



FONDATION DES TREILLES

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SEMINARS GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION *February 2026*

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The mission of the Fondation des Treilles is to support research and artistic creation by providing a place for work and reflection, grounded in the conviction that the arts and sciences are essential to the development of societies. Through its activities, the Foundation fosters interdisciplinary dialogue, encounters between generations and the transmission of knowledge, notably by supporting young researchers, in a spirit of openness, rigour and shared endeavour. Finally, the Foundation carries out its work with deep respect for all living things, linking intellectual activity and creative practice with the preservation of an exceptional natural environment.

THE SEMINARS

Every year since 1981, the Fondation des Treilles has welcomed top-level international research teams from all areas of science, literature and the arts to take part in interdisciplinary seminars. The Foundation's seminars focus on original themes with a limited number of participants, encouraging exchange and discussion. They last 6 days and are attended by 15 people from different disciplines, including at least 2 young researchers.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must complete and submit their research workshop project using the online application form on the foundation's website before the submission deadline.
- Applications must include the CV of each organizer along with a detailed bibliography, the title and theme of the research workshop, a statement outlining the objectives and the rationale that justify the necessity and relevance of a stay at the Foundation, the names of three referees who can support the application, as well as a list of potential participants (from 5 up to 15) likely to take part in the research workshop.
- The organiser is asked to submit a provisional budget detailing their contribution and the amount requested from the Foundation. The Foundation never covers more than one-third of the total amount (amount requested + external contribution).
- The Scientific Council will look favourably on the invitation of one or more researchers working in a French laboratory. Similarly, it will welcome the invitation of one or more researchers based abroad if most participants work in a French institution.
- Among the participants, it is recommended to invite at least two early-career researchers (PhD candidates or post-doctoral researchers).
- Future organisers will be notified of the decision of the scientific committee at a date published on our website.
- Please refer to the [\[calls for application\]](#) to find out when to apply.

Please note: The decisions of the scientific committee – approved by the Board of directors – are final. Their opinions will not be disclosed. If your application is rejected, we encourage you to submit a new proposal with a different project the following year. It should also be noted that it is not possible to submit the same project twice with the same list of participants, even if the organiser is different.

Any rejected application may not be resubmitted the following year.

Deadline between applications: Applications submitted less than three years after a seminar or research workshop has been held at the Foundation will not be considered. For example, if you came in 2022, you could apply in 2025.



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YOUR STAY

DATES

Seminars take place from March to July and from September to November, according to a fixed timeline outlined in the application form. If your application is accepted, a date will be set for your stay, considering the foundation's other activities. This date may no longer be modified.

The person responsible for the activities at the Fondation des Treilles will contact you four months before the planned start date of your seminar and will help you prepare it and welcome the participants.

ORGANISATION

The seminar starts on Monday evening with a welcome drink at 6:30pm. It includes 7 half-days of work from Tuesday to Friday. The Foundation gives you access to a seminar room in the Grande Maison building, where you hold your work sessions every day. This room closes at 10pm at the latest.

The full program of your seminar as well as the distribution of participants to accommodation must be sent to your contact person one month before the start date of your stay at the latest.

PARTICIPANTS

The Scientific Committee of the Fondation des Treilles validated your project on the basis of a list of participants including one or two early-career researchers (PhD candidates or post-doctoral researchers). This list may no longer be modified. If a participant withdraws and you wish to replace them, you must inform your contact person as soon as possible. You may not change more than 30% of the list. The specific welcome at Les Treilles and the formats, as defined since the Foundation's early days, are intended to allow participants to exchange ideas throughout the week on the subject that brings them together, rather than simply delivering a talk. For this reason, participants commit to attend the entire duration of the meeting.

TRAVEL

All participants must arrive on Monday before 6:00 p.m. and leave on the same day (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, depending on the schedule chosen by the organizers).

The Foundation can contribute to travel costs and cover transfer expenses from Les Arcs-Draguignan station or Nice airport, accommodation and meals. The Fondation des Treilles is committed to sustainable development and participants from France are encouraged to travel by train rather than by plane. Your contact person at the foundation can help you find the most suitable train schedules. A taxi will be booked from Les Arcs-Draguignan train station or Nice airport according to arrival and departure times. If two or more participants have similar arrival and departure times, a single taxi may be booked, which might require a short wait at the station or the airport.

REIMBURSEMENT PACKAGES

The Fondation des Treilles may contribute to participants' travel expenses up to a maximum package allocated and at the following rates:

Paris: €200

Province: €250

Europe: €350 to €500

Australia: €1,800

USA East Coast: €1,200

USA Mid-West: €1,400

USA West Coast: €1,800

Canada: €1,200

Africa: €350 to €1,200

Asia: €500 to €1,800*

* The amount of reimbursement will be discussed in advance with the foundation, depending on the participant's country of origin.



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However, it is appreciated if the institutions where the participants work can cover all (or a large part) of the travel costs. If the trip is cancelled, the Foundation will not reimburse any travel expenses incurred.

Please note: The lump sum awarded is not a grant, but represents maximum assistance to cover, if necessary, participants' travel costs. The Foundation never covers more than one-third of the total amount (amount requested + external contribution). At the time of application, the organiser is asked to submit a provisional budget detailing their contribution and the amount requested from the Foundation. Costs related to the transport of materials or supplies, as well as external travel during the seminar, remain entirely under the responsibility of the participants.

LIFE AT THE FOUNDATION

The Domaine des Treilles has been designed to foster concentration and creativity.

- **The environment**

The 300-hectare estate is situated at an average altitude of 600 meters. The view stretches over wooded hills to the Estérel massif and Sainte-Victoire. The hilly terrain is ideal for walks. Walking shoes are highly recommended, as well as a hat and sunglasses. However, nights can be chilly in spring and autumn.

- **Accommodation**

Participants are accommodated in individual or shared houses, which may be situated at a distance. In this case, cars are available. A laundry room is also available for residents. Each house is connected to the Wi-Fi network. However, due to our remote location, interruptions may occur occasionally. Except from ensuring that the premises and entrusted equipment are respected, all logistical matters are taken care of, allowing guests to focus solely on their work.

- **Meals**

In common houses, only the kitchen area is shared for breakfast. Meals are served in the Grande Maison dining room at 1pm and at 7pm.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

Participants are not permitted to bring along their partners or children.

Pets are not allowed.

Tranquillity has a cost; the nearest doctor is located 5 km away; the nearest pharmacy is 7 km and the hospital is 15 km away. While we do have a first-aid kit on site, we highly recommend that guests bring their own medication.

EQUIPMENT

A large screen, a computer linked to a video projector, and a sound system will be supplied for your seminar. To facilitate screen projections, participants are requested to upload their documents in PDF format and bring them on a USB key. If necessary, video conferencing equipment can be provided upon request.

Participants are required to bring their own laptops and any additional equipment they may need for their stay beyond what has been mentioned above.

LIBRARY

The library manager will curate a collection of books relevant to the theme of your seminar. Participants are welcome to borrow books from the library for the duration of their stay. For any specific requests, please refer to the library's [\[online catalogue\]](#) and send a message to v.dubec@fondationdestreilles.com. Participants are kindly requested to bring their latest work to enrich the Foundation's library. . You may send a list of books you wish to consult up to two weeks before your stay.



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OUR EXPECTATIONS

Within one month following your stay, you are expected to provide a two-page summary of your seminar, which will be published on the [\[foundation's research blog\]](#). If, at the end of your stay, your research is published, you are kindly asked to include a thanking note to the Fondation des Treilles in the publication, with the following acknowledgement:

« The Fondation des Treilles, created by Anne Gruner-Schlumberger, aims to foster dialogue between the sciences and the arts to promote creation and research. Researchers and artists are hosted on its estate in Les Treilles (Var) www.fondationdestreilles.com ».