



Campo partnership scheme notes 2026

About CamPo

The CamPo programme originated from the Cambridge–Sciences Po Research Partnership launched in 2017, focusing on humanities and social sciences. It has since expanded to include disciplines like Architecture, Geography, and Business. The current funding phase aims to foster innovative, projects of mutual benefit for the two institutions, within and across the disciplines of arts, humanities and social sciences.

A new round of applications for proposals in 2026 will open on 15 September 2025. Interested researchers active in the arts, humanities and social sciences from the six schools in the University of Cambridge and within all of Sciences Po's research centres are invited to apply online to the relevant research schemes below:

[Collaborative Research;](#)

[Faculty Exchange;](#)

[PhD Exchange.](#)

Applications should be submitted by 7 November 2025. Outcomes will be announced in the week commencing 8 December 2025.

The schemes are not mutually exclusive, however, if your collaborative research project proposal includes a faculty exchange, you will need to apply for each element separately.

For visits, please check information on Visa requirements via the following webpages:

Visitors entering the UK:

- <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>
- <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays-destination/royaume-uni>

Visitors entering France:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>
- <https://www.france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/visa-wizard>

Please review full details of the CamPo programme overleaf.

Any enquiries you may have can be made to: campo@admin.cam.ac.uk.

Collaborative Research

Interested researchers are invited to discuss their ideas with either Professor Christopher Bickerton, cb799@cam.ac.uk and Professor Claire Colomb, cmc228@cam.ac.uk (UoC), or Professor Colin Hay colin.hay@sciencespo.fr (Sciences Po).

CamPo projects should be aligned with the following criteria for success:

- The production of academic publications and public policy contributions stemming from the various research collaboration efforts;
- The development of applications for large scale externally funding projects that include Cambridge and Sciences Po academics as co-investigators or as leading members of a wider consortium;
- A sustainable Anglo-French collaborative research partnership in their specific area.

Each proposal may be submitted by either the Cambridge or Sciences Po co-applicant but **must include partners from both institutions in all cases**.

Funding available

We aim to fund multiple projects, each up to a maximum of £7,500, as funds permit.

Eligible costs:

- Accommodation and travel expenses, these are restricted to Campo applicant(s) and collaborators;
- Direct costs of conferences, workshops and seminars for Cambridge and Sciences Po colleagues;
- Direct costs of research activity for the project (including research assistance).

Ineligible costs:

- Salaries of tenured staff, other stipends and indirect costs;
- Accommodation and travel for external delegates to conferences, workshops, seminars.

Applicants are welcome to pledge match-funding of their own in order to maximise scale, and/or to seek additional support through external funding.

All project expenditure must be processed by 1 December 2026.

Eligibility

Cambridge applicants

Applications are invited from researchers active in the arts, humanities and social sciences who hold a contract of employment with either the University or the Colleges (i.e. CTO, JRF and postdocs are eligible, but not visiting or affiliated researchers). Emeritus staff are not eligible to apply.

Awards may only be held via a faculty or department. Staff applying from a college or other independent institution will be asked to indicate in their application which faculty or department they are affiliated to.

Sciences Po applicants

Applications are invited from the permanent faculty staff of Sciences Po, i.e., researchers from the CNRS or the FNSP, university professors and readers, and FNSP assistant, associate or full professors for all supported activities. Postdocs are also eligible. Emeritus staff are not eligible to apply.

Selection process and criteria

Applicants should provide the following documentation of up to two A4 pages:

1. Project description including the intellectual rationale, objectives, plan of activities;
2. Budget with itemised costs (using the template provided);
3. CVs for the main applicants from both institutions;
4. For projects in which a visit is foreseen, an agreement letter on behalf of the director of the concerned research unit or head of department.

A committee comprising Sciences Po and Cambridge members will jointly determine which projects will be funded.

Reporting

As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a statement of expenditure and a brief report on the outcomes of the project and the extent to which the specific aims/outputs have been achieved. The CamPo scheme should be credited in any outputs facilitated by this award.

A report template will be provided with the award letter.

Reports are due within thirty days of the end-date proposed in the original application.

Faculty Exchange

Researchers are invited to spend up to four weeks collaborating with a partner in a department/research unit in the other institution.

The scheme is open to one faculty member per institution per year.

Funding and Resources

The scheme provides up to £3,000 (or equivalent in Euros) for visits of up to four weeks. It is intended to contribute to costs such as accommodation, travel, subsistence, and bench fees where applicable.

Funding will be adjusted pro rata for visits that are shorter than four weeks in total, though the expectation is that visits are four weeks. Visits may be non-continuous (split over two or three periods). Visit dates should be included within the application with a note of approval from the home and host departments or centres.

CamPo researchers will have access to all the institutional support provided at Sciences Po or in Cambridge during their visit.

All expenditure must be processed by 1 December 2026.

Eligibility

Cambridge applicants

Applications are invited from researchers active in the arts, humanities and social sciences who hold a contract of employment with either the University or the Colleges (i.e. CTO, JRF and postdocs are eligible, but not visiting or affiliated researchers). Emeritus staff are not eligible to apply.

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Selection process and criteria

Applicants should provide the following documentation of up to two A4 pages:

1. Project description including the intellectual rationale, objectives, plan of activities;
2. Budget with itemised costs (using the template provided);
3. Their CV;
4. A short letter confirming that their academic visit will be hosted by the relevant department.

Reporting

As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a statement of expenditure and a brief report on the outcomes of the project and the extent to which the specific aims/outputs have been achieved. The CamPo scheme should be credited in any outputs facilitated by this award.

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Doctoral Exchange

CamPo includes a doctoral exchange programme between the two institutions.

The scheme is open to all arts, humanities and social science PhD students within the six schools of Cambridge University and PhD students within all of Sciences Po's research centres.

The CamPo exchange programme offers a registration fee-waiver between Cambridge and Sciences Po. CamPo PhD students will have access to all the institutional support at the host university. Visiting CamPo PhD students will be encouraged to play a full part in the academic life of the host department.

Affiliation

- In Paris, visiting CamPo PhD students will be affiliated with one of the Sciences Po [research centres](#) and with the École de la Recherche. They will have access to desk space in one of the research centres (whenever possible and usually in a shared open space), a library card and access to Sciences Po online resources.
 - o Students will be assigned a member of the faculty as their institutional point of contact at Science Po. The Sciences Po [student handbook](#) includes semesters' dates and other relevant information. Information on finding accommodation in Paris can be found [here](#).
- In Cambridge, visiting CamPo PhD students will be affiliated with a host department and provided with desk space (whenever possible and usually in a shared open space), a library card and access to Cambridge online resources.
 - o Students will be assigned a member of the faculty as their institutional point of contact. Here are the University of [Cambridge term dates](#) for information.
 - o Students visiting Cambridge will also be affiliated with [Clare Hall College](#). Subject to availability, students may be able to arrange rental accommodation through the college after confirmation of award but this is not guaranteed. Accommodation may also be found at other colleges, via the [University of Cambridge Accommodation Service](#), or in the private sector.

All students are expected to arrange their own accommodation for the duration of their visit to Paris or Cambridge.

Students are expected to seek institutional funding to support any visit in the first instance. Sciences Po students should apply for École de la Recherche funding, while Cambridge students should enquire within their department and college for available funds.

For students who have not accessed funding from their home institution, a claim of up to £500 towards expenses such as maintenance, accommodation and travel can be submitted within one month of the visit end date or 1 December 2026, whichever is the earlier. The claim will be subject to their home department's expenses claim policy, with submission of original receipts.

Claims must be submitted within one month of the visit end date, and no later than 1 December 2026, whichever is earlier.

Eligibility

All PhD students active in or with a link to the arts, humanities and social sciences whose research would benefit from spending **up to three months** in their non-home institution are encouraged to apply to this programme.

Visiting students should arrange their stay so that it coincides with the teaching terms in Cambridge and Paris.

It is essential for candidates to seek support from an academic sponsor in the department they wish to visit before applying and confirm with the department/faculty that they are prepared to support their exchange.

Selection process and criteria

Applicants should provide the following documentation of up to two A4 pages:

1. A short description of their PhD project;
2. Their CV;
3. A letter of recommendation from their supervisor (aimed at supporting the application);
4. A letter from the host department confirming that the student can be hosted in the department on the proposed dates (a template is provided within the application form).

Reporting

As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a brief report about their exchange. The CamPo scheme should be credited in any outputs facilitated by this award.

A report template will be provided with the award letter.

Reports are due within thirty days of the end-date proposed in the original application.