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# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Franco-Thai Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Research  
(Franco-Thai Mobility Programme / PHC SIAM)  
2022 - 2023**

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To encourage connectivity and sustainable research cooperation between France and Thailand, the Joint Franco-Thai Committee would like to invite French and Thai higher education institutions and research agencies to submit a proposal based on the following details:

## 1. Objectives

- 1.1 To promote mobility between Thai and French researchers,
- 1.2 To develop joint projects in research and/or research training,
- 1.3 To establish and maintain strong collaborative networks between Thai and French higher education institutions and research agencies.

## 2. Areas of Cooperation

The proposal must be in one of the following 10 areas of cooperation:

- 2.1 Mathematics,
- 2.2 Physics,
- 2.3 Marine, Earth, Planet Sciences,
- 2.4 Chemistry,
- 2.5 Biology and Health Sciences,
- 2.6 Humanities,
- 2.7 Social Sciences,
- 2.8 Engineering Sciences,
- 2.9 Information and Communication, Science and Technology,
- 2.10 Agriculture, Food Science, Environment, Biodiversity.

Details appear in Annex A.

## 3. Project Implementation

The focuses of project implementation are on conducting or carrying out joint research activities and developing junior researchers, including master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students, focusing on:

- 3.1 a promising Franco-Thai partnership,
- 3.2 scientific and technological research in the 10 areas of cooperation,
- 3.3 research capacity building, and
- 3.4 valorisation and knowledge transfer.

The project needs to clarify two main activities: 1) the senior and junior researchers exchange activities, and 2) the training activities and periods, particularly in laboratories, seminars, scientific meetings, workshops, and etc.

#### 4. Requirements

- 4.1 A complete joint proposal must be submitted by both Thai and French partnering universities/agencies within the given deadline. Failing to fulfil this requirement, the proposal will be disqualified.
- 4.2 Each partnering agency is to appoint the principal investigator (PI) or head of project. The Thai PI has to be a researcher working regularly in a university or faculty member who has experience in conducting research.
- 4.3 An individual employed by any research agency under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI) is eligible to serve Co-PI for the project.
- 4.4 The proposal submission procedure is:
  - 4.4.1 Thai PI must submit the proposal in English to MHESI.
  - 4.4.2 The French partner has to submit the similar version in English or French online at [www.campusfrance.org/fr/siam](http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/siam)

It is crucial that both versions have no and the least amount of differences.
- 4.5 Both Thai and French partnering universities/agencies are urged to form/expand a network which may include other universities, research centres, and organisations under the supervision of MHESI or other ministries.
- 4.6 Project supported by the Franco-Thai Mobility Programme is not eligible for this programme.
- 4.7 Principal investigators could submit new project proposals with new research topics only after they have completed their previous projects.

#### 5. Project Evaluation

- 5.1 Evaluation criteria are:
  - 5.1.1 scientific and technical quality of the project,
  - 5.1.2 quality of the researchers,

- 5.1.3 cooperation and complementarity between Thai and French partners,
  - 5.1.4 participation of junior researchers,
  - 5.1.5 necessity of Thai researchers to conduct research in France,
  - 5.1.6 project tangible outputs, benefits and contribution to the countries' development
- 5.2 The project documents should include:
- 5.2.1 a clear identification of the partners,
  - 5.2.2 objectives of the project within the general framework of human resource development and the establishment of Franco-Thai thematic network,
  - 5.2.3 a precise description of activities to be carried out and the number of persons involved,
  - 5.2.4 an implementation timetable,
  - 5.2.5 a detailed budget,
  - 5.2.6 an official approval from a relevant agency authorising commitment of an institution of each partner.

Details appear in Annex B: Project Proposal Form.

## 6. Project Duration and Assessment

- 6.1 Each project will take **two years** for implementation.
- 6.2 The project PIs will be requested to fill out an annual progress report form at the end of each year for assessment.
- 6.3 A final report signed by both Thai and French PIs must be submitted to the Joint Franco-Thai Committee. The report must focus on scientific publications and communication or events achieved within the project.

## 7. Budget

- 7.1 The project should be co-financed by partnering universities/agencies. The principle of project co-financing excluding salary is a condition for complementary support from the Thai and French governments.
- 7.2 The budget must show, as realistically as possible, the share of financial contributions expected from each partner (researchers, home institutions, host institutions, companies, communities, French and Thai ministries).
- 7.3 The budget details must be broken down based on the type of expenditures: travel costs between the two countries, transport costs in the host country, living allowance, educational

and laboratory fees (of the institution excluding costs covered by government subsidy), tutoring, language learning and support, documents, etc.

7.4 **Work sheet provided in Annex C** with the project proposal form should be filled in and submitted to MHESI through the principal investigator's university.

7.5 Rates given in Euro for the French side, in Baht for the Thai side, are to be used as a guideline and could be subject to adjustment.

## **8. Financial Support from the French and Thai Governments**

### **8.1 The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs**

The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs will provide support in the maximum amount of **12,000 Euro/Year/Project**. Details of financial support from the French side are as follows:

8.1.1 International transportation for French professors/lecturers/researchers from France to Thailand, including, if necessary, domestic transportation in France and Thailand. The maximum rate of a round trip air ticket is 1,200 Euro.

8.1.2 Living allowances of Thai professors/lecturers/senior or junior researchers in France:

- 125 Euro/Day for a short visit (less than 10 days)
- 50 Euro/Day for a long stay (more than 10 days)

8.1.3 Health insurance

The financial support in 8.1.1 - 8.1.3 is managed by Campus France. This financial contribution is based on a yearly budget. It must be used between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the fiscal year and cannot be postponed in any case.

### **8.2 The Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)**

8.2.1 The MHESI will provide financial with a maximum amount of **150,000 Baht/Year/Project**.

8.2.2 The expenses cover international transportation (air ticket Bangkok-Paris-Bangkok: economy class, and, if necessary, domestic transportation in Thailand and France) for the mobility of Thai professors/lecturers/researchers who will travel to France under approved projects. **The maximum rate of the travel expenses for each person is 50,000 Baht.**

8.2.3 The budget for travel expenses can be averaged among team members. Should there be money left from the completed mobility, the PI is allowed to cover travel expenses to supply expenses, for instance research materials.

Note: **Junior researchers** are master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students as well as young researchers. **Senior researchers** are research directors, heads, and should bear some higher responsibility in their position.

## **9. Financial Contribution of Institutions**

The host institutions are required to provide appropriate facilities and equipments and to meet associated research costs.

### **9.1 French institutions**

The French institutions are to provide appropriate facilities to conduct research activities for the Thai guest professors, lecturers, senior or junior researchers (master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students).

### **9.2 Thai institutions**

The Thai institutions are to provide expenses incurred on Thailand for the French guest professors, lecturers, senior or junior researchers as follows:

#### 9.2.1 Accommodation costs

#### 9.2.2 Living allowances

##### 1) Short stay (less than 1 month)

- Senior researcher : 1,200 Baht/Day
- Junior researcher : 700 Baht/Day

##### 2) Long stay (1 - 3 months)

- Senior researcher : 40,000 Baht/Month
- Junior researcher : 25,000 Baht/Month

#### 9.2.3 Laboratory fees/documentation/bench fees

### **9.3 Contribution from Other Thai Research Agencies**

Additional research funding can be sought from other Thai research agencies such as the Thailand Science, Research and Innovation (TSRI) and the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA).

## 10. Intellectual property

The PIs are responsible for their projects' intellectual property. They must take all necessary measures to protect it. The attached document on good practices including the rules of intellectual property must be read carefully. The project deposit includes, de facto, the adhesion, by all parties, to those rules.

## 11. Credit for Funding Agencies

To be approved as scientific production, publications (articles in specialised review or journals and communication at conferences or seminars), as well as reports, the researchers must explicitly mention the support provided by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) and the MHESI.

## 12. Time Frame and Selection Process

12.1 The proposals are to be submitted from **24<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.

12.2 The proposals will be evaluated by the French and Thai committees. The aforementioned committees consist experts in their respective countries.

12.3 Both French and Thai Committees will rank the proposal.

12.4 The Joint Franco-Thai Committee will compare the results of their evaluations and make necessary adjustments to reach agreement on the final list of approved projects.

12.5 The Franco-Thai Selection Committee will announce the list of successful proposals by December 2021.

12.6 The implementation of selected projects will start in January 2022.

## 13. Visa for Thai Researchers Going to France

**Convention d'accueil** (an official document signed by the host institution) is a crucial document for researchers from non-European Union countries, as it is imperative for obtaining a "scientist" visa to allow the researchers to enter France. It also allows them to obtain a "scientist" residence permit once they are in France. The signed and stamped convention d'accueil is part of the visa application.

Master's students travelling to France must apply for a **"training" visa** instead of a scientist visa mentioned above.

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