RENNES 2 UNIVERSITY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2027–2028

INTERNATIONAL CHAIRS AT RENNES 2 UNIVERSITY

Applications open: November 23, 2026

Application deadline: February 22, 2027

1. General Information

Rennes 2 University is pleased to announce its call for applications for visiting professors for the 2027–2028 academic year.

Each year, Rennes 2 University welcomes visiting professors from international higher education institutions.

The university's visiting professorship programs aim to strengthen research collaboration between higher education and research institutions, develop new international partnerships, and promote the international mobility of academics and researchers. Visiting scholars contribute to the university's activities through research, scholarly exchanges, and teaching. Applications must align with the research priorities of Rennes 2 University's research units and contribute to developing long-term collaborations with the visitors' home institutions.

International Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences

The International Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences welcomes applications from researchers, academics, and teaching staff from around the world working in the humanities and social sciences, arts, literature, languages and foreign cultures, as well as sports sciences. The Chair has both a research and a teaching focus. Priority will be given to applications demonstrating strong potential for collaboration between Rennes 2 University and the visiting scholar's home institution.

Chair of the Americas

The Chair of the Americas is open to established academics and researchers currently working at a higher education or research institution located in the Americas, regardless of nationality. It aims to strengthen research and academic exchanges between Rennes 2 University and institutions throughout the Americas, while encouraging the development of joint research and educational projects.

CAPS International Chair

The CAPS (Creative Approaches to Public Space / Approches créatives de l'espace public) International Chair welcomes applications from academics whose research or professional practice focuses on public space and addresses interdisciplinary issues. The Chair is the result of a partnership between Rennes 2 University, the École nationale supérieure d'architecture de Bretagne (ENSAB), and the École européenne supérieure des arts de Bretagne (EESAB).

Dr. Denis Mukwege Research–Action Chair

The Dr. Denis Mukwege Research–Action Chair builds on exchanges and collaborations with Dr. Denis Mukwege, a gynecologist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and reflects Rennes 2 University's commitment to combating gender-based and sexual violence and all forms of discrimination. The Chair welcomes researchers

working on violence and discrimination, particularly in the context of armed conflict, as well as their prevention and remembrance.

Mário Soares Chair

The Mário Soares Chair was established through an agreement between Rennes 2 University and the Camões Institute. Applicants must specialize in one of the fields covered by the Chair's agreement:

- Portuguese history and culture, with preference given to specialists in authoritarianism and the transition to democracy;
- Literature from Portugal or Portuguese-speaking African countries;
- The Portuguese language worldwide.

2. Applicant Profiles and Selection Criteria

The visiting professorship programs are open to established academics and researchers currently employed by a higher education or research institution outside France. Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- The quality of the applicant's academic and research record, as demonstrated by publications and research activities.
- The relevance of the proposed research project and its alignment with the work of the host research unit at Rennes 2 University.
- The academic and research value of the proposed teaching and research activities during the stay.
- The potential to develop or strengthen international partnerships.
- The coherence of the proposed schedule and program of activities.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact a research team at Rennes 2 University well before submitting their application in order to jointly develop the research and teaching objectives of their visit.

Each application must be supported by a member of the teaching or research staff at Rennes 2 University, who will act as the visitor's academic host throughout the stay. This person will help facilitate the visitor's arrival and integration into the university, provide guidance with administrative procedures, encourage interaction with the academic community, and contribute to organizing and promoting the visitor's activities.

Further information about Rennes 2 University's research units is available at: https://www.univ-rennes2.fr/recherche/structures-reseaux

For applicants to the Chair of the Americas, the French source also refers to: https://www.univ-rennes2.fr/recherche/structures-reseaux

3. Duration and Schedule of Visits

Selected applicants will be hosted at Rennes 2 University for a period of one or two months. The university reserves the right to award longer stays, depending on the number of successful applications and the quality of the projects submitted.

To encourage visitors' participation in the research and academic life of the university, priority will be given to stays taking place during teaching periods, particularly:

- September 15 to December 15, 2027.
- January 15 to April 15, 2028.

The exact dates and duration of each visit will be determined in consultation with the host research team, taking into account the planned research and teaching activities. Visiting scholars are required to reside in Rennes throughout their stay.

4. Research and Teaching Activities

Visiting professors are expected to participate actively in the research and academic life of Rennes 2 University. The program of activities may include:

- Academic lectures, research seminars, workshops, and conferences.
- Teaching activities for undergraduate and master's students.
- Exchanges with doctoral students and members of research units.
- Development of joint research projects and new international collaborations.
- Activities designed to strengthen partnerships between Rennes 2 University and the visitor's home institution.

Activities should be scheduled throughout the stay to encourage exchanges with the academic community and ensure the visibility of visiting scholars within the university. Activities may be conducted in French, English, or another language taught at Rennes 2 University, particularly Spanish or Portuguese, taking into account the need for at least one of the planned activities to be accessible to a wider audience.

A provisional program of activities must be prepared before the visitor's arrival, in consultation with their academic host at Rennes 2 University.

Within 15 days of the end of the visit, visiting scholars must submit an activity report to the Chair's coordinators, outlining the activities undertaken, the research outcomes of the visit, and prospects for future collaboration.

5. Financial Conditions and Hosting Arrangements

Selected applicants will be granted the status of visiting professor at Rennes 2 University and will receive a monthly salary in accordance with the applicable regulations.

As an indication, the current salary is based on gross index 1021 of the French public-sector pay scale, corresponding to approximately €3,000 net per month. This amount is subject to changes in the applicable regulations.

Remuneration is paid at the end of each month of the contract and cannot be paid in advance. Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered by Rennes 2 University. Visiting scholars must therefore arrange funding for their travel and accommodation during their stay in Rennes.

Rennes 2 University and the host research unit may provide administrative support to assist visiting scholars with the formalities associated with their stay and their arrival in Rennes, including guidance on finding accommodation.

6. Application Requirements

Applicants must download and complete the application form corresponding to the Chair for which they wish to apply.

Application forms are available on the French-language Rennes 2 University website: https://www.univ-rennes2.fr/recherche/chaires-internationales

Please note: Applications must be submitted in French.

Applications must include the following documents:

- A duly completed application form.
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (maximum three pages).
- A certificate confirming current affiliation with the applicant's home higher education or research institution.
- A copy of the doctoral degree certificate or documentation demonstrating an equivalent qualification.
- A copy of the applicant's passport.

In addition, the application must provide:

- A description of the research project and its relationship to the activities of the host research unit.
- The proposed dates and provisional program of the visit.
- The topics of the planned lectures, seminars, or teaching activities.
- The research objectives and prospects for international collaboration with Rennes 2 University.

Only complete applications will be considered.

7. Application Timetable and Selection Procedure

Applications open: November 23, 2026.

Application deadline: February 22, 2027 (inclusive).

Applications will be assessed on the basis of their research quality, the relevance of the proposed projects, and their contribution to Rennes 2 University's international cooperation objectives.

Applicants will be informed of the selection results upon completion of the selection process, during March 2027, subject to final approval by the university.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this call widely among your colleagues, partner institutions, and international research networks.

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