

HiSoMA Fellowship Call for application - 2026

➤ Description of the Research Center HiSoMA

The Research Center HiSoMA, *History and Sources of the Ancient Worlds* (UMR 5189) is one of the research centers federated within the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée-Jean Pouilloux (MOM). Its activity focuses on the study of ancient worlds, covering a wide geographical area (from Gaul to the Indian subcontinent, via Egypt and the Levant) as well as a large chronology (from the Old Pharaonic Empire to the Late Antiquity, even to the High Middle Ages) and encompassing all disciplines of Classics (archaeology, history, literature, linguistics, philology, patristics, epigraphy, numismatics, iconography). The center gathers close to 80 full time researchers, as many doctoral students, and about 90 associate researchers, all supported by administrative and technical staff.

With its dynamic scientific activity, its precious library and its strong anchoring in Lyon, one of Europe's major cities, HiSoMA offers a stimulating environment for scholars in Classics. The center wishes to make these resources available to junior international researchers by creating the HiSoMA grant.

Website: <https://www.hisoma.mom.fr/>

➤ The HiSoMA grant

Created in 2019, the HiSoMA grant is open to international doctoral and post-doctoral students (up to 5 years after PhD), who have never been attached to a French institution nor have any present affiliation or link to a French institution or university. A mandatory condition to apply is to propose a research project in line with HiSoMA's programs (see below).

The HiSoMA Fellowship is intended to finance a one-month research stay in Lyon for the elected student. The stay is fixed in March of each year. The host institution will cover travel and accommodation expenses up to a maximum of 1200 Euros, as well as a lump sum of 600 € for meals.

➤ The HiSoMA grant application process

Applicants must send electronically a single application **in French or in English** containing the following 3 documents:

- **Document 1:** academic curriculum vitae, detailing publications if any (2 pages maximum)
- **Document 2:** description of the research project in French or in English (less than 9000 characters including spaces). This project should be linked to one of HiSoMA's programs (listed on the website: <https://www.hisoma.mom.fr/recherche-et-activites/quinquennal-2021-2025>) or should at least be related to its major research fields.
- **Document 3:** recommendation letter from the PhD supervisor or from a specialist of the research field

Applications must be sent simultaneously to the following 3 contacts:

- Grant program manager: isabelle.boehm@univ-lyon2.fr
- HiSoMA Directors: direction.hisoma@mom.fr
- Administrative staff: aurore.bereziat@univ-lyon2.fr

➤ The HiSoMA grant selection process

The grant is awarded by a jury composed of the six members of HiSoMA's scientific committee, the manager of the HiSoMA grant program, two additional researchers external to the research center and a member of the International Relations department of one of the funding institutions. The jury's selection will be based on two criteria: 1- the quality of the submitted research project and 2- its connection with the research center's programs.

➤ Application schedule

- Applications closing date: September 30th, 2025
- Award date: November 17th, 2025
- Project date : March 1st- 31st, 2026