Summary

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the Republic of France have established the NUSANTARA Program (PHC Nusantara – SAME Prancis – BOPTN). NUSANTARA program is jointly managed by the Indonesian Ministry for Research, Technology and Higher Education (RISTEKDIKTI), the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), and the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI). This program is for French and Indonesian researchers working in a team who wish to fund their partnering project.

Indonesian partners may apply for the mobility scheme (SAME-Prancis). If successful, additional evaluation will occur with a possibility to receive an extended research scheme (BOPTN).

France will support short-stay missions (travel and living allowances), either in France or in Indonesia. Additional research funding is provided by the French Embassy in Indonesia.

Objective

NUSANTARA aims to promote and support new scientific and technological cooperation projects between French and Indonesian researchers, in both the public and private sectors. This call is excellence based.

Eligibility

The programme is open for following research fields (but not for Nuclear, Defense, nor Military technologies):

- Food Technology;
- Energy (new and renewable energy);
- Health and Medicine;
- Marine and Maritime Technology;
- Transportation Technology;
- Information and Communication Technology;
- Human and Social sciences;
- Advanced material, i.e. nanotechnology;
- Climate change and the preservation of the environment: animal and vegetal biodiversity; water, land, climatic changes;
• Assessment and prevention of natural risks and or disaster management – including early warning system which involves geological, seismic, volcanic, climatic, geomagnetic Sci.

On the French side:
Any research laboratory from universities, public sector research institutes and small companies are eligible for this program.

On the Indonesian side:
Only lecturers of universities under the auspice of RISTEKDIKTI are eligible as the main applicant.

Application Process

Each of French and Indonesian partners has to submit a proposal in English containing the same title and scope of work to their respective agencies in charge of managing NUSANTARA program:

1) CAMPUS FRANCE online, for French counterpart, and
2) RISTEKDIKTI online, for Indonesian counterpart.

If one of the two partners fail to apply or sent the application before the deadline, both applications will be disqualified.

Indonesian partners shall submit their proposal to RISTEKDIKTI following the regulations of the SAME program (only one grant for mobility can be attributed per project for only one researcher having a doctoral degree since at least two years and willing to go to France for at least 3 months). In addition to the SAME proposal, Indonesian partners shall also submit a brief research plan and a letter of commitment.

Successful Indonesian applicants will later be requested to fulfil all requirements in conformity with the eligible funding scheme. All SAME awardees will be reviewed for additional research funding (BOPTN). If selected for BOPTN research funding, successful applicants will be requested to fill the appropriate administrative documents of BOPTN funding program.

Evaluation Process

NUSANTARA call for proposals is organized each year. Appointed Indonesian reviewers will assess Indonesian applications, while French reviewers will review French applications. A Joint Committee, consisting of Indonesian and French experts, will execute the final selection.

The involvement of young researchers studying for a Master or PhD, or pursuing post-doctoral research, is one of the most important selection criteria. All teams receiving research funding from BOPTN program are expected to aim at publishing manuscripts in Q1 international journals.
Project duration and execution

Projects selected under the current call for proposals will be funded by France and Indonesia for:

1) Two years by France (support for the second year is subject to the first-year review) plus a single 3-months mobility grant by SAME, or
2) Three years by BOPTN (support for the second and third year being subject to review).

To this effect, project leaders must submit a report of their first year’s activities, to the French Embassy in Indonesia and to KEMENRISTEKDIKTI before 26th of April 2019. This report, written in English, shall include:

1) FINANCIAL aspects, spent or to be spent budget;
2) TECHNICAL progress of the project, and
3) FORESEEN expenditures in the following year.

Any substantial scientific results achieved in the first months of the running project needs to be HIGHLIGHTED by the project leader.

Final report

A final report shall be sent one month after the completion of the project at the latest to the French Embassy in Indonesia and to KEMENRISTEKDIKTI. French partners will have to do so by downloading relevant files on Campus France extra-net and to affix to their online file once completed.

Publication of Report

Upon completion of the report, all participants are strongly encouraged to publish their research results in international journals (with Scopus/Thomson-Reuters index).

Financing

Final allocation to each supported project will be decided by Nusantara final joint committee. Funds must be strictly used during the calendar year, between January 1st and December 31st of each year. In no case, it may be carried forward to the following year. Any unspent funds will be deemed forfeited.
How to Apply

Indonesian applicants should refer to RISTEKDIKTI website
French applicants should refer to CAMPUS FRANCE website.

Both applications must be received before the closing date. Applications shall strictly follow the format and time conditions. The content of the SAME proposal shall be in line with the research proposal submitted online through CAMPUS FRANCE website.

Important Dates

For the 2019 call, the following schedule will apply:

- Opening of the call: 8th of March 2019
- Deadline for sending applications: 26th of April 2019
- Final selection by Joint Committee: July 2019
- Announcement of results: late July/Early August 2019
- Start of project: Early 2020

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