

2025 PHC FASIC PROGRAM



RESEARCHERS

TARGETED COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

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FASIC is the Franco-Australian Hubert Curien Program. FASIC is implemented jointly by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) in France, and by research partners in Australia.

Calls for applications for this program are launched on an annual basis.

Deadline for submission of applications: 20 November 2024

The Embassy of France in Australia is setting up new instruments promoting research and teaching collaboration between France and Australia, under the umbrella of the PHC FASIC Program. This program aims to be a catalyst and to support the launch and development of bilateral projects at a critical moment of project initiation. It also aims to support the development of science and technology strategic collaboration.

The PHC FASIC Program allows scientists and teachers from French and Australian research institutions to meet and discuss future collaborative projects. This program aims to support the establishment of scientific and academic networks between France and Australia and to initiate joint research laboratories. It supports teacher exchanges in order to foster academic links (exchanges of pedagogical expertise, establishment of double diplomas, etc.)

The PHC FASIC Program is implemented through two specific instruments:

- FASIC Academic/Researchers/Post-Docs/PhD students (FASIC ARPD);
- FASIC WORKSHOPS

This page presents the specific information related to the PHC FASIC program. For information common to all PHCs managed by Campus France (presentation, selection criteria, contacts ...), refer to the [PHC overview page](#).

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The objective of this program is to develop scientific, technological and academic exchanges of excellence between laboratories and universities in both countries, by **encouraging new cooperation** and the **participation of early career researchers**.

- **FASIC ARPD** supports the mobility of academics, researchers, post-docs or PhD students based in France (French overseas territories included) or in Australia within the framework of a research collaboration or a teaching project;
- **FASIC Workshop** supports the organisation of scientific bilateral workshops to be held in Australia, or France, French overseas territories included.

All fields of science are eligible to this program. A specific attention will be given to projects with the following specificities:

- Energy transition projects involving industrial partners;
- Interdisciplinary projects involving humanities and social sciences.

[Eligibility criteria](#)

- **FASIC ARPD :**

The call for applications is open to academics, researchers, post-doctoral and PhD students from French and/or Australian institutions of higher education or research organisations. Their mobility must be clearly embedded in a joint scientific or academic collaboration project. Each project must explicitly identify the French and Australian partners. Each project can involve the mobility of several persons (academics, researchers, post-docs and PhD students). **The creation and lodgment of the applications on Campus France platform must be done by the French institution principal investigator. The Australian team can work on the setup of the application between its creation and lodgment.** Industry partners can participate in the project when in collaboration with an academic partner.

- **FASIC Workshop :**

The call for applications is open to academics, researchers from French and/or Australian institutions of higher education or research organisations. Each project must explicitly identify the French and Australian research partner organisations. **The creation and lodgment of the applications is done by the French principal investigator. The Australian team can work on the setup of the application between its creation and lodgment.** FASIC Workshop will contribute to the financing of **mobility of researchers** attending the workshop. Workshops can be held in Australia or in France (French overseas territories included).

For both instruments (FASIC ARPD and FASIC Workshops), French and Australian researchers involved in the project must have the support of their respective institutions. **A letter of support** from their research institutions or universities involved in the project must be attached to the application. **Equivalent level of funding** from the partner **Australian** institution is required. **A letter of financial support** for the project from the Australian institutions must be attached to the application.

The financial contribution of the Australian institution may take the form of financial support to cover the mission costs of scientists involved in the selected project (e.g. living expenses, accommodation, venue rental, catering, audio-visual, etc.) or the research activities (e.g. use of research infrastructures). This contribution may also consist in the financing of reciprocal mobility within the framework of the joint research or teaching project.

Laureates that have already received financial support under the PHC FASIC program are not eligible for re-application within two years after completion of their project. Priority will be given to new projects.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation will focus on:

- The quality of the scientific/academic project (originality of the subject, quality of the teams involved, development perspectives and technology/good practices transfer);
- The clear description of the objectives and expected impacts of the submitted project;
- **The active participation of early career academic or researchers**, especially PhD and post-docs;
- The interest, complementarity and level of the proposed cooperation;
- The project's structuration and development perspectives;
- The potential of the project to foster new scientific or academic collaborations.

Selection Procedure

The Delegation for European and International Affairs (DAEI - Délégation aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales) in the French Ministry for Higher Education, and Research (MESR - Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, et de la Recherche) ensures the scientific evaluation of eligible projects.

Management of the program

- **Project's duration is one (1) year maximum;**
- Selected projects have to **mandatorily complete their mobility between the 1st of January and the 31st of December 2025**. No postponing of the mobility is negotiable;
- The FASIC program will support the **mobility expenses** both ways (from France to Australia or from Australia to France). At the request of the laureates, Campus France can manage the travel booking through its specific travel agency, this concerns only roundtrips between two international airports, and if applicable, a flat rate of 40 € for domestic transits for the French team. Once tickets are issued, a change of dates is no longer possible. If the trip is supported by the laureates, they will be reimbursed based on the parametric costs indicated below.
- Any other funding required for the implementation of joint projects should be provided through the partner laboratories or other incomes.

Eligible expenses :

• **FASIC Academic/Researcher/Post-doc/PhD student:** The funding granted by France will support the **mobility expenses** between France and Australia for academic/s or researcher/s engaged in the joint project **with the following terms**

- o Travel France-Australia 2,000€ maximum
- o Travel French territory of the Pacific-Australia 900 € maximum
- o Travel Reunion-Australia 1500 € maximum
- o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 180€/day (limited to 14 days)
- o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 90€/day (for a stay longer than 14 days)
- o Per diem for a stay in France at 125€/day (limited to 28 days)
- o Per diem for a stay in France at 55€/day (for a stay longer than 28 days)
- o FASIC funding is capped at 4000€ per mission (which corresponds to about ten days of stay per mission).

LIVING EXPENSES				
Status concerned	Amount of per diem	Financing country	Duration in days	Country of departure/ country of arrival
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	180 €/day	France&Australia	Stay less or equal to 14 days	France → Australia
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	90 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay longer than 14 days	France → Australia
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	125 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay less or equal to 28 days	Australia → France
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	55 €/jour	France&Australia	Stay longer than 28 days	Australia → France
RETURN TRIPS				
Status concerned	Travel Amount Limit	Financing country	Country of departure/ country of arrival	
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the French team	2000 €	France&Australia	France → Australia	
Academic, Researcher, Post-doctoral and PhD student of the Australian team	2000 €	France&Australia	Australia → France	

• **FASIC Atelier:** The funding granted by France will support the **mobility expenses with the following terms:**

- o Travel France-Australia 2,000€ maximum
- o Travel French territory of the Pacific-Australia 900 € maximum
- o Travel Reunion-Australia 1500 € maximum
- o Per diem for a stay in Australia at 180€/day
- o Per diem for a stay in France at 125€/day
- o FASIC funding is capped at €8,000 per workshop (which corresponds to 3-4 trips per workshop).

The projects will take care to limit the ecological impact of their activities and will detail in their application the measures taken in this regard.

Intellectual property

Project managers are responsible for making all the necessary arrangements regarding IP management.

Applicant teams are invited to read carefully the [attached document](#) regarding good practices and IP management under the PHC program. By submitting, applicants acknowledge compliance with these IP management good practices.

The projects submitted to this call for applications might be examined within the French PPST framework (Protection du Potentiel Scientifique et Technique et intelligence économique). More information following the link:

<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid27031/protection-du-potentiel-scientifique-et-technique-et-intelligence-economique-p.p.s.t.html>

Project monitoring

- **A final scientific and financial report** is required **no later than three months after the end of the projects**;
- French project managers must download and fill in the [report template](#) and attach it to their file online within this time frame;
- This report is also to be sent to the French Embassy within the same deadline (see contact for the program);
- It is requested that all publications resulting from the project supported by this program mention the support provided by MEAE and MESR.

Example: "This work was partially supported by the "PHC FASIC" programme (project number: XXXXXXXX), funded by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research and the Australian academic and institutional partners ».

Application modalities

Before any request for information, we invite you to consult the ["Q&A and contact" page](#)

Please check that your file includes all of the following:

- € **A letter of support** from the French research institution or university
 - € **A letter of support** from the Australian research institution or university
 - € **A letter of financial support** to the project from the Australian institution estimating the Australian financial contribution to the joint project
 - € **The CVs of the members of the Franco-Australian team**
- Deadline for submission of applications: **20 November 2024**
 - Notification of results on [Campus France extranet](#) : **26 March 2025**
 - Start of projects: **April 2025**

Application

The project coordinators are invited to submit their project in advance to avoid any technical problem to hinder their application within the deadline.

Unlike the other PHCs, to apply for the PHC FASIC, one submission only is necessary through Campus France. There is no need to submit your application to an Australian institution.

Submissions for FASIC ARPD must be done via the Campus France website: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>.

Submissions for FASIC Workshops must be done following instructions on the Campus France website: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-ateliers>.

The applications can be in French or in English.

Manage your mobility

At least 3 weeks before the start of their mobility, selected beneficiaries will send a commitment form and a complete mobility file by email at the address notified on the commitment form.

- **Commitment form** to use for **FASIC ARPD**
- **Commitment form** to use for **FASIC Workshop**

A copy is mandatorily sent by email to the French Embassy in Australia

Contacts for information on the program

For any questions related to the type of projects and eligibility criteria:

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