

FRANCO/SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION RESEARCH PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2005

1. GOALS

The co-operative scientific research programme has been created to develop the relationship between the French and South African scientific communities through research.

The purpose of the co-operative programme is to encourage an exchange between researchers and to develop a synergy between the two scientific communities, thereby developing a durable network. South African researchers are encouraged to involve partners in the SADC region where possible.

The co-operative research projects are developed and submitted by French and South African researchers, working as partner teams headed by **two team leaders, one French and one South African.**

Each co-operative research project will run for a maximum duration of two years. Each project will aim to fulfil well defined contractual objectives and will have to clearly describe the necessary means to ensure that these objectives are effectively achieved.

Particular emphasis will be placed on training aspects achieved through research and the transfer of knowledge and know-how toward the socio-economic communities. Industrial and institutional partners interested in the projects or in the communication of its results, will be officially mentioned and recognised. The integration of PhD students and the exchange of post-doctoral researchers will be encouraged.

Each project financed will undergo a final evaluation in order to examine its outputs and compare the results achieved with the objectives set out at the beginning of the project.

2. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The partner teams will submit a joint project containing the written approval of the appropriate authority of their institution.

The South African team's projects will be submitted to the NRF and the French team's projects will be submitted to the French Ministry of Education (MEN) and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE). The projects will be evaluated by the Ministry of Research.

The deadline for submission of the projects will be on Monday **17 October 2005**. Only those projects submitted within the prescribed time limit will be considered.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Research proposals submitted will specifically have to show the way in which they will contribute to the strengthening of research capacity in South Africa and the creation of durable ties between the two countries.

Proposals will be evaluated in relation to their scientific merit, according to the criteria stated in the Agreement and in terms of the extent of collaboration proposed. Selection will be made by a joint Franco/ South African selection committee, made up of scientific representatives of both countries from the sectors which have been made a priority.

Research projects within the following areas and disciplines will be considered:

- Communication and Information Science and Technology
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Water Science and Technology
- Synchrotron Beam Application
- Bioinformatics

Projects that fall in line with the thematic areas within the European Union's FP6 will receive particular consideration.

4. MEANS

For the proposals chosen, in addition to the human resources and the equipment already belonging to the partner organisations available, the research teams will also have access to the following:

- visit to French and South African partner universities/laboratories
- Specific financial contributions limited to the cost of research.

Travels judged as excessive will not be paid for.

Post-doctoral researchers will be entitled to **1600- Euros in France/ R 8000- in South Africa** as well as a return ticket.

Salaries for full-time employment will not be provided for.

Scholarships will not be provided for due to the fact that each project will only be approved for an initial period of two years. However, the institutions responsible for the funding of the programme will endeavour to seek alternative means to help fund scholarships where needed.

Maximum funding per project will amount to **40 000- Euros/ R 300 000-** for the duration of the project.

5. APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available upon request from the website of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.france.diplomatie.fr>, Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.gouv.fr> and Ministry of Research
<http://www.recherche.gouv.fr>.

In South Africa, the information is available on the NRF website:
<http://www.nrf.ac.za> or Dlamini@nrf.ac.za

- **For the French team, the documents should be submitted to CNOUS (5 copies) in French:**

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