

# CHAIRS OF EXCELLENCE

*René Cassin*

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

3RD EDITION • FROM JUNE 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 1, 2025

« *Electoral  
processes, Rights  
and Freedoms* »

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION :  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024



**FONDATION RENÉ CASSIN**

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The René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights – is pleased to announce the 3rd edition of the “René Cassin Chairs of Excellence” program, called :

« *Electoral processes, Rights and Freedoms* »

Receiving a René Cassin Chair of Excellence means having the opportunity to spend six months in Strasbourg to work on a collaborative project related to the theme alongside other laureates and to participate in events organized by the local funding authorities.

It also allows you to develop a project, chosen by the Foundation for its relevance to the topic, by engaging with various local, associative, and European stakeholders in Strasbourg. Additionally, it provides the chance to work on a critical human rights issue with laureates from diverse backgrounds and a multidisciplinary approach.

**In 2025, more than half of the world's population will be eligible to vote.**

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*How can we guarantee fundamental rights during electoral periods ?*

*What are the impacts of elections on fundamental rights ?*

# PROCEDURE

Your application must be submitted by November 30, 2024, at 11:59 PM (French time).

The candidate, regardless of their background or discipline, must present a proposal for a collective project to be carried out in Strasbourg with the other laureates.

The project will be evaluated based on the following criteria :

- How the project relates to the theme ?
- Feasibility of the project (management, budget, available resources, etc.)
- How innovative the project is in Strasbourg

*Note : The Chairs of Excellence Program is solely intended to fund the collective project of the laureates to be carried out in Strasbourg. The Program does not aim to finance pre-existing or ongoing projects in the candidates' home countries.*

Your application file must include, in addition to your presentation, at least two letters of recommendation from recognized figures in their field.

Candidates selected for the final phase will be notified on January 6 and will present their project orally in a 15-minute videoconference.

# SELECTION & JURY

An International multidisciplinary jury will assess all applications. It will include prominent figures known for their commitment to the protection of rights and freedoms, and will be chaired by the Director of the René Cassin Foundation.

The jury will evaluate the relevance and quality of the proposed projects, paying special attention to their connections with initiatives developed at the local level in France (Strasbourg) by various stakeholders.

# DETAILS

## *Location & Duration*

Strasbourg (France)

6 months in person

From June 1st, 2025 to

December 1st, 2025

## *Profile*

Student and/or professional

No age or nationality restrictions

## *Language*

Proficiency in French and English, level B2.

## *Fields of intervention*

Political Science, Law, Economics, History, Geography, Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology, Linguistics, Music, Theater, Audiovisual Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Literature (non-exhaustive list).







The Chairs of Excellence program covers the following expenses:

#### Travel to Strasbourg

Round-trip travel from the home country

#### Transportation within Strasbourg

Public transport pass (tram and bus) for the duration of the program

#### Accommodation for 6 months

Individual housing in a university residence that provides a stimulating and enriching working environment

#### Allowances

600 euros/month (per diem) for the duration of the program



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### How to apply :

Your complete application must be sent exclusively by email to [chaires.renecassin@iidh.org](mailto:chaires.renecassin@iidh.org).

### When to submit your application :

By November 24, 2024, at 11:59 PM (French time).

### When the final oral presentations take place :

The 10 finalists will be notified on January 6, 2025, of the date for their oral interview, which will occur between January 7 and January 10, 2025.

### When the results will be announced :

THE LAUREATES WILL BE NOTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY BY JANUARY 13, 2025, AT THE LATEST.

### Your application should include :

- A Curriculum Vitae
- A statement of intent
- A presentation of your project
- Two letters of recommendation

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