

Noria—research

Noria grants for field research
in social sciences

2020-21 Call for application

Noria is launching a call
for applications to fund fieldwork
for young researchers:

**2 grants of 1500 euros each
for field research outside
of the Europe/Mediterranean zone**

**2 grants of 1000 euros each
for field research
in all geographical zone**

The grants will be reimbursements of original receipts for transportation, visa and/or housing costs for fieldwork travel internationally.

Each successful applicant will commit to publishing an article on Noria's website upon return of field travel and to presenting his or her work at a roundtable meeting.

They will benefit from the support of Noria's team for the writing process, as well as of a cartographer to include a map in their publication.

For all further questions, please email

grants@noria-research.com

Timeline

Deadline
for applications :

15 December 2020

Announcement
of successful applicants :

15 March 2021

Deadline to submit original receipts
for reimbursement:

31 December 2021

Eligibility

- Students of all nationalities enrolled in their first or second year of doctoral studies in any university (French or other) and owning a SEPA bank account
- Having defended their Master 2 thesis during the 2018 or 2019 calendar year in a discipline of the Social Sciences, who do not benefit from long term funding for their doctoral thesis (one year or more)
- Who present a project based on a personal fieldwork research (observation, interviews, archives, etc.) internationally for projects in French or English

Evaluation criteria

- Noria is committed to respecting values of equity, equality and diversity in the selection process.
- The jury will be composed of members of Noria, depending on their area of research expertise.
- Pre-selected applications by individual members of the jury will be examined in full jury assembly, and submitted to vote.

Academic pertinence

- Alignment with Noria's themes: political systems, armed conflict and violent phenomena, foreign policy and migration
- Quality and originality of the project

How to apply?

Complete the online form [here](#).

Please attach:

- a CV (2 pages max.)
- an outline of the research project including a provisional budget (2 pages max.).
The research/fieldwork project does not need to be related to the Master's thesis.
- an abstract of the Master 2 thesis (1 page max.)
- the Master 2 thesis

How do we evaluate applications?

The main document that we will evaluate is the research project, although the CV and M2 thesis will also guide our judgement. It is therefore essential that you concentrate your time and efforts in shaping this document. In general terms, you should ensure that you write clearly in a simple format. Always be as specific as possible and do not hesitate to go into detail about your fieldwork (the type of people you want to meet and why, access to these people, location of sources, type of accommodation, etc.).

How to write a good research project?

Consider including the following, no matter the order.

- ↳ Project title: Do not forget to include the title of the research/thesis project, either in the title of the document or in the body of the text.
- ↳ Definition and justification of the terms used: Demonstrate your knowledge of the topic, or at least that you are critically assessing the terms that you use. From these terms, you can begin your reflection in the research object.
- ↳ Definition and justification of chronological (if relevant) and geographical boundaries of the topic: Show that you have a clear idea of how long you will be in the field. Prove that you are able to locate your analysis, and that you are reflecting upon the issue of scale. Will you locate your analysis at the local, national, transnational levels? Demonstrate why this scale seems most relevant to you at this stage of your reflection.
- ↳ Proposed discipline and approach: Indicate the discipline in which you place your thesis: this will affect your working methods and the sources that you will use. Is it a thesis in economics, political science, history, sociology? Do not hesitate to explain your choices clearly. If you have already defined them, present the methodological tools that you intend to use (quantitative methods, historical, micro-sociological, etc.).
- ↳ State of the Art and place in the social sciences literature: Demonstrate your knowledge of what has been written on your topic so far, in order to explain what you will bring to the debates.
- ↳ Presentation of your fieldwork, sources and how you will process them: Be as specific as possible about the field strips that you are planning and the results that you expect. List all possible sources even outside of interviews, precisely where they are and how you plan to access them. The goal is to make your research project as credible as possible and to show as much as you can - for now - where you are going.
- ↳ Provisional budget: Please include a calendar and a small detailed table of expenses, in euros and local currency, including, for example costs for: travel, accommodation, food, transport, language classes, books and articles, etc.