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Under its policy of cultural diplomacy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI) endeavours to strengthen France's influence in international science and affirms its role as a partner in scientific development with a large number of countries. In this context, the ministry defines its strategy in close collaboration with the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education, and Research (MENESR); research institutions (universities, Grandes Écoles, research organizations); and the private sector. These various partners, which provide co-funding for most programs and operations involving scientific cooperation, participate in setting and implementing France's scientific diplomacy and in promoting France as a research destination.

Because they promote the mobility of scientists involved in bilateral research projects, **Hubert Curien Partnerships are an important piece of France's program of scientific cooperation.** A French initiative coordinated within France by MAEDI and MENESR, the partnerships are financed **in equal measure by France and the foreign partner** as a concrete expression of commitment to scientific cooperation between the two countries. **The funds allocated each year to partnerships in various countries enable joint support for a certain number of research projects.**

Origins

Hubert Curien (1924–2005) was a French physicist and crystallographer, chairman of CNES (France's national center for space studies) from 1976 to 1984, served as France's minister of research and technology from 1984 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1993. First chairman of the board of the European space agency, Hubert Curien is rightly viewed as the father of Europe's space program. The programs formerly known as *Programmes d'actions intégrées* (PAI, integrated action programs) **were renamed the Hubert Curien Partnerships in 2007.**

Note

Programs "equivalent" to the Hubert Curien Partnerships are identical in operation and management but have a different name that is often tied to the history of cooperation with the partner country—for example, the COFECUB program in Brazil.

Regional program: A thematic research program developed by France and targeting a specific geographic area of the world—for example, the multilateral BIO-Asie program in Southeast Asia, which focuses on natural substances and biodiversity).

Each partnership has its own unique features relating to the amount and duration of financing and the types of mobility supported.

A list of partnerships and pertinent details are available at www.campusfrance.org/fr/appels-a-candidatures

Purpose

As a financial instrument supporting mobility and training “incoming and outgoing” research, the Hubert Curien Partnerships contribute to the development of new partnerships and to the strengthening of advanced scientific and technological exchanges between research centers in France and partner countries. They are a springboard for developing and expanding research projects, and often for initiating them. Numerous partnerships established under the program have given rise to research projects financed under the European Commission’s **framework programme for research and technological development** and so have helped to expand the European research space. In Europe, the Hubert Curien Partnerships are intended to provide leverage for the development of networks that will include additional teams from other European countries and that can take advantage of the scientific and economic opportunities offered under the Horizon 2020 framework program for research and innovation.

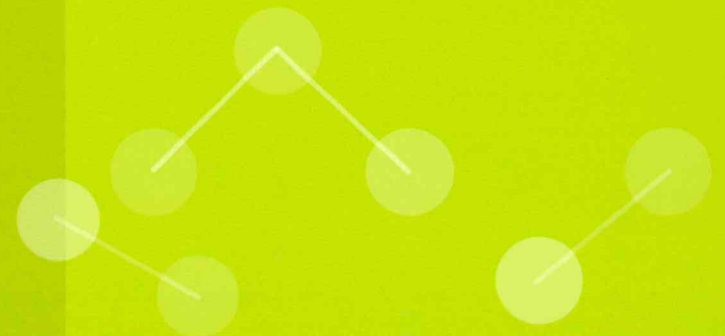
Funding

The funds allocated to research teams under the Hubert Curien Partnerships are designed to **finance the mobility** of researchers engaged in a research project (by meeting the “international overload” for **transportation and lodging**). The direct costs of the joint research are not covered. **Funding is granted on an annual basis for a period of one to two years (or three years, in exceptional circumstances) and without exception must be used in the calendar year for which it is provided.** Funds may not be carried over to the next year.

Organisation

Hubert Curien Partnerships are designed for public or private research laboratories affiliated with institutions of higher education, research organizations, or corporations, without restriction as to field or subject. The humanities and social sciences are not excluded, nor are thematic programs bringing together several fields of science..

- Stipends are paid to support travel by researchers involved in a **research project** established jointly by a French research team and a foreign partner.
- **Annual or biannual calls for proposals** are issued simultaneously in France and abroad.
- Applications must be submitted to the Hubert Curien Partnerships office in France and with the foreign body that will be responsible for managing the grant. Applications are reviewed by partner organizations in both countries.
- **Projects are selected by a committee composed of representatives of the two countries.**



How to Apply

Only applications submitted jointly by the participating research partners (French/foreign) are eligible. French researchers are advised to confirm this requirement with their foreign counterparts. The institutions that cofinance the partnership meet according to a **schedule determined by each program**.

The responsible entity in each country conducts its own review of the application. In France, reviews are carried out by experts assigned by MEIRIES, the office of European and international research, innovation, and higher education within the MENESR.

Selection

Selection criteria:

Scientific excellence

Competence and quality of the French team

Innovative nature of the cooperation

Involvement of doctoral candidates and junior researchers in the project

Complementarity of the two teams and mutual transfer of competencies

Scientific and industrial benefits

Priority is given to **proposals from newly formed partnerships and to projects on innovative topics** oriented toward technological applications that promise industrial benefits. **Young scientists are strongly encouraged to apply as project leaders.**



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In Figures

- Amounts allocated by France, per project: €1,000 to €40,000
- 67 Hubert Curien Partnerships or equivalent programs, 55 of which are managed by Campus France
- 60 partner countries
- In 2014 Campus France managed the mobility of 5,000 researchers
- 80 % of projects lead to the copublication of one or more articles in an indexed journal.

The names of Hubert Curien Partnerships refer to scientific, historical, geographic, or cultural aspects of the partner countries.

Afrique du Sud : PROTEA

Austria : AMADEUS

Cyprus : ZENON

Egypt : IMHOTEP

Ireland : ULYSSES

Morocco : TOUBKAL

Vietnam : HOA SEN LOTUS

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www.campusfrance.org/en/form/mailling-lists

Visit the Campus France website and sign up for notices and other information on opportunities to apply for various mobility programs.

www.campusfrance.org/fr/base-de-donnees-programmes-recherche

A database on research programs for which funding is available.

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Is on your side

French national grants to Hubert Curien Partnerships are administered by Campus France, from the call for applications to reimbursement and follow-up.

Contact our specialised team: extranet@campusfrance.org

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Online applications

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- List of Hubert Curien Partnerships and application deadlines
- Description and contact information for each partnership
- Calls for application online

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A single online platform: create one user account and apply to multiple partnerships

- Submit online applications (**online application is required**)
- Track the progress of applications and acceptances
- Personalized tracking by Campus France (verification of application status and notification of results)
- Online access to the decisions of selection committees

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Online management of awards

- Mobility applications
- Detailed information on payments made for project-related travel, allowing for real-time financial tracking
- Online submission of final report (due within 3 months of program end) using downloadable forms

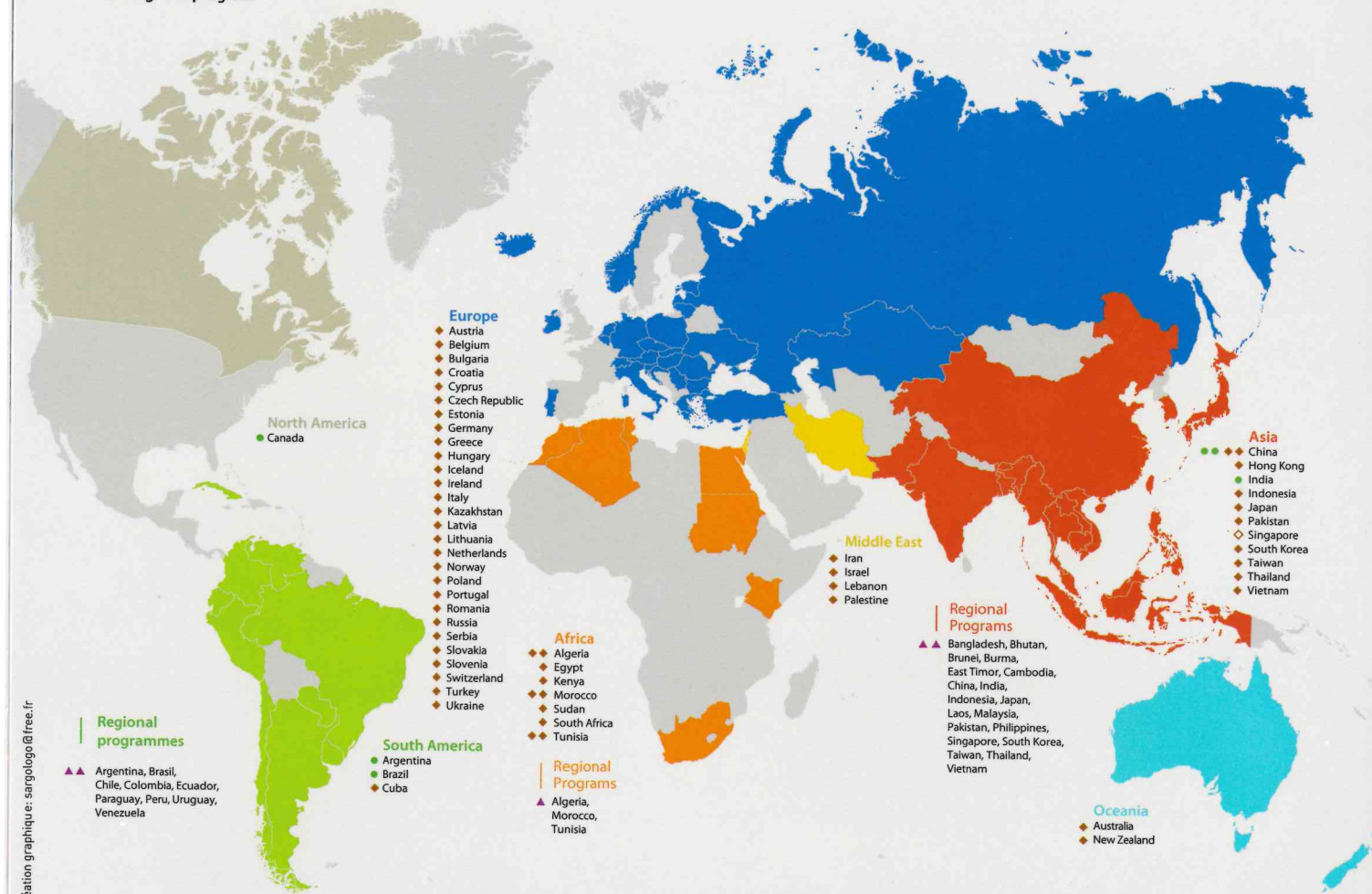
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Programs managed by Campus France

- ◆ Hubert Curien partnership
- Hubert Curien assimilated program
- ▲ Regional program

Programs not managed by Campus France



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