Calls for applications

Research, Researchers

“LE REDUIT” is the Hubert Curien Franco-Mauritian partnership. It is implemented in France by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEFA) and the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research (MESRI), and in Mauritius by the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.

Calls for applications for this program are launched on an annual basis and are valid for one financial year only.

Application deadline: 27/02/2020

Note: This page presents the information specific to this program. Further details on each item is detailed below:

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France and the Republic of Mauritius wish to strengthen their scientific and academic cooperation.

The general objectives jointly pursued under this partnership are:

- Support the development and consolidation of bilateral partnerships between academic and scientific institutions in France and in Mauritius;
- Support the mobility of researchers to promote the development of collaborative research projects;
- Promote the exchange of expertise and the sharing of knowledge, while respecting the right to intellectual property.

The Mauritian call for proposals "THE REDUIT 2020" is available on the website of the TEC: [www.tec.mu](http://www.tec.mu)

### Types of projects

The PHC Le Réduit has as objectives to encourage bilateral research projects, support the mobility of researchers from one country to another, in order to develop synergies between the two scientific communities and establish sustainable networks.

All research areas are eligible. However, priority will be given to projects in the following disciplines:

- Applied sciences: energy and renewable energy, environment and climate change, engineering sciences, modeling, artificial intelligence, ocean studies;
- Human health, veterinary and agronomic sciences, biology and biotechnology;
- Art and heritage;
- Humanities and social sciences;
- Didactic French language, French literature.

### Criteria for constitution of team

The call, in France and Mauritius, is open to research laboratories linked to higher education institutions or research organizations.

**Only applications explicitly approved by the head of higher education institutions or the head of the research organizations of partner research teams will be accepted.**

Each project is led by two project coordinators, one in France, the other in Mauritius. They are jointly in charge of the scientific, technical and administrative coordination of the project, as well as the drafting of scientific and financial reports.

Involvement in the research activities of young researchers, PhD students and/or post-doctoral fellows, under the responsibility of project coordinators, is an important criterion for selection.

### Project evaluation criteria

The selection of projects will be based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and technical quality assessed separately by the two national expert committees (capacity of the teams to carry out the project, scientific interest of the project, research methodologies, quality and availability of expected scientific results, publications, etc.).
Clarity and feasibility of the project;
Contribution of the project to the national priorities of France and Mauritius;
Contribution of the project in furthering the Franco-Mauritian bilateral cooperation;
Participation of young researchers (including PhD students and post-doctoral fellows), is strongly encouraged;
Commitment to new cooperation;
Ability of the project in the development of the academic and scientific capacities of the parties.

**Project Selection Committee**

The eligible projects are subject to scientific evaluation by two national expert committees: one made up of members appointed by the French side, the other made up of members appointed by the Mauritian side.

For the French side, the Delegation for European and International Affairs of the MESRI provides scientific evaluation of the projects, supported if necessary by the DRRT of Réunion Island for projects involving French actors in this region.

For the Mauritian side, members will be appointed by the Tertiary Education Commission or any other entity that replaces it.

The final selection decision is taken jointly by the French and Mauritian authorities on the basis of these assessments.

**How it works**

The duration of the projects is one financial year.

In France, funding must be consumed before 31 December of the year in question and cannot be carried over to the next financial year.

In Mauritius, the funds are granted for the current financial year and must be consumed before 30 June of the current financial year; they cannot be carried over to the next financial year.

The funds are intended to support the mobility of researchers between the two countries.

They are not intended to finance the actual research or the purchase of equipment that may be required.

Any other funding necessary for the implementation of joint projects will have to be provided by the partner laboratories or obtained from other sources.

**Expenses covered**

The resources granted by France cover exclusively the payment of per diems and the travel cost of French researchers as follows:

- **Per diems**: EUR 125/day,
- **Travel cost**: refund on actual costs up to EUR 1200 per round trip France/Mauritius, cost of visa included (excluding Reunion Island).
• **Travel cost**: refund on actual costs up to EUR 350 per round trip to Reunion Island/Mauritius, cost of visa included.

The resources granted by Mauritius cover exclusively the payment of per diems and the travel cost of Mauritian researchers to France as follows:

• **Per diems**: EUR 139/day,
• **Travel cost**: national and international transport costs, economy class and reimbursement on actual costs up to EUR 1200 per round trip from Mauritius/France, visa included (excluding Reunion Island).
• **Travel cost**: refund on actual costs up to EUR 350 per round trip Mauritius/Reunion Island, visa included.

*NB: (1) Project amounts must not exceed 7,450 euros for project in France (excluding Reunion Island) and 4,050 euros for projects located in Reunion Island.*

**Intellectual property**

It is up to project coordinators to make all the necessary arrangements for the protection of intellectual property.

Read carefully the attached document, relating to good practices including intellectual property rules. The filing of the project entails, in fact, the adherence by all parties to these rules.

**Project monitoring**

A final report, (scientific and financial), will be prepared and submitted by French and Mauritian project coordinators, no later than three months after the end of the projects.

It is imperative that French project coordinators use the downloadable report model and attach it to their online application within this time frame.

This report is also to be sent to the French Embassy in Mauritius within the same time frame (see contact person for the programme) as well as to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Mauritius on email: director.tertiary@govmu.org

Any publication should mention the support provided by MEAE and MESRI in France and the support of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in Mauritius.

An optional annual visit (as long as it would not entail any extra costs) at the French Embassy would be desirable as it would allow a brief showcase of the team’s work and thus increase its visibility. The same formula will be applied for presentations to the Mauritian Ministry of Education.

**Details of project submission and FAQs**

Before any request for information, please visit the most frequently asked questions page "FAQs and contacts."

• **Deadline for submitting applications**: 27/02/2020 at midnight on the Campus France website and by email to the Director of Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (director.tertiary@govmu.org).
• Results broadcast: 22 June 2020
• Project start date: 01 July 2020
• End of projects:
  o French side (mobility to Mauritius): Latest by **31 December 2020**
  o Mauritian side (mobility to France): Latest by **30 June 2021**

**How to apply**

In France, project coordinators are invited to submit their projects on the Campus France website in advance in order to avoid technical delays that can jeopardize the filing of their application within the allotted time.

In Mauritius, project coordinators will have to send their projects by email (with an acknowledgement request) in advance in order to avoid technical delays that can jeopardize the filing of their application within the time allotted to the Director of Tertiary Education, Science and Technology by email (director.tertiary@govmu.org)

Projects can be submitted in French or English.

**WARNING:** The application is common to the French and Mauritian partners. It is done on the website of the Campus France website, according to the online entry procedures.

The projects will have to be signed by the French and Mauritian project coordinators, and include the signature of the heads of Institutions from France and Mauritius (Vice-Chancellor or President, Director General, etc.) which must appear on the first page of the application form (it is necessary to print the first page of the application form, collect the signatures, and then attach it to the tab "Project - parts to be attached"). The files must include the CVs and, in attachment the PDF file generated by the filing, the agreement signed by the heads of the French and Mauritian institutions.

**Managing your mobility**

For each mobility, the French project coordinator must complete a commitment sheet and send the full file at least 3 weeks before the researcher's departure, to the email address on the back of each commitment sheet, or if not by mail to:
Campus FranceGestion PHC
28 rue de la Grange-aux-Belles75010 Paris.

For each mobility of researchers, the French project coordinator must also provide a copy of the commitment sheet to the French Embassy.
For the Mauritian side, the procedures to look into travel requests will be established and communicated to the selected project coordinator by the TEC or any other institution replacing it.

**Contact persons for the program**

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