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Deadline	Sun 26 Jan 2025 (IOCB deadline Fri 17 Jan 2025)
Call name	Barrande Fellowships – Cotutelle 2025 (Joint Degree Ph.D. Study)
www	https://www.ifp.cz/cz/veda-a-univerzity/stipendia-a-financovani/stipendia-pro-doktorandy/ https://www.dzs.cz/program/barrande-fellowship-program/vyjezdy-pobyty
Focused on	Joint degree Ph.D. study between the Czech Republic and France
Applicant	Ph.D. students registered simultaneously at a university in the Czech Republic and in France
Host institution	Universities in France, https://doctorat.campusfrance.org/phd/dschools/main
Expected outputs	Ph.D. thesis
Call opens	Nov 2024
Final deadline	Sun 26 Jan 2025 (IOCB deadline Fri 17 Jan 2025)
Evaluation results	Evaluation Committees (oral presentation): Feb 2025 Publication of results: Apr 2025 Awarding ceremony: May 2025
Signature of agreement	NA
Earliest date of implementation	01 Oct or 01 Nov 2025
Latest date of implementation	31 Mar 2028
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Final report
Project duration (min-max)	3 years; 3x 5 month study stays in France
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	25,350 EUR
Success rate	NA
Eligible costs	Stipend to cover living costs of 1,690 EUR per month. Travel costs are paid by fellows. Extra accommodation allowance may be available via Campus France, www.campusfrance.org / Or Caisse d'Allocation Familiale, www.caf.fr
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	Institut Français de Prague, Science officer, Štěpánská 35, PO BOX 850, 111 21 Praha 1, www.ifp.cz , and https://cz.ambafrance.org Contact: Latifa Hamani, latifa.hamani@ifp.cz , Phone: (+420) 221 401 003
Call identifier	Barrande Fellowship Cotutelle 2025
Call info	Barrande Fellowship Program enables Czech Ph.D. students to experience a research stay in France, improve their knowledge and learn new skills. These Fellowships support 3-year joint degree Ph.D. study between the Czech Republic and France and the realisation of three 5-month stays in France.
Conditions / Restrictions	Students need to be registered at a Czech university and need to have higher education diplomas (Ing. or Mgr.) before their research stay in France.

	<p>Students in their second year of master studies at the call time may apply. The candidates will need to hold a higher education degree before their first stay abroad.</p> <p>Recipients must be Ph.D. students registered simultaneously at a Czech and a French university.</p> <p>Applicants will find general information on enrolment in a PhD programme in France on the Campus France website. Registration procedures can be found on the website of the targeted doctoral school (list of all French doctoral schools).</p> <p>The Joint Degree Ph.D. Study is administered simultaneously by the Czech and the French university. All conditions are summarized in the "Cotutelle agreement" about Joint Degree Ph.D. Study, which must be signed by both universities. The student commits to providing this agreement before the first departure to France.</p> <p>During 3 years, fellows spend time alternately at both universities. The Fellowship covers three 5-month stays in France.</p> <p>Research visits have to start on 01 Oct or 01 Nov 2025. Following the schedule: Stay 1: 01 Oct 2025 - 28 Feb 2026; Stay 2: 01 Oct 2026 - 28 Feb 2027 and Stay 3: 01 Oct 2027 - 28 Feb 2028 or Stay 1: 01 Nov 2025 - 31 Mar 2026; Stay 2: 01 Nov 2026 - 31 Mar 2027 and Stay 3: 01 Nov 2027 - 31 Mar 2028.</p> <p>Non-French speaking students may apply for the fellowship if the French supervisor hosting the French part of the Ph.D. agrees for the research stay to be performed in the English language.</p> <p>Successful students will receive a Joint University Diploma accredited by both universities. The programme supports the mobility of students to their host institution. It does not provide for a research contract for the full duration of a Ph.D.</p> <p>Fellows are expected to become important players and to strengthen Czech-French relationships & collaboration.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>The application process will take place on the platform https://studujnavs.gov.cz/ , managed by DZS.</p> <p>1) You are a student registered in the Czech Republic: https://www.studujnavs.gov.cz/aktivita/99</p> <p>2) Log in or create an account on the platform; Click on "submit" under the appropriate call</p> <p>3) Create a new application, complete all mandatory fields, and upload the required documents before the deadline on January 26th, 2025.</p> <p>Application package: (all documents must be in English):</p> <p>1) Academic CV: contact details of the applicant must be specified (personal and professional e-mail address and phone numbers) - max. 2 pages;</p> <p>2) Cover letter: motivation for applying, subject of your research, reasons for selection of the French lab - max. 2 pages;</p> <p>3) Project description: research topic, specify your research objectives, methodology and expected research; a detailed study plan with timeline, incl. the expected dates of the stay abroad; names and contact information of Czech & French supervisors - max 2 pages plus references max 1 page; header must include: Name/first name of the applicant - Subject of thesis - Name/first name of supervisors/addresses of universities;</p> <p>4) Signed Recommendation Letter of Support from the Czech supervisor (template in Appendix 1 of the Application Guidelines may be used): agreement with your project and it being conducted under dual supervision; expected dates of the stay in France; highlight student's qualities, his/her research work and explain the benefit of conducting the research project in the framework of the co-tutelle; written in English; must be on letterheaded paper;</p> <p>5) Signed Recommendation Letter of Invitation from the French supervisor (template in Appendix 2 of the Application Guidelines may be used): agreement with your project and the joint supervision; willingness to host you at the institution; expected dates of the stay in France; reasons for implementing the co-tutelle (i.e. complementarity of expertise) as well as potential success factors; written in English; must be on letterheaded paper;</p> <p>6) Provide a transcript of records (of the Most Recent Academic Achievements) or a copy of the Diploma Supplement issued by the university, covering the most recently completed degree programme.</p> <p>All materials should be submitted in PDF format, following these rules:</p> <p>Each document should be named using the following template: LAST NAME First name – Document title (<i>Example: SMITH John – CV, Cover letter</i>)</p> <p>Please note that all documents (without any exception) must be uploaded in order to submit your application.</p>

Evaluation criteria	<p>Based on the quality of the written applications, applicants will be invited to auditions. The interviews will last 20 minutes and will include a with 10-minute presentation by the applicant followed by a 10-minute discussion with the jury. Interviews will be held in the second half of February 2025.</p> <p>Applicants will be evaluated according to the criteria presented below, using a 10-point scale to assess their degree of fulfilment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality and soundness of the written application • Quality and scientific relevance of the applicant's research project • Organisation and added value of the cotutelle project • Importance and relevance of the applicant's research project for his/her professional development • Value of academic support provided by the applicant's thesis supervisor(s) • Professional competence of the applicant to successfully complete his/her research project • Quality of the oral presentation • Overall assessment of the application <p>Candidates whose research projects receive less than 70% of the maximum score will be eliminated from the competition. NB: Receiving a score higher than 70% does not automatically entitle the applicant to the fellowship.</p>
Research areas	<p>All research areas divided to following categories:</p> <p>Human Life Sciences and Health (LSH) Biology and Environment (B&E) Social Sciences & Economics (SSE) Humanities (H) Chemistry (CH) Physics/Engineering (PE) Maths/IT/Systems Engineering (MITSE)</p>
Call workshop	<p>Information session for students from Czech Universities wishing to apply for the Barrande programme: 26 Nov 2024 11:00-12:00 (online via Zoom). Registration https://www.dzs.cz/udalost/barrande-fellowships-vyzva-2025-webinar-pro-zadatele-o-stipendium</p>
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office (projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz) about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help. Veronika Palečková, veronika.paleckova@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 266; Šárka Křížová Sarka.krizova@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 527</p>
Download documents	<p>Barrande Cotutelle-2025_Summary Barrande Cotutelle-2025_Guidelines</p>