

RESEARCH RESIDENCE

international and multidisciplinary

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Call for individual applications from researchers

2024 season



The Research Residence for the Common Good supports and disseminates scientific research from all disciplines having a societal impact aimed at the development of all, or contributing to enlightening political, social, environmental and ethical reflections. Each year, it welcomes in an exceptional location - alternately in Normandy and Europe - around twenty multidisciplinary researchers in the process of writing scientific articles or research projects, as well as five artists with a creative project. Equipped with a salaried team, its main activities are reception, animation, and dissemination of the work to the general public.

Conditions of stay in the Residence

Residence project

The Research Residence for the Common Good offers to host researchers for working stays of one to two weeks. Accommodation in residence must have the purpose of writing a research project or finalizing a scientific article or book.

Location and calendar

Two sequences are open in 2024 in two different locations (dates to be validated):



Mont-Saint-Michel from September 15th to 29th, 2024. Accommodation in the abbey in the heart of the bay of Mont-Saint-Michel, a spiritual, natural and heritage site.



Villa Bonaparte in Rome from December 1st to 15th, 2024

Accommodation in the cultural institute of the embassy, in the historic city center of Rome

Accommodation and working conditions

The Residence accommodates 4 to 5 researchers simultaneously. Shared spaces of living room, kitchen, dining room. A shared workspace with internet access is available. Invitations are strictly personal and spouses or accompanying persons are therefore not admitted to the residence.

Restoration

Morning, midday and evening meals are provided by the residence. Dietary constraints are taken into account wherever possible.

Route

The researcher is picked up from Caen station. A financial contribution can be requested from the Residence for the rest of the journey. Rail transport with a low carbon impact is encouraged and financially supported as a priority.

Reciprocal commitments

Animations

Participation in shared evening meals is required.

A sequence of cross-presentations of the work of the winners is organized on site.

A visit to partner scientific laboratories is carried out with meetings with researchers and students.

An on-site meeting with the patron club will be proposed.

Desired but optional participation in general public scientific mediation events in the region.

Financial conditions

Accommodation, catering and media services are offered free of charge by the residence. A contribution from the Residence to travel costs may be requested.

Deliverable requested

Maximum two months after the end of the stay, participants will provide a summary of their work, accessible to non-specialists, which will be published in the research notebooks the Residence and a one-page summary in French which will appear in the association's moral report.

These deliverables will serve as the basis for a publication in a mainstream science popularization partner journal.(e.g. Pour la science 250k readers, Science et Vie 180k readers). The researcher will take part in a radio and podcast interview with international broadcast.

Publications and Intellectual Property

The researcher is autonomous in his scientific publication process and remains the sole owner of the intellectual property of his productions. A quote from the Residence in the deliverable is requested. Dissemination on an open science archive platform is required unless otherwise provided by the university or the journal targeted for publication.

The summaries and general public synthesis works will be distributed under a free license ([CC-BY-ND](#)).

Network of Common Good Researchers

The winning researchers become members of the international network of Common Good researchers and benefit after their residency from academic connections, internal communications and public promotion of their work.

Call for applications

Applications for a scientific residency in 2024 will be made via the dedicated platform between March 30 and April 30, 2024. The residency selection committee will select the winners by May 20.

The application file must include:

- a career résumé
- the list of publications
- a summary of the research project (presentation of the subject in around twenty lines)

- a presentation of the writing project during the residency stay: call for projects or targeted publication review, planned submission date
- a detailed presentation of the current research project (3 to 5 pages) including a state of the question, a justification of the project, the methodology implemented, the news of the subject studied, all elements allowing to assess the degree of progress of research, and the link with the Common Good.
- two letters of recommendation from scientific personalities, at least one of whom is external to the thesis director or the host laboratory, who knows the candidate and is likely to provide an assessment of his or her work
- for doctoral students, the certificate of registration for thesis in the defense establishment
- for post-doctoral students, a letter from the laboratory management certifying the welcome within the laboratory
- a photocopy of identity document

Eligibility and criteria

Researchers - French-speaking or not - attached to a university or scientific research institute, doctoral students or holders of a doctorate are eligible.

The validation of eligible research themes is based on the following criteria:

- Research topic relating to one of the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) or more generally on one of the natural or social goods contributing to the Common Good and the development of all
- Societal impact of research applications
- Direct or indirect universal character of the theme
- Systemic and multidisciplinary approach to research issues
- Social and ethical reflection on potential applications

The selection is carried out according to the following criteria:

- quality of the file, solidity of the scientific argument, relevance of the problem, feasibility of the project, adequacy with the available sources
- advancement of a publication or research program
- link with the [theme of the Common Good](#) and the [charter of values](#) of the Residence
- parity and diversity of beneficiaries
- personal motivation



About the Residence

Legal status and organization: Independent private law association (1901 law) created in 2024, with a board of directors made up of researchers and representatives of civil society, a scientific guidance council, a salaried team, an editorial committee and a multidisciplinary and international scientific network.

Partners: University of Caen (UFR Health and Human Sciences Research House), Science Po Rennes - Caen Campus, Normandy Region, Lisieux-Normandy Agglomeration, Normandy Ethical Reflection Space, Caen la Mer Researchers' House, House of Good Common, fondation Camargo, foundation des Treilles, the Dôme (Caen), the French Institute.

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ANNEXES

Project values

- Fraternity
 - Care given to the quality of human connections between all stakeholders
- Respect for the human person
 - Care given to the rights and well-being of each beneficiary, employee, service provider, visitor, in their diversity
- Women's engagement
 - equal representation targeted in each governance body, in the teams, in the beneficiaries
- Local development
 - Regional scientific, cultural and economic anchoring
- Eco-responsibility
 - Overall eco-designed project, with an ambition to be exemplary
- Transparency
 - Broad communication on selection criteria, financing methods, life at the Residence
- Knowledge sharing
 - Free and open science licenses (free publications [CC-BY-ND](#) and open archives)
- Secularism
 - Strict neutrality of the residence with regard to spiritual convictions
 - Respect for practices and expressions of spiritual beliefs
- Francophonie
 - Accessibility of results by French-speaking audiences
 - Promotion of the use of French in scientific publications

Definition of the Common Good

What is the Common Good? Defined since Aristotle and later by Thomas Aquinas as the organizing principle of human communities aimed at the development of all, the Common Good is once again relevant today.

Concretely, it is embodied through the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) :

- The fact of **protect, improve and make accessible to as many people as possible** : water, food, housing, health and the material conditions necessary for a dignified life;
- **Education, culture, training and employment** which allow full development;
- **A preserved environment;**
- **Peace, equality, justice and security.**

The Common Good of all is universal, free and accessible to everyone, primarily to the most deprived.

Research on the Common Good brings together all scientific research subjects having a societal impact aimed at the development of all, or contributing to enlightening public debate.

