



SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH COLOMBIA

24th CALL FOR PROJECTS (Closing date: 6 June 2024)

1. Institutional partners in France: Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs with the French Embassy in Colombia and Ministry of Higher Education and Research. Institutional partners in Colombia: MinCiencias (Colombian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Secretariat of the programme), the Ministry of National Education.
2. Deadline for receipt of projects (application form and accompanying documents): 15 June 2023. Projects submitted by French teams have to be submitted on the MoveOn online platform on the Sorbonne Paris Nord University website.

The Colombian partner have to submit its project simultaneously to the Colombian committee (in the same terms but in Spanish), using the form provided by MinCiencias which issues the same call for proposals.

3. Projects submitted by French teams must be written in French or in English and may cover all fields of knowledge. However, projects of equal scientific quality that fall within the priorities of Franco-Colombian cooperation will be given particular attention:

- Bio-economy and Territory
- Life and Health Sciences. The Quest for Health Autonomy
- Science for Peace
- Education Sciences
- Smart Cities
- Sustainable and efficient energy
- Zero hunger
- Artificial intelligence
- Aerspatial questions

4. The ECOS NORD Scientific Committee is divided into six main disciplinary fields:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agronomy, environment and animal biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and chemical sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities and Social Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Life and health sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics, Computer Science and Automation | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences and 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 applies to the ECOS NORD Committee.
6. Each leader can only submit one project per call for proposals. If he/she has already received ECOS North Colombia support for a previous project, the project must have been completed and undergone a final evaluation. The ECOS programme is not intended to provide recurrent funding.
7. At least one of the researchers involved in the project must be qualified to direct research and the project leader must be active at the time the application is submitted. There can only be one project leader for the French part of the project.
8. Selection procedures: parallel evaluation of the projects, in France by experts from the ECOS Nord committee and the Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI) of the MESR, in Colombia by their Colombian counterparts, joint selection during a meeting of a joint committee. The selection criteria are as follows: scientific quality of the project, the competence of the teams, involvement of young researchers and in particular doctoral students in the project, interest in the cooperation for both parties, adequacy of the means requested, potential for the valorisation of the project.
9. Types of actions selected: collaboration on a joint scientific project including a training component at doctoral level in France and at master and/or doctoral level in Colombia.
10. To be eligible, the project must involve
 - Colombian Team:
 - Option 1 :
 - A senior researcher with a PhD degree.
 - At least one (1) PhD student.
 - Option 2 :
 - A senior researcher with a PhD degree.

- At least one (1) master's graduate. It must be related to the entities of the Colombian National System of Science, Technology and Innovation with domicile of the entity, other than the metropolitan area of Bogotá-Cundinamarca, the metropolitan area of Valle de Aburrá, the metropolitan area of Cali, the metropolitan area of Barranquilla and the metropolitan area of Bucaramanga.
 - French Team :
 - o At least two or three active researchers, one of whom must be qualified to direct research.
 - o At least one French doctoral student; the beneficiaries of the junior missions must be specified by name in the application file.
- 11. Duration of the selected actions: 3 years. Missions and traineeships are allocated each year (from 1 January to 31 December) within the limits of the annual current operating budget and cannot be carried over from one year to the next.
- 12. The same project may be presented in cooperation with two teams from other countries of the ECOS North program (Mexico, Peru, or Venezuela), or countries of the ECOS South program (Argentina, Chile, or Uruguay). In this case, the French project leaders respond to the call for proposals from the two countries concerned and indicate in each file that it is a tripartite project.
- 13. Nature of the support granted in the framework of the ECOS Nord program: missions for confirmed researchers in activity and registered in the initial project; research internships for students in the course of their thesis. ECOS Nord covers the cost of transport to the mission site in Colombia for French researchers and doctoral students as well as the cost of their stay in Colombia, based on reciprocity on the part of the MinCiencias for confirmed researchers and students enrolled in a thesis or being master's graduates, belonging to the Colombian teams.
- 14. The resources allocated are notified at the beginning of each of the three years of the project. 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.



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15. The funds provided by this program are intended to promote the mobility of researchers. The funding of the research itself and doctoral scholarships is the responsibility of other institutions.
16. It is the responsibility of French researchers, in particular project leaders, to take all necessary steps to ensure the effective protection and proper distribution of intellectual property. Project leaders are invited to read carefully the attached document on good practice, which deals in particular with intellectual property rules. The submission of a project includes de facto, the adherence, by all parties, to these rules. Projects submitted to this call for applications 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>
17. Successful applicants will be asked to acknowledge the support of the ECOS/MinCiencias program on all publications related to the project, as well as on all materials (paper, posters, film, video...), including abstracts produced at conferences.
18. We invite you to consult the website of the Colombian institutional partner: <https://minciencias.gov.co/> and the website of the ECOS committees <https://www.univ-spn.fr/ecos-nord/>.