CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Research

PHC TONLÉ SAP – 2023/2024

Tonlé Sap is the Franco-Cambodian Hubert Curien Partnership. It is implemented in France by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), and in Cambodia by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEJS).

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

Deadline for submitting application files: 11/11/2022 (November 11th)

Types of projects concerned
• The objective of this program is to develop exchanges of scientific and technological excellence between research laboratories of the two countries, by promoting new cooperation and the participation of young researchers and doctoral students
• All scientific fields are concerned by this program

The priority themes can be specified as follows:
• The following scientific fields will be considered as priority:
  1) Digital Technology and Economy
  2) Applied Agricultural and environmental issues
  3) Innovative Pedagogy

Team eligibility conditions
• The call for applications is open to researchers belonging to research laboratories attached to higher education institutions or research organizations.
• Companies can participate in the project, as long as they are associated with an academic partner.
• Projects which have already received support under this program are not eligible for a new application immediately after their completion. New collaborations are always a priority.
• Only application files co-submitted by partner researchers to the bodies responsible for the program in their respective countries are declared admissible. French researchers must make sure of this with their partner.
Projects evaluation criteria

- Scientific quality of the project and the teams.
- Active participation of young researchers, in particular doctoral and post-doctoral students.
- Interest of cooperation and complementarity of French and Cambodian teams.
- Reciprocity in the importance of the mobility envisaged.
- Prospects for structuring or promoting the project. Network projects with a European or Asian opening will be positively considered. Researchers thus have the possibility of submitting an application within the framework of another PHC, on the same research topic.

Project selection committee

- Eligible projects are subject to a separate scientific assessment by each of the two parties. The authorities of the two countries then meet to compare the evaluations and jointly decide on the support granted to the selected projects.
- For the French part, the MESR Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) ensures the scientific evaluation of the projects.

Operational Modalities

- The duration of projects is two years maximum.
- Funding is granted on an annual basis, for two consecutive years.
- The allocated budget must imperatively be used between January 1 and December 31 of the year concerned and cannot be carried over to the following year.
- The mobility of researchers from the French and Cambodian team must be organized over the two years of the project.
- The allocated budget concerns only the support of the mobility between the two countries of the researchers engaged in the program.
- Any other funding necessary for the implementation of joint projects must be provided by the own resources of the partner laboratories or by other sources.
- The renewal of credits for a second year is subject to:
  - Optimal consumption of funding granted for the 1st year.
  - The submission of a progress and financial report mentioning the scientific results obtained (1 page in free format), the mobility carried out and the actions carried out or planned before the end of the current (or civil) year.

The progress report and the financial statement must be sent before November 22 of the 1st year to the French Embassy (see contact for the program below).
Eligible Expenses

- The maximum amount for one project is 10,000 euros per year: 5,000 Euro from the French side, and 5,000 Euro from the Cambodian side.
- The resources granted by France and Cambodia cover exclusively the payment of subsistence allowances and travel for researchers (see Table below).
- The budget granted by France exclusively covers the payment of subsistence allowances and travel for researchers of the French team:
  - Subsistence allowances: 110 € / day,
  - Travel: reimbursement on actual costs up to a limit of € 1,400 per round trip.
- The budget granted by Cambodia exclusively covers the payment of subsistence allowances and the trips of the researchers of the Cambodian team:
  - Subsistence allowance: maximum of 230 USD / day for a maximum of 10 days, or 2300 USD per month,
  - Travel: reimbursement on actual costs up to a limit of € 1,400 per round trip.

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Intellectual property and National Security

- The Project Investigators (or heads of project) are responsible for their projects’ intellectual property. They must take all necessary measures to protect it.
- Carefully read the attached document, relating to best practices relating in particular to intellectual property rules. The deposit of the project includes, in fact, the adhesion, by all the parties, to these rules.

Projects monitoring

- A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects.
- The project leaders of the French team must imperatively use the downloadable report template and attach it to their online file within this period.
- This report should also be sent to the French Embassy within the same time limit (see contact for the program below).
- The publications drafted within the framework of this project must mention the support granted by the MEAE and the MESR.

Practical procedures for submitting the project

Before any request for information, we invite you to consult the page of the most frequently asked questions "FAQ and contact".

- Deadline for submitting application files: 11/11/2022 (11th of November)
- Date of dissemination of results: March 2023
- Project start date: April 2023

Submission of Project

- A complete joint proposal must be submitted by both Cambodian and French partnering universities/agencies within the given deadline. Failing to fulfil this requirement, the proposal will be disqualified.
- The proposal submission procedure is:
  - Cambodian Principal Investigator (or head of project) must submit the proposal in English to MEJS via email.

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1 [https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-faq](https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-faq)
• The French partner has to submit the similar version in English or French online following the process described at [https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater](https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater)

Contacts

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