

Call for graduate student applications: Research opportunity at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Application deadline: March 1st, 2017

The French Interdisciplinary Group (FIG) is currently accepting applications for a one-, two-, or three-quarter long research opportunity for graduate students in the Humanities at the prestigious Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon.

This exchange offers Northwestern students a unique opportunity to work with and receive intellectual direction from some of the most prominent scholars in Literature, Theory, Philosophy. Of particular relevance for NU students are ENS-Lyon's highly regarded research groups including the Institut d'Histoire des Représentations et des Idées dans les Modernités ([IRHIM](#)) which brings together a group of leading scholars in the history of ideas and representations; [CIHAM](#), which studies the history, archaeology, and literature of medieval Christianity and Islam; [Triangle](#), which specializes in politics and political thought; and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Comparées sur la Création ([CERCC](#)), which works primarily on 20th-century and contemporary literature and arts.

Visiting NU students also may use the opportunity to acquire or hone French language skills by taking courses in French as a foreign language. Further information is available at <http://centredelangues.ens-lyon.fr/>

Program details: The academic year at ENS-Lyon runs from mid-September to mid-May. NU students may opt to come for one, two, or three quarters. During their time at the ENS Lyon, they will be provided with a faculty adviser, be able to enroll in seminars, have access to the library, and otherwise enjoy the rights and privileges of the regularly admitted students. They may also participate in a program that will team them up with a Lyon student "buddy" who will share his/her experience of the city.

Admission criteria: Applicants should have completed their graduate coursework and be in the process of conceptualizing or pursuing a doctoral research project. Candidates are encouraged to identify in their application one or two potential faculty advisors at ENS Lyon.

Practical arrangements: FIG will contribute up to \$1,300 toward airfare. Admission into the exchange does not carry a stipend, but the ENS Lyon offers subsidized housing on campus at the Résidence Bonnamour: <http://www.ens-lyon.fr/hebergement/> Northwestern students can go to Lyon on their second year of NU fellowship, or they can apply to [external funding](#). Detailed information on travel documents and daily life at ENS-Lyon can be found at <http://www.espace-ulyes.fr/en>

Application deadline for the 2017-2018 academic year: **March 1st, 2017.**

Please submit a letter of intent, a two-page project description, a letter of recommendation by a professor, and a transcript electronically to Marianne Hopman, fig-director@northwestern.edu