

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FRANCE

VISITING SCHOLARS' SEMINAR SERIES

The Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France is delighted to announce its **Visiting Scholars' Seminar Series**. In the light of its commitment to fostering collaboration between francophone and UK academics in its fields of interest, the Association offers funding to networks of members to support an annual seminar series of three or more thematically-related events, tenable in any UK or Irish university, or institution of higher education in the UK or Ireland, each of which will include a different francophone academic based in a francophone country alongside a member of the hosting department. The Association will also consider proposals which include professionals and practitioners working in fields relevant to the academic project. The scheme is designed to support the invitation of early-career and established scholars.

There is one deadline per year:

1. 1 May, for activity taking place the following academic session.

Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome of their application within one month of the closing date.

Purpose of grant, criteria for selection and eligible costs

The key objective of the Visiting Scholars' Seminar Series grant is to encourage collaboration between UK and francophone academics in the fields of interest of the Association. The emphasis will be on collaboration and on the diffusion of skills and knowledge. Where a seminar series builds on existing collaboration, the applicants in the UK or Ireland should explain what the seminar series will achieve over and above past outcomes.

The principal criteria for selection will be (i) the coherence of the theme proposed for the seminar series; (ii) the academic standing and achievements of the francophone scholars in terms of their current career stage and their potential for making a substantial contribution to the academic areas of interest of the ASMCF in the UK and Ireland; (iii) the significance of any invited professionals / practitioners for the proposed academic project; (iv) the plans for promoting the seminar series and thereby the work of the ASMCF and (v) the plans for publishing the outcomes of the seminar series. It is expected that applications will be received from a network of members from at least three different institutions.

Applicants should include in their application: (i) an academic rationale for the theme of the seminar series; (ii) academic details of the network members; (iii) academic details of the proposed francophone scholars; (iv) details of any professionals / practitioners to be invited; (v) publication plans for the output from the seminars; (vi) breakdown of the costs to be incurred.

Applicants should give due consideration to the possibility of the involvement of the *Institut français* in their programme and plans.

There is an expectation that institutions will supplement the Association's grant in terms of the costs involved in organising the event (for example, provision of rooms, basic administrative costs), and the level of additional support offered will be taken into consideration in the allocation of the award. Applications based on co-funding (for example, with Erasmus mobility schemes or awards for research networks) will be considered

Eligible subject areas

The Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France exists to promote teaching and research on modern (post 1789) and contemporary France, understood in its broadest senses, in higher education. Activities supported by this scheme should be aligned with this objective.

Eligibility of applicants

Applications must be completed by a network of academic members of staff who are members of ASMCF in at least three institutions in the UK or Ireland. The UK or Irish host applicants are expected to organise, direct and take academic and organisational responsibility for the seminar series. Within this network a Main applicant should be identified as the principal organiser with whom the Association will correspond.

Amount of funding available: One grant per year to be awarded up to the value of £2500 to cover the costs of the francophone scholars and where applicable, professionals / practitioners and organisation costs of the events.

The Association reserves the right not to make an award in any given year if the quality of the applications received does not warrant such.