



Annex for Franco- HK Projects

Non-Lead Agency Procedure

Generic Call for Proposals 2017

IMPORTANT

Evaluation of Franco-HK projects will be carried out solely based on the procedures of the Generic Call for Proposals **available at the following address:** <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/AAPG2017> , plus the provisions of this document.

In case of any difference of interpretation, the French version of the present annex shall prevail

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RGC Contact Information:

http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/fund/anr_rgc_jrs.htm

1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION WITH HONG KONG

By developing bilateral agreements with foreign funding agencies, ANR enables French researchers to initiate or intensify their collaborations. Such cooperation fits into its plans to foster and give rise to outstanding teams in Europe and throughout the world.

Bilateral agreements are designed to support innovative bi-national projects which break away from existing national projects and show seamless synergy between both countries' teams and genuinely integrated joint research.

In order to simplify and streamline working arrangements, create frontier-free research funding), ANR and RGC have forged a new partnership.

An agreement was signed between ANR (*The French National Research Agency*) and RGC (*Research Grants Council*) making it easier to set up and implement high-quality scientific projects jointly proposed by French and HK research teams. Under this agreement, each country's agencies evaluate the proposals and fund their respective national teams¹ according to their own procedures.

The purpose of the partnership between ANR and RGC is to support projects in which there is effective collaboration between Franco-HK partners. Partners will ensure that each country provides equitable contributions and scientific inputs. The same will apply to grant applications made to agencies. French and foreign partners should strive to align projects' start and end dates..

2. RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The bilateral accord signed with RGC is open to **all disciplinary fields funded by ANR and HK agency (except Societal Challenge 9)**

3. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The French and HK partners shall prepare a joint scientific project. Each country's teams must designate a **national scientific coordinator**.

Projects should be submitted all at once to respective funding agencies.

French partners:

Projects will be submitted under "PRCI: International Collaborative Research Projects" funding instrument of the ANR's Generic Call for Proposals 2017.

Foreign partners:

It is essential to comply with the foreign agency's procedures for submission, format, and eligibility, as well as their opening and closing dates.

¹ A French team is a partner having an establishment or branch in France.

3.1. EARLY REGISTRATION OF PROPOSALS WITH ANR

The French scientific coordinator must register their intention to submit a PRCI project on ANR's submission site by the deadline, **27 October 2016** at 1 p.m. (Paris time). **Registration is mandatory** (see section C in the General Call for Proposals) for participation in the selection process, but no pre-proposal is required at this stage.

Project proposals must comply with the rules on format and content set out in the Generic Call for Proposals text (see section C.1). **Foreign partners** must be clearly identified in the online form.

The estimated amount of funding applied for by the **French partners and foreign partners** to their respective national agency **must be provided** using the online form.

Please note: in the event where one or more foreign partners abandon their participation between the registration of an "International Collaborative Research Project" (PRCI) and the submission of a full proposal, it will not be possible to change the funding instrument given that other funding instrument (PRC, PRCE, JCJC) are subject to a two-stage selection procedure).

The project acronym and title provided to each agency **must be identical**.

The choice of acronym and name of the French coordinator are final and cannot be changed when submitting the full proposal.

3.2. SUBMISSION OF FULL PROPOSALS TO ANR

French PRCI partners registered by the deadline indicated in paragraph C.2 will be invited to submit full proposals to ANR, together with applicants to the PRC, PRCE and JCJC funding instruments selected at the first stage's outcome.

Writing in English is highly recommended, as evaluation is carried out within a bilateral cooperation with the foreign agency. If a scientific document is drafted in French, a **translation** may be requested

The French coordinator should be **listed as scientific coordinator** on the ANR submission site, with the foreign coordinator listed as "**country referent**". The French coordinator shall be subject to the rules (incl. eligibility) applicable to all national scientific coordinators under the Generic Call for Proposals (see section C.3 of the Generic Call for Proposals).

International project proposals must comply with rules on content and format set out in the Generic Call for Proposals (see section C.2.3).

Administrative and financial information related to foreign partners must be clearly filled in on the website at the time of submission.

The following is the minimum information required concerning foreign partners: the name and address of the institution², its category (public/private), the address where research is carried out, and information concerning the foreign coordinator (country referent), filled in using the online form. The amount of funding requested by foreign partners must also be stated in the online form.

² Partner as a legal person

Furthermore, applicants must absolutely provide the following information in the scientific document:

- **The scientific contribution of the foreign teams;**
- **Financial data, broken down by item of each expenditure for both foreign partners and French partners.**

Finally, applicants are requested to provide a summary table for each French and foreign partner (with amounts indicated in each national currency and their equivalents in euro, if necessary):

- The total amount of expenditures;
- The amount of funding requested from each funding agency (ANR, RGC).

The following table is to be included in the full proposal scientific document's preamble as a summary of persons involved:

Country	University or institution	Last Name	First name	Current position	Role in the project	Involvement (person.months) *
				Professor?	Coordinator? Task number?	
				Technician?	Task number?	
				Postdoc to be hired in the framework of the project?	Task number?	

(* to be indicated with respect to the total project duration)

4. ELIGIBILITY OF FULL PROPOSALS

Each agency decides on projects' eligibility according to its own rules. For foreign agencies with separate eligibility criteria, partners are strongly recommended to read the call text published by HK Agency.

- http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/fund/anr_rgc_jrs.htm

ANR verifies the full proposals' eligibility based on criteria set out in Generic Call for Proposals 2017 **Section C**, listed below:

- 1) The estimates duration of the project must be the same for both countries' partners.

These eligibility criteria apply in addition to those of the foreign agency (must be verified with foreign agency).

5. EVALUATION

Projects are evaluated in parallel by ANR and the foreign agency according to their own evaluation procedures. As regards ANR, projects are evaluated according to the same criteria as projects submitted under other General Call 2017 funding instruments. The criteria specific to the PRCI instrument mentioned in [paragraph B. 4.3.1](#) are also taken into account.

With regard to the “Balanced scientific and financial contributions from respective countries’ partners” criterion, the economic context of the partners’ countries is taken into account. Project coordinators are informed that under the bilateral agreement, RGC will provide HK partners with up to 3 million HK\$ (€290k) per project for the duration of the project. Applicants are invited to present projects justifying ANR funding for indicative amounts of €200 to 300k, including for fundamental research projects.

Additionally, ANR and the foreign agency shall decide on the projects to be jointly funded, on the basis of those selected under both selection processes, specific to each agency.

6. FUNDING PROVISIONS

Each agency will cover expenditures for their respective country’s teams **according to its own rules**. ANR’s funding regulations are available at: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>

7. CALENDAR

- ANR website proposal registration closure date: 27 October 2016 at 1 p.m. (Paris time)
- Submission of full proposals to ANR: early April 2017
- Joint decision and publication of results: September 2017 (**indicative date**)
- Tentative project launch time: year-end 2017/adjustable depending on foreign partners’ constraints.