Junior and Senior Fellowships 2027

Institute for Advanced Studies of the Litoral

Call for Applications

Application deadline: 15 October 2026 (3:00 p.m., Buenos Aires, Argentina)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Advanced Studies of the Litoral (IEA Litoral) is pleased to invite applications for its annual fellowship programme, which offers three-month residencies during the 2027 academic year.

IEA Litoral is guided by the principles of "disciplinary dialogue" in addressing major contemporary challenges and by a commitment to the internationalisation of research through the creation of networks and the participation of researchers from diverse geographical regions and cultural backgrounds. The Institute's research model is founded on a commitment to strengthening regional scientific development through an open call addressed to researchers worldwide, funding for researchers' stays in Santa Fe, a rigorous selection process based on external review and the principle of excellence, and an ideal environment that fosters inspiration, freedom and tranquillity, without additional teaching or research obligations. The Institute also seeks to build a multicultural, cosmopolitan intellectual community of academic excellence that fosters dialogue, conversation and exchange.

Through its Scientific and Economic-Social Councils, IEA Litoral selects a thematic focus for its residency fellowship call each year. On this occasion, applications may address either of two themes. The themes included in the current call are listed below:

Urban spaces and rurality in the face of climate change

The question of urban spaces and rurality, urbanity and its link with the territory pose challenges at multiple levels of unusualcomplexity.Weareawareofthechallengesfacing contemporary urbanism, land use planning and management, land-use control, new commons, construction, management of extreme events; we are aware of the need to transform waste management, in particular how to avoid the final disposal of those already generated through the drive for a circular economy, and mobility; Urban security, the functioning of local democracies, citizen participation in local decision-making, the role of cities in the federal system, museums, cultural heritage and street art are other aspects that deserve attention. At the same time, the problems of transition zones between city and rural areas, rural history and cultural heritage, health in rural areas, virtuality and rurality, pollution and over-exploitation of nature, challenges of agricultural production, territorial planning and its impact on rurality, energy

infrastructures, water basin management,the transformations of rural work, among many other aspects, challenge us. Perhaps most of these aspects involving challenges that are impossible to ignore for cities and rural habitat find a last link with the climate issue, the need to deploy a mitigation and adaptation agenda. The construction of the answers requires, first of all, articulated diagnoses , elaborated by the experimental sciences and the human and social sciences, in which, in particular, the historical and cultural dimension must be considered. And secondly the contribution of these disciplines to imagine technological response instruments, responses based on the nature of measuring devices and monitoring and warning and others such as law and philosophy for thinking institutional designs and regulatory challenges.

Democracies in tension

This core proposes to explore the contemporary tensions facing democratic regimes in Latin America and the world. These tensions are of various kinds and manifest themselves around a number of problems: contemporary migration, the problem of belonging, totalitarian drift, the ability to face and respond to recurrent political and economic crises , the impact of the Information and Technology IA revolution on political communication and public management, the transformation that social networks, the development of generative artificial intelligence have on democracies, the growing inequality of the most vulnerable groups, the question of labour, the opening up of representative democracy to forms of participatory democracy, the challenge of an ecological democracy, the so-called democratic deficits at international level, among many . The analysis of these problems involves all disciplines, not only social and human sciences but also those that allow us to think and imagine the technological edges of the answers.

Accordingly, IEA Litoral's residency fellowship call is open to all fields of science and the arts, with a particular interest in projects that promote disciplinary dialogue and in researchers from all backgrounds. The academic life and activities at IEA Litoral are conducted in Spanish and English and, occasionally, in French. Fellows are expected to have certified proficiency in at least one of the first two languages, sufficient to carry out their activities at IEA Litoral effectively.

2. TIMELINE

1 August – 15 October 2026: Submission of applications by Junior and Senior Fellows.

16 October – November 2026: Selection of Fellows.

December 2026: Notification of the selected candidates in each category.

1 March – 31 July 2027: Fellows are expected to arrive in the city of Santa Fe.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

a. Fellowships are available in all research areas within the sciences and the arts.
b. Fellowships may take place between 1 March and 31 July 2027, with a total duration of three months.

Selection Process

The selection process for candidates for individual residencies at IEA Litoral consists of the following stages (for further information, visit https://iealitoral.com/que-es/):

1. Submission of Applications

- Applications must be submitted online through the Institute's website.
- To be considered in the selection process, applications must be fully completed by the application deadline.
- Applicants are classified into two categories of individual researchers: Senior and Junior.

2. Evaluation by External Peer Reviewers

- The Scientific Director sends each research proposal to two reviewers from the Institute's pool of peer reviewers.
- The reviewers provide a reasoned assessment based on individual selection criteria (the excellence of the proposal, creativity and innovation, the degree to which it is open to disciplinary dialogue, and opportunities for local interaction).
- Each proposal is assigned to one of the following categories:

- **Recommended:** The proposal is eligible and is further classified as either excellent, requiring no comments (first priority) or very good, with comments (second priority).
- **Not recommended:** The proposal does not meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

3. Review by the Economic and Social Council

- Eligible proposals are submitted to the IEA's Economic and Social Council.
- The Economic and Social Council issues a reasoned assessment of each proposal, considering the following aspects individually:
    - The relevance of the project to the annual theme or problem addressed by the call.
    - The potential impact on the local and regional context.
- This assessment is forwarded to the Scientific Council for consideration in the final selection process.

4. Decision by the Scientific Council

- The Scientific Council is responsible for selecting the residents.
- It reviews the assessments provided by the external peer reviewers and the opinion of the Economic and Social Council, and applies collective selection criteria

(such as regional, gender and hemispheric balance between Argentine and foreign researchers, as well as the group dynamics of the cohort).

- It issues an individual decision for each application, which includes:
  - A list of recommended candidates to be selected, ranked by priority and divided into the two categories (Senior and Junior), with a final score ranging from 1 to 100 points.
  - A waiting list with two alternate candidates for each of the two categories.

5. Formal Decision

- The final decision on which applications are formally selected is made official through a resolution.

Categories

Competition for fellowships is divided into the following categories of individual resident researchers:

1. Senior resident researchers: Those who can demonstrate at least 10 continuous years of research experience since obtaining their doctoral degree, or 5 years since completing their postdoctoral fellowship. Researchers belonging to a scientific discipline who do not hold a doctoral degree, or who cannot demonstrate a commitment to research through research projects funded by accredited institutions in the sector, are not eligible for this category.

a. **End-of-career resident researchers:** Intended for researchers who are already receiving retirement benefits at the time of their residency.
b. **Sabbatical-year resident researchers:** Intended for researchers who will undertake their sabbatical year at IEA Litoral while on leave from their home academic institutions.

2. Junior resident researchers: Academics who are between 5 and 10 years from the defence of their doctoral thesis, who completed their postdoctoral fellowship no more than 5 years ago, and who are no older than 45 years.

This call does not allow applications from research groups or from individual researchers proposing topics outside the priority themes selected for 2027. Only individual applications in the Junior and Senior categories will be accepted, and all proposed research projects must fall within the priority themes.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The individual selection criteria are as follows:

a. Submission of all documents required for this call in due form and within the established deadline.
b. Meeting the personal eligibility requirements for the Junior or Senior Fellow categories.
c. Excellence of the research project.
d. Creativity and innovation of the project.
e. A high degree of openness to disciplinary dialogue within the project.
f. f. Potential for interaction over the medium and long term with local researchers, research groups and institutions.

For an application to be considered valid, the application form must be completed and all required documentation must be submitted by the deadline: **15 October 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time).**

5. FELLOWSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

IEA Litoral fellows will receive a fixed allowance for travel expenses (up to USD 500 for travel from South America and USD 1,000 for travel from the rest of the world), a monthly stipend to cover their stay in the city of Santa Fe (USD 900 for Junior fellows and USD 1200 for Senior fellows), and accommodation in residences provided by UNL. If fellows wish to stay with their families (up to a maximum of four people), the provision of accommodation will be subject to UNL's institutional availability.

6. RIGHTS OF FELLOWS

Without prejudice to the rights of UNL researchers, resident researchers at IEA Litoral shall have the following rights:

a. To use the facilities, infrastructure and resources necessary to carry out their research activities.
b. To have access to research support and bibliographic services.
c. To have access to suitable premises for carrying out their activities.
d. In the case of group residencies, to have a budget for carrying out the proposed activities.
e. To receive accommodation provided by IEA Litoral.
f. To receive a fixed allowance for travel expenses to and from their place of origin.

7. OBLIGATIONS OF FELLOWS

Without prejudice to the obligations of UNL researchers, resident researchers at IEA Litoral shall have the following obligations:

a. To reside permanently in the city of Santa Fe throughout their stay at IEA Litoral. They may be absent for a maximum of seven days, provided they have obtained authorisation from the Scientific Director of IEA Litoral.

b. To deliver at least one seminar as part of IEA Litoral's weekly seminar series.
c. To participate in one lunch and one dinner organised by IEA Litoral each week.
d. To assist in organising and participate in scientific and institutional events organised by IEA Litoral.
e. To acknowledge their affiliation with IEA Litoral in publications and at academic and scientific events, outreach activities or knowledge transfer activities resulting from their research stay.
f. To provide all information requested by the Scientific Director of IEA Litoral in a timely manner and in the required form, and to submit the final reports required by IEA Litoral.
g. To comply with IEA Litoral's internal operating regulations.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

a. The application deadline is 15 October 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Argentina time.
b. All applications must be submitted through our online application system.
c. The application form will be available from 27 July 2026.

STEP 1. PREPARING A SINGLE APPLICATION FILE (.PDF)

Create a single PDF file (no larger than 10 MB) containing all the documents required to apply for the programme's fellowships. Online tools may be used to compress files, such as https://www.ilovepdf.com/es or https://smallpdf.com/es.

The PDF file name must include your name and the type of fellowship for which you are applying. Example: Juan (First Name), Solo (Surname) - IEA Litoral Annual Fellowship Programme 2027 - Junior Fellow.

The PDF file referred to above must contain the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae in English or Spanish (maximum 6,000 words).
2. A scanned copy of the doctoral degree certificate.
3. A letter of intent written in Spanish or English (maximum 1,000 words).
4. If available, a letter of support from a local institute, centre or research group, including a work proposal written in English or Spanish (up to 1,000 words).
5. An abstract of the research project and its relationship to the 2027 priority theme, written in English or Spanish (maximum 300 words).
6. A description of the research project, written in English or Spanish (maximum 5,000 words; the reference list is not included in the word count).
7. A list of relevant publications, including up to 5 publications for Junior applicants and up to 15 for Senior applicants (scientific articles, book chapters or books). Scientific articles and book chapters must be accompanied by an abstract in Spanish or English (up to 200 words each). For books, a brief review may be included in the same language (up to 600 words).
   It is recommended that links to the full text of articles, book chapters or books be included when available.

8. References (Junior applicants only): the full name, telephone number and email address of up to three academic references.

NOTICE: Only applications that use the requested format and strictly comply with each and every one of the requirements set out above will be considered eligible and, consequently, will undergo the evaluation process.

STEP 2. COMPLETING THE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Go to the application form for fellowships for the 2027 academic year on the IEA Litoral website and complete all the required fields: https://iealitoral.com/formulario-residencias-individuales-2027/

Within the form, you will find a section where you can attach the single application file (.PDF).

NOTICE: Please note that you cannot save your work and continue completing the form at a later time. You will therefore need to submit your application once you have all the required information and materials ready.

Incomplete forms or applications, or those submitted in any way other than as described in this call for applications, will not be considered.

Please note that incomplete applications—where the online form has not been fully completed or the single application PDF file has not been attached—will not be considered.

Once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive an email confirmation of your application at the email address you provided in the form.

All applications must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on 15 October 2026.

Successful applicants will be notified between November and December 2026.

For further information about the call for applications and IEA Litoral, please visit the Institute's website at https://iealitoral.com/ and/or send your questions and comments to iealitoral@unl.edu.ar.