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**CNRS-L/LAU PhD Fellowships Program**

# **2019-2020**

As part of the agreement between the National Council for Scientific Research of the Lebanese Republic (CNRS-L) and the Lebanese American University (LAU) for the co-financing of doctoral studies, many doctoral fellowships will be awarded in 2019-2020.

## *Eligibility*

*These awards are exclusively for Lebanese students holding a Master's degree (or equivalent) recognized as such by the two institutions (CNRS-L and LAU). Considered eligible, Lebanese applicants under the age of 30, and having 14/20 (French grading system) or 85/100 (American grading system) as overall average in the Master’s degree (or equivalent).*

*Selection Criteria and Priorities for 2019-2020*

The overall qualifications of the candidate and his/her academic background, the expertise of the supervisor and the coherence of his/her research activities, as well as the subject relevance to CNRS-L priorities (see the annex below) and its pertinence to societal challenges, are part of the evaluation indicators. Priority will be given to proposals related to a research project funded, partially or fully, by CNRS-L (GRP, CEDRE, CNRS-AUF, etc.). In addition, and in harmony with CNRS-L innovation policy, innovative proposals will be strongly encouraged this year.

Finally, special attention in the evaluation process will be paid to matters of scientific ethics and integrity.

In addition to the eligibility conditions mentioned above, the CNRS-L Doctoral Fellowships are subject to the following restrictions:

- the CNRS-L fellowship holder must not engage in any paid work and shall not receive additional grants from any other source than the CNRS-L / LAU agreement.

- the fellowship is awarded to candidates in the first or second year of PhD.

- at the selection announcement, candidates must declare their intention to accept or decline the fellowship by an official letter addressed to the CNRS-L. In the case of decline, candidates must state the reasons behind their decision.

- Beneficiaries of the fellowship must clearly and explicitly mention their funding program (CNRS-L/LAU) in all scientific publications and contributions related to their PhD work (articles, oral presentations, Posters, and proceedings, etc.).

- if these restrictions are not respected, the fellowship is stopped and the candidate agrees to reimburse all the funds already received from the CNRS-L.

It should be noted that in order to obtain the CNRS-L / LAU fellowship, the candidate must be a fully devoted to his/her thesis work, and that the thesis may be prepared within a co-tutellle or co-supervision with a foreign institution.

## **Contents of the Application File:**

1. Application file with original signatures *(Download the Application Form)*
2. Identity card (civil register-إخراج قيد فردي)
3. ID photo (صورة شمسية)
4. Curriculum Vitae; Copy of Baccalaureate & University Degrees; Transcript of Grades
5. Applicant’s Letter of Intent (attach to application)
6. Two letters of recommendation (attach to application)
7. Publications by applicant (if any; attach copies to application)
8. Doctoral admission
9. Adhesion to the CNRS-L charter of ethics *(download)*
10. Ethical issues table *(download)*

**The application and documents listed above must be submitted as hard copy to the office below:**

**Graduate Studies & Research Office**

**Program Officer**

**Graduate Studies & Research; ext. #: 2547**

**Byblos Campus, Block A, Room 705**

**Lebanese American University**

**In parallel, electronic version to be sent to:** **tamara.elzein@cnrs.edu.lb**

***Deadline for receipt of applications is* May 16, 2019.**

Annex: CNRS-L priorities for 2019-2020

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| Cultural heritage* Archaeology
* Protection, conservation and restoration of artifacts and ancient manuscripts
* Archaeometry
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| Arabic language and History* Arabic linguistics, dynamism, and history
* Cognitive linguistics (in Arabic)
* History of Science in Arabic civilization
* Arabization of softwares
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| Sociology and political science* Migration sociology
* Conflict resolution and Post-conflict societies
* Gender and feminist studies
* Gender diversity
* Social mutations
* Ethics in media coverage of conflicts (conventional and social medias)
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| Business, Economics and Finance* Entrepreneurial University and innovation
* Economy of conflict areas
* Lebanon as potential destination for offshoring
* Actuarial science and Financial risk management
* Mathematical and computer modeling applied to finance and economy
* Business information decision systems
* International finance and emerging markets
* Entrepreneurship
* Corporate governance
* Cross-cultural management
* Digital marketing
* Internal and external control
* Consumer behavior
* Enhancing work conditions
* Asset pricing, risk management and volatility modeling
* Banking policies in the MENA region
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| Environment, natural resources- Valorization of Lebanese coastal zones- Petroleum studies- Sustainable water management- Renewable energy - Biodiversity and speciation- Mitigation & management of natural risks- Sociology of risk- Air quality- Urban planning in the age of climate change- Environmental law |
| Agriculture and food - Challenges of agricultural activities- Food Security- Food safety & food industry- Veterinary medicine- Pest and Alien species |
| Medical sciences* Addictive Diseases
* Cancer Research
* Cardiovascular diseases
* Clinical pharmacology. Pharmacy
* Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology
* Clinical Biochemistry
* Clinical Genetics
* Radiotherapy
* Diseases of Bones and Joints
* Endocrinology
* Geriatrics
* Infectious Diseases
* Medical Microbiology
* Mental Disorders, Psychosomatic Diseases
* Metabolic Disorders
* Methods of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine
* Psychiatry
* Neurophysiology and Brain Research.
* Public Health and Health Services
* Respiratory Diseases
* Ethics in medicine and medical research
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| Basic science* Theoretical & Particle physics
* Peaceful use of nuclear energy and technics
* Forensic chemistry
* Green chemistry
* Biomedical engineering
* Molecular & Cellular Biology
* Genetics
* Architecture and Design
* Civil and Environmental Engineering
* Chemical Engineering
* Ergonomy
* Electrical and Computer Engineering
* Industrial Engineering and Management
* Modern Imaging and vision
* Mechanical Engineering
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