

RESEARCHERS TARGETED COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

Calls for applications
Funding mechanisms
Research, researchers

FASIC is the Franco-Australian *Partenariat Hubert Curien* program. FASIC is implemented jointly by France's ministry of Europe and Foreign affairs (MEAE) and ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), and by research partners in Australia.

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

Deadline for submission of applications: 27 November 2025

The Embassy of France in Australia is offering dedicated tools to promote research and teaching collaboration between France and Australia, under the umbrella of the *Partenariat Hubert Curien* (PHC) FASIC Program. The program aims to be a catalyst and to support the launch and development of bilateral collaborative work at a critical stage of project initiation. The program also aims to support the development of strategic collaboration in science and technology.

The PHC FASIC program allows scientists and teaching staff from French and Australian research institutions to meet and discuss upcoming collaborative projects. The program aims to foster the creation and development of scientific and academic networks and of joint research laboratories between France and Australia. The program also supports exchanges of teaching staff to facilitate academic connections (sharing pedagogical expertise, building double diplomas, etc.)

The PHC FASIC Program is implemented in two ways:

- FASIC Academic/Researchers/Post-Docs/PhD students (FASIC ARPD) and
- FASIC WORKSHOPS



This page presents the information related to the Franco-Australian PHC FASIC program. For general information on all PHC programs managed by France's *Campus France* national agency (presentation, selection criteria, contacts ...), please refer to the PHC overview page.

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Projects

The goal of the Franco-Australian PHC FASIC program is to develop scientific, technological and academic exchanges of excellence between laboratories and universities in both countries, by encouraging new collaborations and participation of early-career researchers.

- **FASIC ARPD** supports the mobility of academics, researchers, post-docs or PhD students based in France (including French overseas territories) or in Australia within the framework of a research collaboration or a teaching project;
- **FASIC Workshop** supports the organization of scientific bilateral workshops held in Australia, or France (including French overseas territories).

All fields of science are eligible to the program, with extra attention given in 2026 to:

- Energy transition projects involving industrial partners,
- Interdisciplinary projects involving humanities/social sciences,
- Intersectoral projects for resilience to climate change.

Eligibility criteria

• FASIC ARPD:

The call for applications is open to academics, researchers, post-doctoral and PhD students from French and/or Australian institutions of higher education or research organizations. Mobility must be clearly embedded in a joint scientific or academic collaboration project. Each project must clearly identify the French and Australian partners. Each project can involve the mobility of several persons (academics, researchers, post-docs and PhD students). **Creating and uploading the application on the** *Campus France* **online platform must be done by the French institution's principal applicant. The Australian team is thus able to work on the application between the creation and uploading stages.** Industry partners can participate in the project when in collaboration with an academic partner.

• FASIC Workshop:

The call for applications is open to academics, researchers from French and/or Australian institutions of higher education or research organizations. Each project must clearly identify the French and Australian research partner organizations. Creating and uploading the application on the *Campus France* online platform must be done by the French institution's principal applicant. The Australian team is thus

able to work on the application between the creation and uploading stages. FASIC Workshop will contribute to the financing of **mobility of researchers** attending the workshop. Workshops can be held in Australia or in France (French overseas territories included).

With both FASIC ARPD and FASIC Workshops, French and Australian researchers involved in the project must have the support of their respective institutions. A letter of support from their research institutions or universities involved in the project must be attached to the application. Equivalent level of funding from the partner Australian institution is required. A letter of financial support for the project from the Australian institution must be attached to the application.

The financial contribution of the Australian institution may take the form of financial support to cover costs for scientists participating in the selected project (ex: living expenses, accommodation, venue rental, catering, audio-visual, etc.) or the research activities (ex: use of research infrastructures). This contribution may also consist in funding reciprocal mobility within the framework of the joint research or teaching project.

Laureates who have previously received financial support under the PHC FASIC program are not eligible for re-application within two years after completion of their project. Priority will be given to new projects.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria focus on:

- Quality of the scientific/academic project (distinctive subject, quality of the teams involved, potential for development and technology/good practices transfer);
- Clear description of objectives and expected impact;
- Active participation of early-career academic or researchers, especially PhD and post-docs;
- Interest, complementarity and level of proposed cooperation;
- Project structure and development perspectives;
- Potential to foster new scientific or academic collaborations.

Selection Procedure

The Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI - Délégation aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales) of France's Ministry for Higher Education, and Research (MESR - Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, et de la Recherche) carries out the scientific evaluation of eligible projects.

Management of the program

- Project's duration is one (1) year maximum;
- Selected projects must have completed their mobility component between January 1st 2026 and December 31st 2026 (no exceptions);
- The FASIC program will support the **mobility expenses** both ways (from France to Australia or from Australia to France). At the request of the laureates, France's *Campus France* national agency can manage travel bookings through its own travel agency: this concerns only roundtrips between two international airports, and if applicable, a flat rate of $40 \in$ for domestic transits for the French team. Once tickets are issued, date changes are no longer possible. If the trip is funded by the laureates, they will be reimbursed based on the fixed amounts indicated below.
- Any other funding required for the implementation of joint projects should be provided through the partner laboratories or other income sources.

Eligible expenses:

- FASIC Academic/Researcher/Post-doc/PhD student: funding granted by France will support mobility expenses between France and Australia for academic/s or researcher/s engaged in the joint project under the following terms
 - o Travel France-Australia 2,200 € maximum
 - o Travel French territory of the Pacific-Australia 900 € maximum
 - o Travel Reunion-Australia 1,500 € maximum
 - o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 180 €/day (limited to 14 days)
 - o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 90 €/day (for a stay longer than 14 days)
 - o Per diem for a stay in France at 125 €/day (limited to 28 days)
 - o Per diem for a stay in France at 60 €/day (for a stay longer than 28 days)
 - o FASIC funding capped at 4,000 € per mission (= about ten days of stay per mission) for missions between metropolitan France and Australia, at 2,000 € for missions between the French Pacific territories and Australia, and to 3000 € for missions between Reunion and Australia.

LIVING EXPENSES				
Status concerned	Amount of per diem	Financing country	Duration in days	Country of departure/ country of arrival
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	180 €/day	France&Australia	Stay less or equal to 14 days	France → Australia
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	90 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay longer than 14 days	France → Australia
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	125 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay less or equal to 28 days	Australia → France
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	60 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay longer than 28 days	Australia → France
RETURN TRIPS				
Status concerned	Travel Amount Limit	Financing	Country of departure/	
		country	country of arrival	
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	2200€	France&Australia	France → Australia	
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	2200€	France&Australia	Australia → France	

- FASIC Atelier: funding granted by France will support mobility expenses under the following terms:
 - o Travel France-Australia 2,200 € maximum
 - o Travel French territory of the Pacific-Australia 900 € maximum
 - o Travel Reunion-Australia 1,500 € maximum
 - o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 180 €/day
 - o Per diem for a stay in France at 125 €/day
 - o FASIC funding is capped at 8,000 € per workshop (= 3-4 trips per workshop).

Participants will be mindful of their ecological impact and will detail eco-saving measures in their application.

Intellectual property

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

Applicant teams are invited to read carefully the <u>attached document</u> regarding good practices and IP management under the PHC program. By submitting, applicants acknowledge compliance with these IP management good practices.

Projects submitted to this call for applications might be examined within the French PPST framework (*Protection du Potentiel Scientifique et Technique et intelligence économique*). More information at: https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid27031/protection-du-potentiel-scientifique-et-technique-et-intelligence-economique-p.p.s.t.html

Project monitoring

- A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the project;
- French project managers must download and fill in the <u>report template</u> and attach it to their file online within this time frame;
- The final report is to be sent to the French Embassy (same deadline, see contact for the program);
- It is requested that all publications resulting from the project supported by the program mention the support provided by France's MEAE and MESR ministries (see "Communication" part).

Example: "This work was partially supported by the "PHC FASIC" programme (project number: XXXXXXX), funded by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research and the Australian academic and institutional partners ».

Application modalities

Before making specific requests for information, please consult the "Q&A and contact" page

Please check that your file includes:

- € Letter of support from the French research institution or university
- € Letter of support from the Australian research institution or university
- € Letter of financial support to the project from the Australian institution, with an estimate of the Australian financial contribution to the joint project
- **€** CVs of the members of the Franco-Australian team
- Deadline for applications: November 27, 2025
- Notification of results on the Campus France extranet page: March 26, 2026
- Start of projects: April 2026

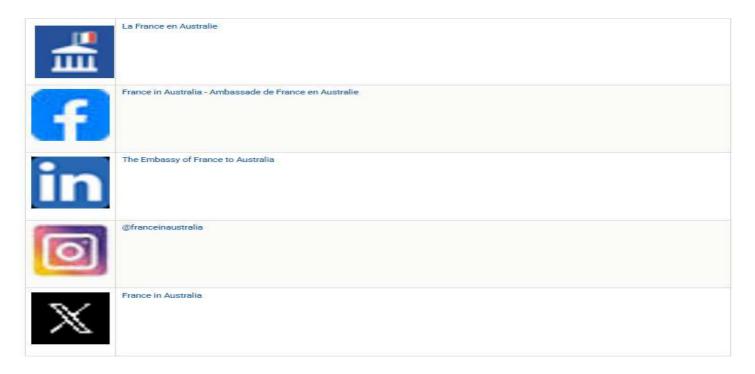
Communication

The Embassy of France in Australia reserves the right to communicate about any public events or projects they provide funding for.

A condition for receiving a support from the French government is the promotion of the funding provided. Recipients of funding will assist the Embassy's communication team in providing a **promotional video or images either before, during or after the time period of the project or event supported by the Embassy support.** This content will be shared with the Embassy to promote at their discretion on the official website and social media channels, following the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' media guidelines.

Grant recipients are encouraged to promote their project through the use of images, short videos or written text on social media. In the event that the recipient shares any information about the project funded either fully or in part by the Embassy, such funding must be mentioned either in text form or through the use of the logo. The logo can be used on all print materials and images. The logo will be provided to the beneficiary upon request.

Embassy official communication channels:



Application

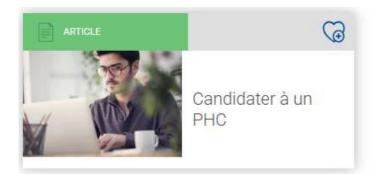
Project coordinators are invited to submit their project in advance to avoid any technical problem that could compromise their application deadline.

Unlike other PHCs, only one application through *Campus France* is required for PHC FASIC. There is no need to submit your application to an Australian institution.

Submissions for FASIC ARPD must be done via the Campus France website: 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.

The applications can be in French or in English.



Manage your mobility

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

- **Commitment form** to use for **FASIC ARPD**
- **Commitment form** to use for **FASIC Workshop**

A copy must be sent by email to the French Embassy in Australia

Contacts for information on the program

For questions related to type of projects and eligibility criteria: SCAC-Science and Technology Section Embassy of France in Australia 6 Perth Avenue

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For administrative information on the program :

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