FASIC is the Franco-Australian Hubert Curien Programme. FASIC is implemented jointly by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) in France, and by research partners in Australia.

Calls for applications for this program are launched on an annual basis.

Deadline for submission of applications: 3 January 2019

Scientific cooperation is a major pillar of the enhanced bilateral strategic partnership adopted in 2017 between France and Australia. It enables our two countries to jointly develop innovative solutions that can benefit our respective communities and ensure our global economic competitiveness.

The French Embassy in Australia is putting in place in 2018 new instruments promoting research collaboration between France and Australia, under the umbrella of the PHC FASIC Program. This program aims to be a catalyst and to support the launch and development of bilateral research projects at the critical moment of their initiation, and more broadly the development of science and technology strategic collaboration.

The PHC FASIC Program will help initiate or strengthen bilateral research collaborations, and allow scientists from French and Australian research institutions to meet and discuss future collaborative projects. This program aims to support the establishment of scientific networks between France and Australia and potentially future joint research laboratories.

The PHC FASIC Program will be implemented through three specific instruments:

- FASIC RESEARCHERS
- FASIC DOCTORANTS
- FASIC WORKSHOPS
Types of projects

The objective of this program is to develop scientific and technological exchanges of excellence between laboratories in both countries, by **encouraging new cooperation and the participation of young researchers**.

- **FASIC Researcher** supports France-based researchers’ mobility (French overseas territories included) from France to Australia.
- **FASIC PhD** supports PhD’s mobility within the framework of a collaboration between France and Australia (candidates from New-Caledonia, French Polynesia and La Reunion are eligible).
- **FASIC Workshop** supports the organisation of scientific bilateral workshops to be held in Australia, or France (French overseas territories included).

All fields of science are eligible to this program.

Eligibility criteria

- **FASIC Researcher**:
  Researchers or post-docs affiliated to French higher education institutions or French research organizations are eligible to apply. Each project must explicitly associate an Australian research partner.

  Industry partners can participate in the project as long as they are partnering with an academic partner.

- **FASIC PhD**:
  PhD applicants must be enrolled in a French or an Australian research/academic institution. Their mobility must be clearly embedded in a bilateral research project.
Industry partners can participate in the project as long as they are partnering with an academic partner.

- **FASIC Workshop**: Researchers affiliated to French or Australian higher education institutions or French or Australian research organizations are eligible to apply. The project must be submitted by a researcher from the French or the Australian team. Each project must explicitly identify the French and Australian research partner organisations. Whatever the affiliation of the applying researcher (French or Australian), FASIC Workshop will only support the mobility of researchers attending the workshop. Workshops can be held in Australia or in France (French oversea territories included).

French and Australian researchers involved in the project must have the support of their respective institutions. One project can apply to more than one FASIC instruments. **A letter of support** from their respective research institutions must be attached to the application.

**Equivalent level of funding** from the Australian research partner institution on the project is required. **A letter of financial support** from the research Australian institutions must be attached to the application.

For **FASIC Researcher and PhD**, the Australian funding can be either cash or in-kind financial support for the scientists engaged in the selected project during their mobilities (i.e. accommodation expenses…), and/or support for a reciprocal mobility within the framework of the joint research project.

For **FASIC Workshop**, the Australian funding can also support the workshop logistics (for example: venue rental, catering, audio-visual, accommodation for scientists attending the workshop…).

**Projects that have already received financial support under the PHC FASIC program** are not eligible for re-application immediately upon completion. Priority will be given to new projects.

**Evaluation criteria**

The evaluation will focus on:

- The quality of the scientific project (originality of the research subject, quality of the research teams involved, development perspectives and technology transfer)
- The clear description of the objectives and expected impact of the submitted research project
- The active participation of early career researchers, especially PhD and post-docs
- The interest, complementarity and level of the proposed cooperation
- The project’s structuration and development perspectives

**Selection Procedure**
The Delegation for European and International Affairs (ADEI - Délégation aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales) in the Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI - Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l’Innovation) ensures the scientific evaluation of eligible projects.

**Management of the program**

- **Project’s duration is one (1) year.**
- Selected projects have to **mandatorily complete their mobility by 31 December 2019.** No postponing of the mobility is negotiable.
- The FASIC program will only support the **mobility expenses** between the two countries of affiliation of the applying researchers:
  - **FASIC Researcher:** mobilities are supported only for the French-based team from France to Australia.
  - **FASIC PhD:** mobilities are supported from France to Australia and from Australia to France.
  - **FASIC Workshop:**
    - For a workshop held in Australia: mobilities are supported for the French-based team from France to Australia.
    - For a workshop held in France: mobilities are supported from Australia to France or the French overseas territories.
- Travel support covers roundtrip transportation between two international airports. Once tickets are issued, a change of dates is no longer possible.
- Funding allocated through this scheme takes exclusively in charge scientists mobility, any other expenses must be covered by the laboratories or other incomes.

**Eligible expenses**

- Funding allocated through this scheme takes exclusively in charge **scientists mobility** between the two countries:
  - **FASIC Researcher:** travel expense, up to 1600€, and daily expenses 157€/day, with a maximum of 3500€ per project.
  - **FASIC Doctorant:** travel expense only, up to 1600€.
  - **FASIC Atelier:**
    1/ For a workshop held in Australia: travel expense, up to 1600€, and daily expenses 157€/day, with a maximum of 8000€ per project.
    2/ For a workshop held in France: travel expense, up to 1600€ (300€ for the French Pacific territories), and daily expenses 157€/day, with a maximum of 8000€ per project.

In both cases, logistics expenses of the workshop (venue rental, AV, catering, interpreter- or speaker-related expenses, etc., excluding any purchase of equipment) are eligible expenses that can be included in the allocated support from the Australian partner, but that can’t be taken in charge by this PHC FASIC program.

**Intellectual property**
Project managers are responsible for making all the necessary arrangements regarding IP management.

Applicants shall take into account the attached document regarding good practices and IP management under the PHC program. By submitting, applicants acknowledge compliance with these IP management good practices.

**Project monitoring**

- A final report is required **no later than three months after the end of the projects.**
- French project managers must download and fill in the [report template](https://example.com) and attach it to their file online within this time frame.
- This report is also to be sent to the French Embassy within the same deadline (see contact for the program).
- It is requested that all publications resulting from the project supported by this program mention the support provided by MEAE and MESRI.

**Application modalities**

Before any request for information, we invite you to consult the “FAQ and contact” page

- Deadline for submission of applications: 3 January, 2019
- Dissemination of results: 14 March 2019
- Start of projects: 1st April 2019

**Apply**

The project coordinators are invited to submit their project in advance to avoid any technical problem to hinder their application within the deadline.

Submissions for FASIC researchers or FASIC PhD must be done via the Campus France website: [https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater](https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater).

Submissions for FASIC Workshops must be done following instructions on the Campus France website: [https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-ateliers](https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-ateliers).

The applications can be in French or in English.
**Manage your mobility**

At least 3 weeks before the start of their mobility to Australia, selected beneficiaries will send a commitment form and a complete file by email at the address notified on the commitment form.

A copy is mandatorily sent by email to the French Embassy in Australia

**Contacts for information on the program**

For any questions related to the type of projects and eligibility criteria:
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