

REGIONAL PROGRAM STIC-AmSud 14th CALL FOR PROPOSALS Year 2019

1. The regional program STIC-AmSud

The Regional Program STIC-AmSud is an initiative of the French cooperation and their counterparts from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, aimed to promote and strengthen the collaboration and to create networks of research and development in the field of Information and Communication Science and Technology (ICT), for the realization of joint projects through the mobility of investigators.

Its **specific objectives** are:

- to develop the cooperation in the field of ICT, through the exchange of researchers and students among South American countries involved and France.
- to support basic and applied research projects containing a dimension of potential transfer and technological innovation, with a regional component, between France and at least two South American partners.
- to foster, in South America, synergies with other multilateral and regional programs in this area, particularly with the European Union.
- to promote the participation of young researchers in order to ensure long-lasting cooperation networks.

The STIC-AmSud program is composed by two committees:

a) Steering Committee, consisting of:

- By the French side, by representatives of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), and the National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA) and the Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT);
- By the South American side, by representatives of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MECCyT), the University Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA) of Bolivia, the Coordination of Improvement of Senior Staff of the Ministry of Education of Brazil (CAPES), the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), the National Council of Science and Technology of Paraguay (CONACYT), the National Council of Science, Technology and Innovation Technology of Peru (CONCYTEC), the National Agency of Investigation and Innovation of Uruguay (ANII), the Ministry of Popular Power of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Venezuela (MPPEUCT), the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (Colciencias), the Higher Education Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador (SENESCYT).

b) Scientific Committee, consisting of:

- By the French side, by representatives of CNRS, INRIA and Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT);
- By the South American side, by scientists appointed by MECCyT, UMSA, CAPES, CONICYT, CONACYT, CONCYTEC, ANII, SENESCYT, COLCIENCIAS, MPPEUCT.

2. Call for Projects Schedule

December 21 st , 2018	Opening of the call. The form is available on the website of the program STIC AmSud: http://sticmathamsud.org/ , and the web sites of each participating agency. It is also available in the application system. The application of the proposals must be made via the online platform available on the CONICYT website for this purpose.
May 15 th , 2019	End of Call
November 2019	Publication of the results
January 2020	Beginning of selected projects
October 1 st , 2020	On-going report submission
March 31 th , 2022	Final report submission of the projects to the Programs' Secretary

2. Instructions for the submission of proposals

○ Type of cooperation

Presentation of joint research and development projects that include **exchange of researchers (research stays)** among the participating teams but also workshops and/or intensive schools (short courses) with participation of researchers and students.

○ Themes

The call is open to all topics related to ICTs. Proposals, whose scientific themes are related to other scientific fields, such as engineering sciences, may be considered as they also require significant innovative work in ICTs.

○ Duration of projects

Each project will have a duration of **two years**.

The international coordinator must submit the on-going report of the project before **October 1st, 2020**. After the completion of the first year of the project, and according to the on-going report, the Steering Committee will decide to continue the support for the second year.

○ Participants

- Any researcher from public or private research units or laboratories, linked to institutions of higher education, research organizations or companies, may apply for projects.
- Each project must involve at least one French research group and at least two research groups belonging to two of the South American countries which participate in the program.

○ Funding

- The funding will be delivered annually.
- The financing modalities are the following: **the agency that sends pays for the travel costs and the accommodation costs of its own researchers.**
- The costs shall be detailed by mentioning the amount of missions, the goal of each mission, the duration, the country of destination, and the name of the beneficiary.
- The budget should indicate the requested funding from :

- each South American agency that participates in the program.
 - the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
 - the French laboratories or institutions participating in the program
 - the other financial sources external to the program
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- It is highly recommended to contact each national institution participating in the program for any questions regarding the funding requested. The contacts are in the annex
 - The approved funding is subject to the annual budget availability of the different agencies.
 - As a reference, the institutions of the program jointly contribute an annual amount of € 10 000 to € 15 000 per project.
- o Duration of missions¹
- The duration of missions may not exceed 30 days.
 - It is strongly recommended that the duration of the missions between France and South America, in either direction, should not be less than 10 days, and that the duration of the missions between countries in South America should not be less than a week.
 - There must be at least one travel from France to South America and one from South America to France.
 - The organization of a workshop in South America gathering all the research team will be positively valued.
 - The project must clearly mention the modalities of participation of young researchers (missions, activities, etc.), which will be positively valued.
- o Intellectual Property

The international project coordinators should take into account the necessary provisions for the protection of intellectual property.

- o Modalities and selection criteria
- Revision of projects in administrative terms by each agency.
 - The projects that do not fulfill all the provisions established in this instrument will be declared not eligible and will not be able to continue participating in the current contest. In the case that one or more projects are declared not eligible, this circumstance will be notified by registered letter or email, the latter in case the applicant expressly authorizes it in his(her) application, having the affected a period of 5 administrative working days from its notification, to bring an appeal against such administrative act. For such purposes, the International Coordinator must send an email addressed to the General Secretariat of the STIC AmSud Program within the established deadline to the following adress: lhochmann@conicyt.cl
 - In the case that a proposal is declared not eligible by one of the participating agencies in it, the General Secretariat of the STIC AmSud Program will proceed to request the opinion of the Scientific Committee regarding the viability of the proposal. Subsequently and according to the scientific report, a consultation will be made to the participating agencies in the proposal (excluding the agency that terminates the sponsorship). Only favorable unanimity from the technical agencies will allow the proposal to continue in competition in the call. Otherwise, it will be declared not eligible.

¹ CAPES does not finance short stays/work missions of PhD students.

- Scientific assessment made by international experts chosen by the Scientific Committee of the program.
- Review of the international assessments and classification of the projects by the Scientific Committee.
- Selection and approval of projects by the Steering Committee, based on international assessment, the report of the Scientific Committee and the available budget.
- In addition to scientific excellence, the main criteria for selecting projects are:
 - The innovative character
 - The creation of new international collaborations,
 - The complementarity of the participating research teams,
 - The mutual transfer of expertise and innovation,
 - The background of the research groups,
 - The participation of postdoctoral students or young researchers in the exchanges.
 - The promotion and value of joint research activities (scientific co-publications, seminars, workshops, joint patents).
- o Coordination

In each participating institution a Scientific Coordinator should be designated. Among them will be designated the project International Coordinator.

- o Launching of projects
 - The approval or rejection of the project will be formally notified to the International Coordinator by the STIC-AmSud program Secretariat.
 - In addition, the approval of the project will be formally notified to every Scientific Coordinator and to the Secretariat by the corresponding institution.
 - For the approved projects, each financing agency will inform its corresponding participants about the granted funds and the disbursement schedule.
 - The International Coordinator of each project must submit to the Secretary of the STIC-AmSud Program two reports: the ongoing report on October 1st of the first year of development, and the final report in a period not exceeding three months following the completion of the project (31th of march 2022).
 - The following will be considered in the evaluation of the final report: co-publications, patents, thesis realized in the project, networks created and other types of collaboration.
All documents produced as part of this collaboration will explicitly indicate the financial support received by the STIC-AmSud Regional Program, using the following format: Regional Program STIC AMSUD + project code.
 - **National and international coordinators that have finished a project can present a new research project, once the final report is sent to the Secretariat. If approved, the execution of this new project will be subject to the approval of the final report of the previous project.** The project must propose a new research topic.
 - The priority will be given to projects emanating from teams that didn't received grant in the last two years previous the new call.
 - Also, teams which include PHD or post-doctorals students will be given priority.

- Project submission

The application of the proposals must be made via the online platform available on the CONICYT website for the purpose: <https://auth.conicyt.cl/>

The International Coordinator must send a version .pdf in English of the proposal through the application platform, including the CVs of the proposal participants, before May 15th, 2019 at 12: 00hs noon of Continental Chile. It is also possible to access the CONICYT application platform, on the web page of the STIC and MATH AmSud programs :
<http://www.sticmathamsud.org/>.

The forms for presenting projects are available on the STIC-MATH AmSud website, on the application platform and on the websites of each participating agency.

Brazilian investigators must also present their project to CAPES until May 31th 2019 on the website of the program, according the established previsions in the bases published on its website. The International Coordinator of the project must also send it to the Secretariat of this Program.

Colombian investigators who ask for grant to COLCIENCIAS have to be recognized in the 3 categories system of this institution.

Peruvian researchers must also register their participation by May 16th 2019, 13:00 GMT-05 (Peruvian Hour) at FONDECYT (<http://www.fondecyt.gob.pe/>).

Argentinian researchers interested in submitting projects will have to contact MECCyT: bilateral@mincyt.gob.ar, in order to acknowledge and accept the funding conditions of the MECCyT for this call.

Uruguayan researchers interested in submitting projects should send a copy of the application to ANII to the following adress: snb_movilidad@anii.org.uy.

For Paraguayan researchers, they must register their participation **no later than May 16th, 12:00 GMT-04 (Paraguay hour) at CONACYT (<http://www.conacyt.gov.py/>).**

Forms for the submission of projects are available on the website of CONICYT: www.conicyt.cl and on the website of the STIC AmSud Program : <http://www.sticmathamsud.org/> until May 15th, 2019 at 12: 00hs noon of Continental Chile and on the websites of each participating agency.

Additional information:

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**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO CONTACT THE ORGANISMS
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