blois : **<https://www.loir-et-cher.gouv.fr/Prendre-rendez-vous>**

During this appointment, the documents usually requested are:

- Hard copy of your passport + original document
- Hard copy of your visa + original document
- Proof of residence dated less than 3 months old (home insurance certificate, telephone or electricity bill, etc.)
- 3 ID pictures (format 3,5x4,5 cm)
- Master or Doctorate diploma
- Original hosting agreement ("Convention d'accueil")

Following your appointment, you will receive a receipt if your visa is about to expire while waiting for your residence permit to be issued.

Once your residence permit is ready, the prefecture will contact you to collect it. You will then have to pay a fee of 225€ (or 75€ for "student" visas). This tax must be paid in tax stamps. You can buy them in most tobacco stores or online (<https://timbres.impots.gouv.fr/index.jsp>).

• How to renew a visa?

If your visa expires and you need to renew it, you must go to the prefecture again.

You will need a new hosting agreement if your stay is extended under an employment contract.

The Euraxess service center remains at your disposal to answer your questions and provide additional information regarding this topic