

THAILAND	FRANCE
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Franco-Thai Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Research 2015 - 2016

To encourage exchanges between French and Thai higher education institutions and research bodies, and to develop sustainable collaborative research activities, the Joint Franco-Thai Committee launches the present Call for Proposals.

1. Objective:

To develop joint projects in research and/or research training.

2. Area

Joint Franco-Thai Committee shall examine project proposals within any one of the following areas:

- **Social Sciences, Humanities and Culture, Tourism.**
- **Basic Science**
 - *Mathematic;*
 - *Physics;*
 - *Chemistry including Cosmetic Science.*
- **Science and Technology**
 - *Nano-and Bio-technologies;*
 - *Information and Communication Sciences and Technology;*
 - *Materials and Mechanics.*
- **Health Science**
 - *Re-Emerging and Infectious Diseases;*
 - *Bio-technology, Natural Substances (Pharmacology, traditional drugs);*
 - *Neuro-sciences.*
- **Energy**
 - *New technologies for energy: fuel cells, solar cells, nuclear energy;*
 - *Alternative energies;*
 - *Energy efficiency and saving.*
- **Environment, biodiversity and sustainable development**
 - *Climate Change and its impact (health, emerging and neglected diseases, joint monitoring);*
 - *Biodiversity: utilisation and preservation.*
- **Agriculture/Agro-Industry**
 - *Agricultural Production;*
 - *Food Safety, Products Quality (food and other products).*

****Projects involving in a multidisciplinary approach will be favorably considered. ****

3. Activity

Proposed project should focus on implementation of joint research activity, and young researchers (Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral) training, taking into consideration the development of:

- promising Thai and French partnership
- scientific and technological research in the priority fields listed above,
- research capacity building,
- valorisation and knowledge transfer.

Projects implementation will be based on the following main operations: exchange of senior and junior researchers, the training periods in research laboratories, seminars and scientific meetings, workshops and etc.

4. Eligibility Conditions

Each proposal should be jointly submitted by network formed one partner at least in France and one partner at least in Thailand.

The project must be innovative. Continuation of projects which have been already supported by the Franco-Thai PHC Program will not be eligible.

On each side, a principal investigator 'Head of the project' should be appointed. Only researchers working regularly in the partner institutions of the proposal are eligible. The principal investigator has to be a researcher or a lecturer/researcher.

A network can be extended to include other institutions such as research center/organization. Industrial companies could join as 'Associate members'.

A proposal must be submitted in France (online) by the French principal investigator. An identical version in English will also be submitted to the Thai Office of Higher Education by the Thai principal investigator.

5. Project presentation (Annex A: Project Proposal Form)

The project documents should include:

- a clear identification of the partners (university/training and research unit/department/school/research body/other);
- objectives of the project within the general framework of human resource development and the establishment of Franco-Thai thematic network;
- a precise description of activity to be carried out and the number of persons involved;
- an implementation timetable;
- a detailed budget established according to the rules edicted in item 9.2;
- official approval from relevant agency authorizing commitment of institution of each partner.

6. Project Duration and assessment

Each project will take 2 years for implementation.

The projects coordinators will be requested to fill an annual activity report form at the end of each year in order to make sure of the project progress. The report sending will determine the financial contribution for the following year.

The projects principal investigators must send to the Joint Franco-Thai Committee a final report signed by the project's principal investigator from Thai and French side. The report must focus particularly on scientific publications and communications or events achieved within the project.

7. Budget

Project should be co-financed by partner institutions.

The principle of project co-financing excluding salaries is a condition for complementary support from the public agencies.

The budget must show as realistically as possible the share of financial contributions expected from each partner (researchers, home institutions, host institutions, companies, communities, French and Thai Ministries), broken down according to the type of expenditures: travel costs between the two countries, transport costs in the host country, living costs, educational fees (of the institution excluding costs covered by government subsidy), laboratory costs, tutoring, language learning and support, documents etc.

Work sheet provided in Annex B with the project proposal form, should be filled in returned to the Office of Higher Education, through the principal investigator's university.

() Rates given in Euros for the French side, in Baht for the Thai side, are to be used as a guide and could be subject to some adjustment.*

8. Financial support requested from the French and Thai Institutions

8.1 French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

French Ministry of Foreign Affairs will support expenses with the maximum of 12,000 Euros per year for each project. Details of Financial support from French side are as follows:

- 1) International transportation for exchange French professors/lecturers/researchers from France to Thailand, including, if necessary, domestic transportation in France and Thailand. The maximum rate of a round trip air ticket is 1200 Euros.
- 2) Living allowances in France, of Thai professors/lecturers/senior or junior researchers (Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral) for:
 - 2.1) Short visit (less than 10 days)
 - 110 Euros/day
 - 2.2) Long stay (more than 10 days)
 - 45 Euros/day

Health insurance will be also provided. The mentioned support is managed by EGIDE. This financial contribution is based on a yearly budget. It must be used between the 1st of January and the 31st of December of the fiscal year and cannot be postponed in any case.

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