French-Indonesian Science and Technology Cooperation Program

PHC NUSANTARA 2024

Call for Mobility and Research Proposals

Summary

The PHC NUSANTARA is a joint initiative between the governments of France and Indonesia, aiming to encourage collaboration on research and innovation while strengthening connections that will lead to greater collaboration in the future. This program is managed by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, and the Indonesian Ministry for Education, Culture, Research and Technology (KEMDIKBUDRISTEK).

This program is for French and Indonesian researchers working in a team who wish to fund their partnering project.

Indonesian researchers from universities and polytechnics may apply for the research grant under the basic research scheme (PD) provided by KEMDIKBUDRISTEK. The mobility grants are divided into two types of funding:

- SAME mobility is exclusively open to university lecturers
- Program Peningkatan Kompetensi Dosen is specifically designed for polytechnic lecturers.

French researchers will get funding for travel and subsistence costs which will enable mobility over a two-year period either in Indonesia or in France.

Objective

The PHC NUSANTARA aims to promote and develop scientific and technological cooperation projects by encouraging the participation of early career researchers and doctoral students, in both countries. Research projects involving industry and/or international organizations are encouraged but optional. This call is excellence based.

Eligible areas

The programme is open for all research fields except for defence or military technologies.

This mobility grant supports research in any areas/disciplines, with special focus on: green, blue, and digital economy; health and medicine, particularly medical treatment of stunting; and methodology to support innovation and independence of production capabilities, particularly for medicines and medical devices.
Eligible candidates

- **Indonesian PI** meeting the minimum requirements as follows:
  1) Must be based in Indonesia;
  2) Must be lecturers affiliated with an university or a polytechnic under the auspice of KEMDIKBUDRISTEK and have a NIDN/Permanent Lecturers;
  3) Must have a minimum score of 150 for STEM or 50 for Social and Humanities in SINTA;
  4) Obtained their PhD degree at least 2 years before the application to be eligible as the PI;
  5) Must have competence in oral and writing English;
  6) Active lecturers (not structural officers in the universities);
  7) Research team consist of early career researchers and/or doctoral students.

- **French applicants** from any research laboratory, public sector research institutes, and small companies are eligible for this program.

Application Process

Please note that the platforms (both sides) will be accessible for submitting your application from **17 August to 11 October 2023**. Should you need information regarding the application submission, please kindly read the guidelines through respective agencies’ websites or via [bit.ly/PHC-Nusantara2024](http://bit.ly/PHC-Nusantara2024).

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*Application process, source: Department of science and technology of IFl, French Embassy*
The Indonesian applicants must enclose with their application, the Dossier de candidature PHC Nusantara 2024 which has been registered through Campus France website by the French partner.

- Applications shall strictly follow the format and time conditions. The title should be exactly the same as the submission on the Campus France website, and the content of the BOPTN proposal shall also be in line with the research proposal submitted on the Campus France website.

- Applicants must submit a proposal in English with the same title and scope of work via their respective agencies’ websites:
  1) FR applicants: via CAMPUS FRANCE https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidature
  2) ID applicants: via KEMENDIKBUDRISTEK
     - Research grant: https://bima.kemdikbud.go.id/
     - SAME Mobility (for university lecturers only): https://sumberdayadikti.kemdikbud.go.id/

More information
- If you are university lecturers submitting a research proposal through BIMA, you must also submit a request for SAME Mobility. Without completing these two steps, your application will fail the validation process. Submission for the research grant and for SAME Mobility must be done by the Indonesian PI.
- If you are a successful applicant from polytechnic, you will be eligible to get mobility funding from Program Peningkatan Kompetensi Dosen.

- All applications must be received before the closing date. If any one of the two partners fails to apply or submit an application before the deadline, the overall project submission will be disqualified.

- Successful Indonesian applicants will later be requested to fulfil all requirements in conformity with the eligible funding schemes.

Evaluation Process

The PHC NUSANTARA call for proposals is organized on a yearly basis. Appointed Indonesian reviewers will assess Indonesian applications, while French reviewers will review French applications, on the same criteria towards excellence. The proposals are then ranked in order of highest excellence first. A Joint Committee, consisting of Indonesian and French experts, will decide on the final selection of the top ranked proposals.

The reviewers are invited to note the involvement of young researchers studying for a Master or PhD, or pursuing post-doctoral research, which is one of the most important selection
criteria. Research projects involving industry and/or international organizations are encouraged but optional.

Selected teams receiving funding from the KEMDIKBUDRISTEK are expected to aim at publishing manuscripts in Q1, Q2, or Q3 international journals.

**Project duration and execution**

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

1. France: two years of mobility, support for the second year is subject to the first-year review,
2. Indonesia:
   - Two years of **BOPTN**, (support for the second and third year are subject to review and if needed the 3rd year can be supported depending on the subject).
   - One to three months of **SAME** mobility during the 1st year of research period for **university lecturers**.
   - One month of mobility during the 1st year of research period for **polytechnic lecturers** through **Program Peningkatan Kompetensi Dosen**.

To this effect, project leaders must submit a report of their first year’s activities, to the French Embassy in Indonesia, and to KEMDIKBUDRISTEK by email before 15 November 2024. This report, written in English, shall include:

1) **FINANCIAL** aspects, spent or to be spent budget (for KEMDIKBUDRISTEK, project leader submit responsibility letter);
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 KEMDIKBUDRISTEK through https://bima.kemdikbud.go.id/ and https://sumberdayadikti.kemdikbud.go.id/. 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 PHC 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.

Important dates

For the 2024 call, the following schedule will apply:

- Call for submissions: 10 July 2023
- Deadline for applications: 11 October 2023
- Final selection by Joint Committee: End of January 2024
- Announcement & start of project: February 2024

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