



Institut de Recherche
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Programme
« Allocations de recherche pour une
thèse au Sud (ARTS) »
ARTS program

Thematical ARTS call
EMHE PROGRAM – ERANet – LAC

Timeline

Call for projects: September 4th 2017 – October 31st 2017
Project selection: November 1st 2017 – December 15th 2017
Results communication: January 2018
ARTS Beginning: October 2018

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Objectives

"Allocations de recherche pour une thèse au Sud" (ARTS) is one of the programs supporting the strengthening and consolidation of research potential in southern countries. Through this program, IRD intends to help with the initial training of scientific staff in southern countries.

IRD PhD grants are intended to support PhD students from southern countries who are writing a thesis under a partnership between a northern research team and a southern research team, providing them with supervision and a good quality working environment and, in so doing, strengthening these countries' research capabilities.

The goal is to prepare young researchers to integrate the higher education and research system of a southern country, after finishing their thesis.

Eligibility conditions

Students meeting the following conditions may apply:

- National of Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru or Uruguay
- Presenting a thesis topic falling within the scope of an existing research partnership between an IRD jointly-supervised unit and one or more southern teams, concerning the relation between health and environment.
- Where the work program includes study periods alternating between the country of residence and another country (another southern country, France or another northern country) of at least 2 months' duration and, in France, limited to 6 months per year.
- Being under the age of 45.

Assessment criteria

- Scientific quality of the project: scientific interest of the topic, scientific coherence of its presentation.
- Quality of the applicant and relevance of career path
- Quality of the partnership: the project forms part of an existing north-south partnership; the actual supervision given
- Overall relevance of the request: the fit with national research priorities, project's connection to a formalized research program, consistency of the work program, feasibility
- Expected consequences: the student's prospects of finding a position in the home country, potential for strengthening the capabilities of the home (southern) country team and the north-south and/or southern regional partnership.

IRD promotes equality between the sexes. As a result, applications from women are strongly encouraged.

Nature and terms of help provided

The financing period is 36 months maximum, with no renewal or extension.

The monthly allowance is a contribution towards subsistence costs, calculated on the basis of the salary for an entry-level researcher in the host country. As the PhDs are taken with study periods alternating between the country of residence and another country (another southern country, France or another northern country), the monthly payment will vary depending on the student's location. The allowance paid per country is available on the ARTS program webpage.

To encourage mobility between southern countries, the allowance is increased by a fixed sum for study periods in another southern country.

IRD provides social security cover for the allowance recipient during the period the allowance is paid.

IRD pays travel costs between the planned study locations, namely one return trip per year.

The host team pays any operating costs together with the costs of any assignments that the allowance recipient might be required to carry out as part of his or her PhD work.

Mid-way through the PhD, the allowance recipient is obliged to submit an interim scientific report to the DPF (department of research and training programs), accompanied by a detailed opinion from the thesis tutor and, if applicable, the thesis advisory committee's conclusions. A negative assessment might lead to suspension of the allowance. A final report is also to be submitted at the end of the allowance period.

An agreement stipulating the various parties' commitments is signed when the allowance is awarded.

Application

Summary sheet

This must include a summary of the planned PhD thesis.

Application form

Unless otherwise indicated, all fields are mandatory. You are asked not to attempt to modify the form. The description of the research organizations makes it possible to appraise the applicant's scientific background; therefore each host team within a single research organization must be described.

- Covering letter from the applicant on a separate sheet ;
- *Where the PhD has already started, the covering letter should be backed up with a progress report ;*
- The applicant's curriculum vitae on separate sheet(s) ;
- Detailed thesis plan, approved by the project coordinator (10 pages maximum), including in particular :
 - a precise current status report ;
 - the objectives ;
 - the methodology ;
 - the partnerships ;
 - the expected results and consequences ;
 - an accurate work schedule ;
 - a detailed bibliography ;
 - and if possible, the thesis committee composition.

- If work on the thesis has already started, a detailed progress report is requested.

IRD Scientific Coordinator

The coordinator is one of the joint scientific supervisors, a researcher from an IRD supervised or jointly supervised unit, or from a team running a project made eligible by the call for proposals, and is the contact point with the DPF (department of research and training programs), in the context of calls for theme-based projects.

- Reasoned opinion on letter-headed paper from the project coordinator, accompanied by his or her CV (1 page)
- If the project coordinator is not the unit head, a supporting letter from the IRD unit head (IRD deputy unit head for a joint research unit)

Southern and Northern home organizations

- Additional opinion on letter-headed paper from the thesis supervisor(s) (where these are neither team leaders nor unit heads) and scientific team leaders for each of the other host teams.
The reasoned opinion will describe the benefit of the thesis topic for the home research unit or institution, the way it is organized, the agreement about the work program and details of the planned study periods away from home (the dates for the first year are fixed and cannot be altered).
- Copy of the master's degree or equivalent or, failing that, proof that it was obtained
- A letter from the employer certifying your lay-off. The allowance cannot be combined with a salary
- For applicants receiving joint funding, letter-headed document from the backer stating the terms, amounts and duration. The possibility of cumulating several grants.

**Send ARTS_EMHE form to emhe@ird.fr
Incomplete applications and applications received after midnight on
October 31st 2017 will be rejected**

More information and contact with IRD representative in Chile, Mexico and Peru: emhe@ird.fr