Open Call for 2017 Renault Research Fellowship

Uses of the automobile and new mobility services in Japan, in Korea and in Europe  
Centre d’études avancées franco-japonais de Paris  
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The Centre for French-Japanese Advanced Studies in Paris (Centre d’études avancées franco-japonais de Paris, CEAFJP) is pleased to invite applications from suitably qualified persons for the post of Renault Research Fellow, a newly established chair on Uses of the Automobile and New Mobility Services in Japan, in Korea and in Europe, funded by the EHESS France-Japan Foundation (FFJ) with the support of Renault. The Fellowship is scheduled to begin on January 1st or any other date agreed upon.

The CEAFJP is a research and exchange platform established by the FFJ in 2014, and based in Paris, France. Working in close collaboration with the research and teaching programs of the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) and supported by both public and private sectors in Europe, the Centre is meant to foster French-Japanese collaboration and to develop advanced fields of research in the social and human sciences, seen in their broadest social and historical context.

The purpose of the Renault Research Fellowship is to enable Japanese researchers and Japan specialists working in the areas of economics, sociology, anthropology and history to conduct research for a period of 6 to 12 months in Paris, undertaking either post-doctoral research (Junior) or scholarly work at an advanced stage of an academic or professional career (Senior).

Eligibility

The Fellowship is aimed at those who have been engaged in research long enough to be able to demonstrate their talent.

- **The Junior Fellowship** is aimed at researchers at the early stages of an academic career: in the advanced years of a doctoral program or pursuing post-doctoral research. A Junior Fellowship does not therefore require a Ph.D. degree.
- Candidates who obtained their Ph.D. before 2008 are considered “Senior” and must apply for a **Senior Fellowship**. The Centre invites applications from distinguished scholars as well as government and business professionals to pursue projects with the Renault-FFJ initiative. The Senior Fellows are not required to have a Ph.D. degree but will be selected for their capacity to broaden the program's intellectual horizons.

Applications are welcome from qualified persons without regard to age, nationality, place of residence or country of the affiliated institution.

Scientific Rationale

The use of cars has long been experiencing a rapid transformation in the context of economic, social, environmental and technological changes. For example, new mobility services appear,
such as car-sharing, and transforms profoundly the traditional value of possession. This evolution notably concerns advanced countries, particularly the US as well as European and certain Asian countries such as Japan and Korea. However, despite some similarities, these countries follow different trajectories that deserve to be specifically studied.

The goal of the Renault Fellowship “Uses of the automobile and of new mobility services in Japan, in Korea and in Europe” is to study the evolution of the consumption modes of the automobile and of the mobility from the viewpoint of consumer demand, carmakers’ supply and intermediaries in the sector. The focus will be put on societal transformations concerning the family, education, work and leisure as well as public policies (industrial, environmental, urban, and regional planning policies) at the local, regional and national levels.

The methodology used by the Renault Fellows can be diverse. In particular, historical, sociological and economical analysis can be applied in order to put the observed evolution in perspective and to propose interpretations that may help anticipate future evolutions. Anthropological approaches of mobility or of the relationship with consumption goods are equally welcome. The study of public policies that may affect practices and behaviors in this domain is also encouraged. Finally, a comparative geographical perspective should be applied, which implies an in-depth analysis of the Japanese and Korean cases in comparison with Europe. The latter can be the object of a field research during the Fellow’s stay in Paris.

**Duration**
From 6 to 12 months.
The Fellow will take up the post on January 1st, 2017 or any other date agreed upon.
Different conditions for obtaining a scientific visa may apply for researchers, depending on their status. For additional information, please visit [http://www.campusfrance.org/en/](http://www.campusfrance.org/en/).

**Fellowship**
The Fellow will receive a Research Fellowship ranging from €20,000 to €30,000 per year, according to the Fellow’s needs. Because we cannot always offer the amount requested, we urge applicants to apply for funding from other sources as well. An office will be provided, which the Junior Fellow will with another visiting scholar. The Fellow will benefit from excellent work conditions and academic exchange with international colleagues. Other benefits include project coordination, administrative assistance (visa, accommodation, application for extra funding), full access to the EHESS libraries and electronic journals, and an additional research budget (of up to €30,000) given on a competitive basis with the support of the European Institutes for Advanced Study Programs ([http://www.eurias-fp.eu/home](http://www.eurias-fp.eu/home)).

**Expectations**
Fellows are required to devote themselves to research during the period of appointment. The Fellow will be expected to participate in workshops and conferences in his/her fields of expertise, including at least one lecture/seminar at Renault per year. The Fellow will be required to submit at least one working paper to the FFJ working paper series and a final report (5 pages) to the FFJ at the end of his/her stay. The Fellow will also be asked to acknowledge the support of the “Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS and the Renault Research Fellowship of the Centre d'études avancées franco-japonais de Paris” in any publications resulting from the Fellowship.

**How to Apply**

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The deadline for applications is **March 31st, 2016, 12 a.m. (midnight) GMT**. Applications are **submitted by email to ffj@ehess.fr**.

The following materials are required to apply for the **Junior Fellowship**:

1) A current curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications
2) A cover letter which succinctly states the applicant's academic field, achievements and actual research topic (no more than 2 pages)
3) A statement of the applicant's proposed research, including intellectual objectives, a description of methodological and disciplinary work, a financial plan, reasons for carrying out the proposed research in Paris as well as academic contacts that you wish to establish or consolidate in Europe (no more than 5 pages)
4) Two letters of recommendation (can be mailed directly to the FFJ at ffj@ehess.fr by referees)
5) A completed application form ([Download the application form](http://ffj.ehess.fr))

The following materials are required to apply for the **Senior Fellowship**:

1) A current curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications
2) A cover letter which succinctly states the applicant's academic field, achievements and actual research topic (no more than 2 pages)
3) A statement of the applicant's proposed research, including intellectual objectives, a description of methodological and disciplinary work, a financial plan, reasons for carrying out the proposed research in Paris as well as academic contacts to establish or consolidate in Europe (no more than 5 pages)
4) A completed application form ([Download the application form](http://ffj.ehess.fr))

**Selection Process**

Fully completed applications will be forwarded to the Scientific Committee of the Centre. The Committee will only start reviewing applications after the closing date. The Committee aims to send out the results in early June 2016, before the official announcement of the results.

For further information on the application procedure, please visit the Foundation’s website [http://ffj.ehess.fr/2017_renault.html](http://ffj.ehess.fr/2017_renault.html) or contact Mr. Ken Daimaru by email at ffj@ehess.fr.