



2026 CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

in Advanced Technologies for Minimally Invasive Surgery

Application deadline: April 30, 2026

WHAT WE OFFER

Founded in 1994 in Strasbourg by Professor Jacques Marescaux, IRCAD is a **world-leading international center** training over 8,000 healthcare professionals each year in minimally invasive surgery. Each year, IRCAD France is recruiting several candidates for **one-year research fellowships** in a truly international, innovative, and multidisciplinary environment.

As a fellow, you will take part in **high-impact international research projects** spanning laparoscopic, hybrid image-guided and percutaneous procedures, interventional GI endoscopy, robotic surgery, and AI. You will work hands-on with the most advanced technologies, alongside world-renowned experts, our R&D team, and international industrial partners, within a truly global academic environment.

You will have the opportunity to benefit from the unique IRCAD international network and platform for technology and clinical experimentation.

This is a **research-focused, non-clinical fellowship**.
Funding and start date will be based on your profile.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Lead your own research projects with IRCAD support and showcase them at international congresses
- Prepare and submit scientific manuscripts with structured mentoring and editorial support
- Work with advanced surgical technologies: robotics, telerobotics, interventional GI endoscopy, cutting-edge surgical devices, image-guided and AI-driven platforms
- Collaborate with international experts in a multidisciplinary environment and assist with IRCAD's advanced training programs
- Contribute to monthly surgical video publications on: www.websurg.com
- Take all IRCAD France courses for free



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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Mandatory Requirements:

- Specialization and strong interest in at least one of the following areas:
 - Laparoscopic surgery
 - Robotic surgery
 - Hybrid image-guided and percutaneous surgery
 - Interventional GI endoscopy
 - Artificial intelligence
- Medical or scientific background: MD or PhD in progress, Postdoctoral, or Associate Professor
- Proven research experience, demonstrated through:
 - Scientific publications
 - Previous research projects
 - Presentations at scientific conferences
- Fluency in written and spoken English

Additional Requirements:

- Ability to design and develop research protocols
- International experience and/or experience working in interdisciplinary teams

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications will be reviewed by Prof. Jacques Marescaux, Prof. Antonello Forgione, Prof. Mariano Giménez, Dr. Marc Giovannini, and/or Dr. Alexandre Hostettler.

- 1. Until April 30, 2026**
Call for applications and first interviews
- 2. May 2026**
Final selection
- 3. From September 2026 (at the latest)**
Start of Fellowship (according to IRCAD's academic calendar)

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the official application form by **April 30, 2026**:
<https://www.ircad.fr/fellowship/>
- Documents to be submitted:
 - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Motivation letter
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Summary of publications or previous research activities

