

## ***Call for Research Fellow Chairs 2025***

MIAI is opening 3 to 6 research fellow chairs in AI, reserved for individuals who have spent most of their research careers outside France.

MIAI Cluster (MIAI) is an Interdisciplinary Institute in Artificial Intelligence managed by Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) and funded by the French government, as well as private and academic partners, including Université Clermont-Auvergne (UCA) and Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB). It focuses on embedded, interactive and generative AI, frugal and trustworthy by design, and at the service of humans and the environment. MIAI develops research and courses on many core AI topics (from hardware architectures to algorithms and mathematical models), on several domains of applications, including, but not limited to health, environment and energy, Industry 4.0, AI and education, AI and cultural and creative industries, AI and quantum, as well as on the interfaces between AI and human and social sciences (see <https://miai-cluster.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/research/>). Considering the various calls currently open within MIAI Cluster, we will take into account the funding already obtained to encourage diversity among the labs and teams within MIAI Cluster.

Research fellow chairs aim to address important and ambitious research problems in AI-related fields and to contribute to MIAI Cluster's research agenda. Successful candidates will be paid by MIAI Cluster and will be allocated, for the whole duration of the chair, a budget of 400k€ covering PhD and/or postdoc salaries, internships, travels, ... They will be part of MIAI Cluster and the French network of AI Clusters which provide a very dynamic environment for conducting advanced research in AI. The success of the chairs is an important matter for MIAI Cluster. To this end, within MIAI Cluster we will pursue the objective of discussing opportunities for candidates to remain with the Cluster after their appointment ends. Specifically, MIAI Cluster will support candidates in discussing career strategies.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible, candidates must hold a PhD from a non-French university. They must also have spent more than two thirds of their research career outside of France. Lastly, they should be pursuing internationally recognized research in AI-related fields (including applications of AI to any research field and social studies on AI).

### **Application**

Applicants need, prior submitting their project, to identify a lab which must be part of MIAI Cluster. The research proposed by the applicants must align with the research project of the identified lab. For younger applicants, we strongly suggest to identify a collaborator who must be a permanent member of one of the academic labs in Grenoble, Clermont-Ferrand or Savoie Mont-Blanc. The research proposed by the applicants must also align with the research project of the identified collaborator's lab.

**Addition from 19/09/2025:** Depending on the host laboratories, you may be subject to an administrative investigation (FSD). If this is the case, you may have to complete an FSD file before the end of the project selection process in order to anticipate delays, without this necessarily meaning that you will be selected.

### **Duration and expected calendar**

Each chair is intended for 4 years.

- Call launched beg. of September 2025.
- **Deadline for applications: November 21st, 2025.**
- Notification to applicants: end of January 2026.
- Start of the Chair: from March 2026 (September 2026 at the latest).

**Location**

The work will take place in the identified collaborator's lab, at UGA, UCA or USMB.

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