



**2024/25 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION
IN THE SALTO EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN THE MPG AND THE CNRS
FOR PHD CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS**

DEADLINE: 22 JANUARY 2025

General

SALTO is a strategic exchange programme instituted by the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (MPG) and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) as a joint contribution to assuring excellence in the European Research Area.

The scheme is open to outstanding PhD candidates, generally from the second year onwards, and postdocs employed by the MPG and the CNRS, respectively. The application and selection procedure is conducted separately by the two organisations. Accordingly, the present call is addressed to researchers employed by the MPG only.

Selected PhD candidates shall generally spend in total six to a maximum of ten months at the CNRS host facility, postdocs between four and ten months. Throughout this period, they shall remain employed at their respective home MPI. Subdivision into several shorter research stays is possible by way of exception in a separately substantiated case of need.

Participating in the SALTO programme is a distinction. Candidates will be selected by the Vice Presidents of the MPG in a competitive process.

Documents to be submitted

The following information and documents should be submitted to salto@gv.mpg.de (Ms Friederike Nolte) by 22 January 2025.

- 1) contact details (name, institute, address and e-mail)
- 2) short scientific outline (approximately 200-300 words)
- 3) recommendation of a Scientific Member of the respective home MPI
- 4) letter of Intent of the planned host research institute or laboratory of the CNRS

Timetable

Results will be announced by 26 February 2025. Research stays should begin during 2025 or by spring 2026 at the latest.

Information for participating Institutes

In separately substantiated cases of need and subject to approval by the responsible Vice President, participating MPIs can request refunds

- for outgoing MPG participants: reimbursement of additional costs for travel and subsistence up to a maximum of EUR 1,000 per month spent abroad. Accounts should be in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz). Outbound and return trips are to be treated separately. In cases of subdivision into several shorter research stays, only the first outbound journey and the last return journey can be reimbursed.
- for costs related to incoming CNRS participants: allowance of up to EUR 500 per month spent at the MPI for GSHS Institutes and up to EUR 800 for CPTS and BMS Institutes.

Apart from this, successful candidates can apply for Kick-Off Workshops in order to stimulate a broader exchange beyond their individual projects.