



SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH MEXICO

31st CALL FOR PROJECTS (closing date: May 2, 2025)

1. **Institutional partners in France:** Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) via the French Embassy in Mexico and Ministry in charge of Superior Education and Research (MESR).

Institutional partners in Mexico: ANUIES (National Association of Universities and Institutions of Higher Education), coordinator, SECIHTI (Secretary of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation) and SEP (Secretary of Public Education).

2. **Deadline for receipt of projects** (application form and attached documents): May 2, 2025. 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 SECIHTI and sending a copy of the application file to ANUIES, according to the instructions of the call (<https://secihti.mx/convocatorias/>).

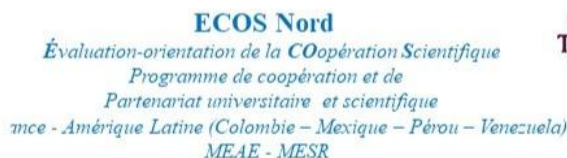
3. The projects are written in French or English and can be of basic research as well as applied research and concern all fields of knowledge. However, the priority areas for Franco-Mexican cooperation are the following:

- 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

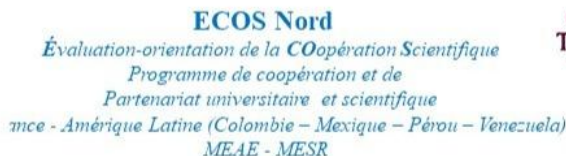


The multidisciplinary approach of the project and the emergence of new Franco-Mexican partnerships (thematic and institutional) are considered as assets. The participation of young permanent and contractual researchers (post-doctoral students) as well as the carrying of the project by female researchers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

4. The ECOS Nord 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 Nord Committee.
6. Each project leader may submit only one project per call for proposals. If he/she has already received support from ECOS Nord 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 program and a new application from the two teams that previously won. The ECOS program 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 (HDR) 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 (French or Mexican) and not be part of both teams at the same time.
12. Master's students can join the project, but they cannot travel. They will be able to travel if they begin PhD studies in a French institution during the project.
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 Nord program (Colombia, Peru or Venezuela) or from the countries of the ECOS Sud 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 Nord 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 and the cost of the stay for French researchers and doctoral students, whereas the SECIHTI do the same 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 Nord 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. The resources are distributed as followed: two missions, one junior and one senior, in both directions (two from France; two from Mexico), each year.
18. The resources provided by this program are intended to promote the mobility of researchers. The funding of research itself as well as doctoral scholarships are the responsibility of other institutions.

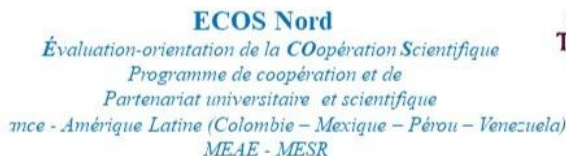


19. It is the responsibility of French researchers, especially those in charge of projects, to take all necessary measures to ensure the effective **protection and proper distribution of intellectual property**. Project promoters are invited to read carefully the attached document on good practice, particularly 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/SECIHTI/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 SECIHTI <https://secihti.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 ECOS Nord program **Doctoral scholarships for Mexican academics**

The strengthening of the academic professors 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.

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

Candidates for SECIHTI scholarships must meet the eligibility requirements of the program they are applying for and complete all the formalities required by SECIHTI 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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