



Call for FADex Precision Psychiatry Immersion Grants for PhD Students

June 8 - 12, 2026 | France (Paris, Bordeaux, Marseille)

The French-American Doctoral Exchange (FADex) program is pleased to announce a call for applications for **PhD students** or students who have defended their thesis within the last 12 months, **currently enrolled** in a U.S. university or research institution, for a **one-week scientific immersion in France dedicated to Precision Psychiatry**, to be held from June 8 to June 12, 2026.

The Embassy of France in the United States will award **10 grants** to support participation in the **FADex Precision Psychiatry immersion in France**, organized within the framework of **PEPR PROPSY**, the **French national Research Programme on Precision Psychiatry** <https://pepr-propsy.fr/en/home/> and taking place in **Paris, Bordeaux, and Marseille**, in close collaboration with leading **academic and clinical institutions** involved in the program.

Context

As part of the **France 2030 Investment Plan** launched by the French government, **PEPR PROPSY** was selected to strengthen **clinical and pre-clinical research in precision psychiatry**. The program aims to reduce the heterogeneity of 4 major mental disorders (bipolar disorders, resistant depression, schizophrenia and autism spectrum disorders) by **identifying homogeneous patient subgroups and trans-nosographic dimensions, developing objective, measurable and quantifiable biomarkers, improving the understanding of underlying etiological mechanisms, and advancing mechanism-based therapeutic approaches**.

A central component of PROPSY is the development of **French Minds**, a **large-scale longitudinal and deeply phenotyped cohort** supported by a **multimodal database**. This initiative aligns with the designation of **Mental Health as a Major National Cause in France for 2025**, underscoring France's commitment to transformative advances in psychiatric research and care.

With 40 research teams distributed across the entire French territory, the project demonstrates a strong national scope and a substantial presence throughout France.

Program Overview

During this **one-week immersion**, selected PhD students will:

- visit leading French research laboratories and clinical centers in precision psychiatry
- engage with French research teams involved in PEPR PROPSY
- attend high-level scientific presentations and thematic workshops
- present their own doctoral research
- explore opportunities for future French-American scientific collaborations

A **detailed program** is provided in the annex.

Eligibility and Selection

Applicants must be PhD students or students who have defended their thesis within the last 12 months, currently enrolled in a U.S. university or research institution, working in precision psychiatry, neuroscience applied to psychiatric disorders, or any other discipline linked with psychiatry. Applications will be evaluated based on academic excellence, scientific relevance and originality of the doctoral project, and motivation and potential for future French-American collaboration.

Application Requirements

- a completed application form (online)
- a curriculum vitae
- a cover letter
- a 3-minute video to present the doctoral research project and future research aspirations
- proof of enrollment at a U.S. university or research institution

Applications must be submitted **no later than March 15th, 2026** to: fadex-psy@ambascience-usa.org.

Grant Coverage

The FADex grant covers round-trip airfare between the United States and France, domestic travel within France, accommodation, and certain meals during the program.

Contact

For any questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact Virginie Molle, Scientific Attachée in Los Angeles, and Célestine Belloeil, Scientific Deputy Attachée in Los Angeles, at fadex-psy@ambascience-usa.org.