

Documents required for initial “Talent Chercheur” residence permit application

Documents to be uploaded on the ANEF website

- Visa : Long-stay visa (“visa de long séjour” marked, «L412-14» or Talent Chercheur, C. SEJ. A SOLLIC.)
- Valid passport (with photocopies of all pages that have been written on, or stamped)
- Documentation of civil status: birth certificate (with parents listed), and if applicable: marriage certificate, children’s birth certificates (with parents listed), declaration of non-polygamy (if you are from a country where polygamy is permitted).
- e-photo number (recent identity photos)
- Proof of residence from within the last six months:
If you are a tenant, you must include a bill (water, gas, electricity, landline telephone, etc.) or a proof you subscribed to a housing insurance. However, if you are staying in a hotel or a residence, you must ask for a certificate of domicile (attestation de domicile) and an invoice for the last month of rent. If you are staying at the Faculty Club, you must ask the CROUS Faculty Club for a certificate of domicile (attestation de résidence). Finally, if you are hosted by a private individual, the host must complete and sign a hosting certificate (attestation d’hébergement), provide proof of address in their name from within the last 6 months, as well as a copy of their identification.
- «Convention d’accueil d’un chercheur étranger»
- Contrat d’engagement à respecter les principes de la République (Décret n° 2024-811 du 8 juillet 2024).
- Depending on the status indicated on the Convention d’Accueil : French work contract (or a confirmation letter from the employer) or convention de séjour de recherche
- Your most recent degree: master diploma or PhD, if applicable.
- For PhD students enrolled at Université Côte d’Azur: a proof of enrollment at the University

Please present the original and a copy of your documents, in addition to a French translation made by a sworn translator from the Appeal Court of Aix en Provence. It is also important to check whether the marriage certificate requires an apostille and/or legalization.

- Tax stamps (timbres fiscaux) to the value of the fee (€ 350). You can buy it online [here](#).
(to give to the Prefecture when you pick up your resident permit, so purchase it only when the Prefecture informs you that your card is ready).

Updated by the WELCOME CENTER on 05/05/2026; the requirements may change.

Please check on <https://www.alpes-maritimes.gouv.fr/Demarches/Immigration-et-integration>