

CY Advanced Studies Thematic Months Programme



General description

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CY Institute for Advanced Studies

Short description

The Institute for Advanced Studies (CY AS) was established in 2007, with a mission to promote research in all scientific disciplines. After a period of virtual operation, the Institute now has its own building, with working rooms and offices, guest accommodation and a dedicated team. The Institute's location, in the midst of nature and inspiring tranquillity, makes it easily accessible by train from Paris and provides an ideal environment for thinking and working.

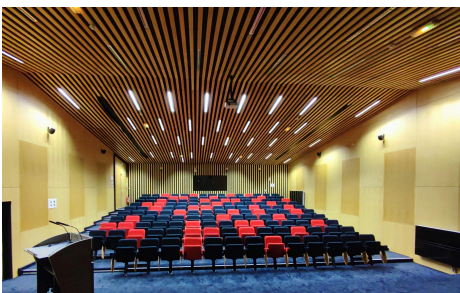


CY AS backyard in winter

Current activities

CY Advanced Studies' flagship programmes include *Fellows-in-residence*, *Visiting positions*, and *Scientific events*. Each year, between six and ten leading experts in a wide range of disciplines are hosted by various laboratories of CY Cergy Paris University and ESSEC Business School. The Institute also finances around sixty visitors and fifty conferences and workshops. More recently, these programmes were completed by the *Research in Groups* initiative, which encourages intensive research activities at the Institute.

Facilities



The auditorium of the Institute with a capacity of 150 seats

The institute has a large Auditorium, two fully equipped meeting rooms, one teaching room with a blackboard and camera, and two working rooms with a blackboard. Recording and streaming of all activities is available upon request. The university restaurant, open during the lunch hours, and a number of cafeterias are located in the building across the street and are easily accessible.

The fellows and long-term visitors are provided with comfortable offices, and the eduroam is available throughout the building. The Institute has a residence with spacious apartments, one of which is adapted to PRM.

Organising a thematic programme

Thematic months is a new programme at the CY Advanced Studies, conceived as an intensive teaching and research period involving a substantial number of master and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career faculty. Researchers affiliated with academic institutions are invited to submit applications to organise a thematic programme. The minimum duration for a programme is three weeks, with the possibility of an extension up to eight weeks.

In order to submit an application for a thematic programme, the organisers have to complete the designated *Application Form* and submit it, along with the necessary supporting documentation, to the address cyas@cyu.fr, with a cc to the Director of the Institute. There are three deadlines each year: March 5, June 5, and November 5. The outcome of application is communicated to the organisers by the end of the corresponding month. The following points describe the spirit and rules of thematic programmes.

Teaching component

A fundamental objective of thematic programmes is the training of young researchers. Consequently, it is a formal requirement that a substantial teaching component is incorporated into any such programme. It is anticipated that the organisers will allocate, on average, a minimum of 10 hours of training per week. To illustrate, a three-week programme comprising two weeks of training and a one-week conference should encompass a minimum of 30 hours of teaching during those two weeks. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon the organisers to ensure the presence of a reasonable number of attendees (students, postdocs, and young faculty) during the training period.

Funding

The Institute is willing to allocate a budget of up to €25,000 for a three-week thematic programme, representing at most 70% of the total budget managed by the organisers. For a two-month programme, the Institute's budgetary allocation may reach €50,000. The organisers are required to submit a detailed budget as part of their application. It is expected that a substantial part of the Institute's allocation will be used to support young participants, for instance by covering their accommodation during the programme. The Institute endeavours to support as many participants as possible, with a view to ensuring a comfortable stay during the programme and covering their real expenses. The staff of the Institute will be willing to consider any reasonable budgetary request that organisers may wish to make.

Sharing responsibilities

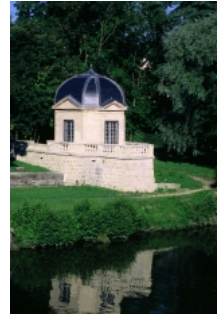
The Institute will be happy to arrange accommodation for participants who would like to take advantage of the guesthouse and the network of residences. The staff of the Institute will also organise lunches and coffee breaks, book lecture and working rooms, and install necessary equipment, as well as manage the budget allocated by the Institute. In the same spirit of collaboration, the organisers are kindly asked to inform the relevant staff member well in advance of any bills and/or payments to be made, and of any room reservations. Furthermore, it is anticipated that they will create and maintain of a web page for their programme (with a link to the Institute's web page), in addition to the dissemination of this information to a relevant audience, with the objective of ensuring that it attracts significant attention within their community.

Summary of the key points

- The programme should include a substantial amount of teaching.
- For a three-week programme, the Institute may invest up to €25,000, as long as this is no more than 70% of the budget managed by the organisers.
- The Institute will organise the (local) accommodation, lunches, and coffee breaks for participants, as well as management of the budget allocated to the programme.
- The organisers are responsible for managing the budget representing their contribution and for creating a web page of the event.
- Once the *Scientific Board* of the Institute has accepted the proposal, the organisers should follow the instructions in the *Organiser Workflow* file.
- The Institute will provide shared offices to the organisers of the programme and the lecturers of the training on request.
- All activities must take place on the premises of the CY Advanced Studies.

Cultural and other activities

The CY AS is located in the heart of nature, on the edge of the Vexin natural parc—a region with a long history and rich cultural heritage. The Institute is a 15-minute walk from the medieval town of Neuville-sur-Oise. This town is famous for its 17th-century castle, which is built on the bank of the Oise river, and its Pavillon d'Amour, which has been listed as a Historic Monument since 1952.



Pavillon d'amour in Neuville-sur-Oise



Church in Auvers from Van Gogh's painting

The region's artistic credentials, and its renown amongst the general public, are largely attributed to its association with Impressionism. A notable example of this is the relocation of Camille Pissarro to the Vexin capital, Pontoise, in 1872, where he resided until 1882. This period is significant as it resulted in the formation of a notable artistic circle, which included prominent figures such as Paul Cézanne, Ludovic Piette and Paul Gauguin. A few years later,

Vincent Van Gogh followed his advice and painted some of his most extraordinary works in Auvers-sur-Oise, before dying there in 1890.



The Castle of Pontoise

The region boasts a wide range of attractions, with multiple information centres providing comprehensive visitor information. Some of the area's most popular attractions include the castles of Pontoise and Auvers-sur-Oise, the Pissarro Museum in Pontoise, Van Gogh's house, and Cergy's port.

The Institute is located in close proximity to Etangs de Cergy, a large leisure park offering a wide range of sporting activities, including tennis, paddle, kayak, and water skiing. The park is accessible from the Institute by a bus or on foot (40 minutes walk) via a forest path or along the riverbank. Last but not least, the centre of Paris is easily accessible by train from the nearby station, with a journey time of approximately 35 minutes.



The tombs of the Van Gogh brothers in Auvers-sur-Oise

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In general, questions and inquiries should be addressed to the Director or the Head Secretary of the Institute. However, you are welcome to contact other members of staff if your question relates to their specific responsibilities.

The CY AS team is here to help you organise your activity. Do not hesitate to contact them as often as you need.