



SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH MEXICO

30th CALL FOR PROJECTS (closing date: January 26, 2024)

1. Institutional partners in France: Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs via the French Embassy in Mexico and Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Institutional partners in Mexico: ANUIES (National Association of Universities and Institutions of Higher Education), coordinator, CONAHCYT (National Council for the Humanities, Science and Technology) and SEP (Secretariat of Public Education).

2. Deadline for receipt of projects (application form and attached documents) January 26, 2024. Projects must be submitted on the MoveOn electronic platform provided by the University Sorbonne Paris Nord.

The Mexican partner must submit his or her project simultaneously (in the same terms and content but in Spanish) to the Mexican committee, using the electronic platform provided by the CONAHCYT and sending a copy of the application file to ANUIES, according to the instructions of the call (<https://convocatorias.conacyt.mx/>).

3. The projects are written in French or English and can be of basic research as well as applied research and concern all fields of knowledge. However, the priority areas for Franco-Mexican cooperation are the following :

- Health and actions against emerging diseases: prevention, diagnosis and treatment
- Food sovereignty, including the agro-ecological production of nutritious, sufficient and quality food
- Preservation, restoration, protection and improvement of the environment, considering access, provision and sanitation of water, strategies for the preservation of biodiversity, actions against toxic agents and polluting processes, and the restoration of ecosystems
- Energy and climate change, including energy transition and renewable energies
- Seismic hazards, marine and coastal ecosystems, oceanography, earth and universe sciences
- Modelling, information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence, big data and nanotechnologies



- Governance, actions against violence and inequalities, sustainable housing and cities, education
- Culture and collective memory, heritage, migrations, diversity, law and social justice

The multidisciplinary approach of the project and the emergence of new Franco-Mexican partnerships (thematic and institutional) are considered as assets. The participation of young permanent and contractual researchers (doctoral students and post-doctoral students) as well as the carrying of the project by female researchers is strongly encouraged.

4. The ECOS North Scientific Committee is divided into six major disciplinary fields:

- **Agronomy, environment and animal biology**
- **Humanities and social sciences**
- **Mathematics, computer science and automation**
- **Physical and chemical sciences**
- **Life and health sciences**
- **Earth and Sciences of the Universe**

5. If several institutions are involved in the project, they will designate a single scientific leader. In all cases, the institution to which the project leader belongs submits the application to the ECOS North Committee.

6. Each project leader may submit only one project per call for proposals. If he/she has already received support from ECOS North Mexico for a previous project, that one has to be completed and has had a final evaluation. There must be a one-year waiting period between the end of an ECOS programme and a new application from the two teams that previously won. The ECOS programme is not intended to provide recurrent funding.

7. The project leader must be active throughout the four years of the ECOS project, and at least one researcher in the French team must be qualified to direct research and active at the time of the submission. There can only be one project leader for the French part of the project.



8. Selection procedure: simultaneous evaluation of projects, in France by experts from the ECOS Nord committee and the Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) of the MESR, and in Mexico by their Mexican counterparts, joint selection during a joint committee.
9. Type of action: collaboration on a joint scientific project including a training component at the doctoral level.
10. **IMPORTANT: To be eligible, the project must involve a doctoral student in each team. The grant holders of the junior missions must be specified by name in the application.**
11. Co-tutored doctoral students may take part in the project. However, they must be part of only one team and not be in both teams.
12. Master's students can join the project, but they cannot travel. They will be able to travel when they enrol for their PhD studies
13. Duration of the selected actions: 4 years. Missions and internships are awarded each year (from the publication of the results to November 30) within the annual current operating budget and cannot be carried over from one year to the next.
14. The same project can be submitted in cooperation with two teams from the three other countries of the ECOS North program (Colombia, Peru or Venezuela) or from the countries of the ECOS South program (Argentina, Chile or Uruguay). In this case, the French project leaders respond to the call for projects from the countries concerned and indicate in each application that it is a tripartite project.
15. Nature of the support granted in the framework of the ECOS North program: missions for active researchers who are part of the initial project (up to 15 days); internships for students in the process of completing their thesis (between 30 days and 45 days maximum). ECOS Nord covers the cost of transportation to the mission site in Mexico for French researchers and doctoral students and the cost of the stay in France for Mexican researchers and doctoral students, on a reciprocal basis.



16. The same person may not travel twice in the same year on the same project. Furthermore, the same person cannot be part of two or more ECOS North projects with the same country.
17. The resources of the projects are notified at the beginning of each of the four years. Requests for resources must be justified in detail. As an indication, the selected projects have so far benefited from two missions, one junior and one senior, in both directions, each year.
18. The means provided by this program are intended to promote the movement of researchers. The financing of research itself as well as doctoral scholarships are the responsibility of other institutions.
19. It is the responsibility of French researchers, especially those in charge of projects, to take all necessary measures to ensure the effective **protection and proper distribution of intellectual property**. Project promoters are invited to read carefully the attached document on good practice, particularly with regard to intellectual property rules.
- Projects submitted to this call for tenders may be examined under the PPST (Protection of Scientific and Technical Potential and Economic Intelligence). For more information on this scheme:
- <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid27031/protection-du-potentiel-scientifique-et-technique-et-intelligence-economique-p.p.s.t.html>
20. Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the support of the ECOS/CONAHCYT/ANUIES program on all publications related to the project, as well as on all materials (paper, posters, film, video...), including abstracts produced at conferences.
21. We invite you to visit the websites of CONAHCYT <https://conahcyt.mx/>, ANUIES <http://www.anui.es.mx> and ECOS <https://www.univ-spn.fr/ecos-nord/>.



Note on a particular clause of the French-Mexican North ECOS program

Doctoral scholarships for Mexican academics

The strengthening of the academic bodies of Mexican universities is a priority for Mexico.

To this end, ANUIES-ECOS Nord stipulates that each project presented must include the doctoral training of a Mexican student. This training must take place within the national higher education system in Mexico or in both countries (Mexico and France) in the case of a co-tutored thesis..

CONAHCYT has a [scholarship program](#) to facilitate doctoral training abroad for Mexican students.

Candidates for CONAHCYT scholarships must meet the eligibility requirements of the program they are applying for and complete all the formalities required by CONAHCYT within the deadlines stipulated in each call for tenders.

Finally, the French Embassy in Mexico has set up new programs to support pre-doctoral mobility (Master's research stay in preparation for a thesis in France), post-doctoral mobility, and co-tutored theses.

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Good practice guide

ECOS North Mexico Programme

Research organizations and universities whose researchers wish to work together in the framework of the ECOS North Mexico scientific cooperation program adhere to the framework, which sets out principles including intellectual property rules in a spirit of co-ownership.

This guide establishes general rules that must be adapted on a case-by-case basis, depending on the research projects underway or planned. Each accepted project will then be the subject of a cooperation agreement according to the rules set out in this guide. This framework is designed to allow researchers to conduct joint research with flexibility, freedom, and responsibility while protecting their findings.

By participating in this joint research project, each researcher, acting on behalf of and for his or her named institution (research organization or university), agrees to the following principles:

Confidentiality – publication

1. Confidentiality

Each Party undertakes to ask its staff members involved in this program to respect the rules of confidentiality on the information exchanged during the collaboration.

The Parties undertake to ask their statutory or student staff to approve and accept these principles and if necessary to sign a confidentiality agreement.




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2. Publications and oral or poster presentations

All publications and oral or poster presentations shall mention the names of the researchers of the Parties involved in obtaining the scientific results, as well as the institutions to which they belong.

The Parties shall inform each other of proposed publications or oral or poster presentations before they are made public.

If a proposed publication or presentation contains information of industrial, commercial, or strategic importance, its disclosure may be postponed temporarily to put in place appropriate protection mechanisms.

Intellectual property and protection of results

The principles set out below shall apply to the results of research and intellectual property derived from joint research projects carried out under specific agreements between the Parties.

1. Rights acquired outside the framework of the collaborative research

Rights acquired outside the framework of the joint research before or during the duration of the collaborative project between the Parties shall remain the property of each Party.



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2. Rights to the Results of Collaborative Research - Principles

All original data and research, including the intellectual property rights therein, obtained by the Parties' personnel in the course of the research project shall be the joint property of the Parties.

Each Party undertakes to transmit to the other Parties the information necessary to carry out the collaborative research and the results thereof.

3. Inventions

Joint inventions shall be the joint property of the Parties in proportion to their respective contributions unless a specific agreement modifies it.

The Parties shall jointly decide on a specific agreement for the protection of their joint inventions, in particular for the countries in which patent applications will be filed, as well as on the sharing of the costs of filing and maintaining the patents, and on the Party responsible for the protection and transfer of the technologies resulting from the inventions.

4. Fees

Unless otherwise specified, each Party shall grant to the other Parties, for teaching and research purposes, the free and royalty-free use of all results, even those that may be protected by copyright, after written agreement of the authors.



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Transfer of technology

The Parties shall define in a specific agreement, and within a reasonable period of time, the precise terms and conditions for the use of the joint results.

Unless otherwise specified, royalties shall be distributed in proportion to the Parties' contributions to the results that may be subject to technology transfer.
