

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to inform you that for the third year the Institut Français in Helsinki, the Embassy of France in Finland and the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation have partnered with the Finnish Society for Sciences and Letters and the Finnish Academy for Science and Letters in Finland to open the call for proposals of the **Maupertuis funding program to initiate and strengthen bilateral cooperation in science, innovation and higher education in fields of excellence between Finland and France.**

For this purpose, four joint programs are open:

1-French Renowned Scientist Conference Series (FRSCS)

Joint funding from the Institut Français in Helsinki, the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the Finnish Society for Sciences and Letters and the Finnish Academy for Science and Letters

This program invites outstanding academics from France, from different disciplinary and research backgrounds, to participate in an open dialogue with their Finnish counterparts. The visit will include one major public lecture but also other discussions with researchers from Finnish Universities.

2-Researchers Short Mobility program (RSM)

Joint funding from the Institut Français in Helsinki, the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the Finnish Society for Sciences and Letters and the Finnish Academy for Science and Letters

In order to initiate or strengthen cooperation in science, innovation and higher education on all research topics of excellence, this program will allow selected researchers from France and from Finland (both ways) to visit their counterparts for a short period (1-2 weeks). The objectives of such visit are:

- To discuss potential concrete collaboration on research and, if possible, on higher education (mobility of students, dual degrees, joint PhD cotutelle)
- To meet with several researchers within the host institution to explore all possible other collaborations, also in a multidisciplinary approach
- To identify short, medium and long term perspectives of collaborations and official cooperation formalization in order to build a sustainable cooperation between research teams, research laboratory, departments and institutions.

3- “Higher Education, Research and Innovation” Workshop (ERI-W)

Joint funding from the Institut Français in Helsinki, the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and the Finnish Society for Sciences and Letters

In order to increase identified collaborations between researchers in France and Finland who have an existing collaborations, it is proposed to support concrete and specific workshops in Finland or in France on all research topics of excellence. It is recommended to have focused and concrete topics for the workshop that may last 2 or 3 days and involve several researchers (around 15 but not limited). These workshops, based on identified excellence, will have to cover the three pillars of the knowledge triangle:

- Research: initiate, strengthen, foster all research collaborations to move from the researcher-research collaboration to a team-team or lab-lab collaborations
- Higher Education: explore all possibilities and secure a dedicated time during the workshop to discuss mobility of students, dual degrees, joint PhD cotutelle...
- Innovation: explore opportunities for technology transfer and innovation and collaboration with the private sector from each country.

The participation, with the researchers, of students, companies, tech transfer offices, innovation councils, officials from the Institutions and from local authorities is encouraged.

4- NEW PhD cotutelle grant (PhD-G)

Funded by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation in Finland

A fourth joint program is proposed for 2019, a PhD cotutelle grant in one of the fields of science (Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry and Medical chemistry) supported by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation. Applications are made using the grant application system of the Foundation platform: <https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/>

International cotutelle or thesis cotutelle is a mechanism that promotes mobility among doctoral candidates while encouraging scientific cooperation between French and foreign research teams. Candidates conduct their research under the oversight of, and with guidance from, a dissertation adviser from each of the two countries involved in the program. Working jointly, both advisers provide a full measure of supervision for the candidate.

The candidate conducts his research in the two countries under the terms of the agreement governing the program. This agreement may introduce more flexibility in the definition of these terms and allows adapting the general framework for each student therefore improving the proper progress of the doctoral studies.

Application deadline: January, 25th 2019

More information and application forms here: <http://www.france.fi/uncategorized/science-and-universities/events-en/maupertuis-program-bilateral-funding-program-for-scientific-cooperation-between-france-and-finland-opening/?lang=en>

For any questions, please do really not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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