

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA's Member States and has the honor to draw their attention to the IAEA Lise Meitner Programme (LMP) in France and at the IAEA HQ (hosted by Orano and the IAEA).

Dates of the LMP: 4 to 17 October, 2026 (including travel days)

Focus: Nuclear fuel cycle (uranium exploration and mining, uranium conversion and enrichment, fuel fabrication, spent fuel storage, reprocessing and recycling, nuclear materials transport and radioactive waste management and disposal).

This application call is only open to nationals of the following IAEA Member States: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The next Lise Meitner Programme (LMP) visit will consist of one-week at Orano's nuclear fuel cycle facilities, in France, (5 to 9 October 2026), and one-week at the IAEA Headquarters, in Vienna (12 to 16 October, 2026), in conjunction with the [IAEA International Conference on Fuel Supply Chain for Sustainable Nuclear Power Development](#).

Interested applicants must have between three to ten years of professional experience or be nearing the completion of their PhD programme with some prior work experience.

During the visit, participants will have a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience and an insider's view of the nuclear fuel cycle, visiting Orano's state-of-art facilities across France, including uranium conversion and enrichment plants, spent fuel storage and transport sites, and reprocessing and recycling facilities. Participants will also engage directly with international experts, learning about real-world operations, best practices, and cutting-edge developments in the nuclear fuel sector.

In addition, the programme will provide the opportunity to attend an international forum of information exchange on achievements, challenges, lessons learned and prospects concerning the nuclear fuel supply chain and the application of circular economy principles at the different steps of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Who can apply:

- Women professionals with a nuclear-related background relevant to the focus area of the visits;
- Currently employed with between 3-10 years of relevant work experience in a nuclear related field; OR final year PhD students in the nuclear field with relevant prior work experience
- Completed relevant bachelor's degree, master's degree or PhD

- Nationals of eligible IAEA Member States listed above.

Application submission does not guarantee a place in the visiting professional programme.

Selection

Participants can only attend one LMP professional visit. Previous participants are not eligible.

Selected participants will be notified in advance and provided with full participant details. Additional information for applicants, including where to apply, can be found [here](#).

All applications must be submitted [here](#) by Wednesday, 6 May 2026, 11:59 Vienna time. Application submission does not guarantee a place in the visiting professional programme.

To encourage broad dissemination of the information, I would greatly appreciate if this communication is shared with your relevant national Authority for further distribution among potential donors and partners, universities and students in your country.

More information on LMP can be found on www.iaea.org/LMP including detailed instructions on how to apply.

Since the launch of IAEA LMP in 2023, the LMP has selected 101 women from 45 countries. To date, 7 LMP visiting professional programmes hosted by 6 Member States have been completed.

Testimonials from past LMP professionals are available [here](#).

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA's Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.