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MOBILITY PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT FRENCH-MALAYSIAN COOPERATION IN
RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Calls for (1) PhD Research Stays in France, (2) Pre-doctoral M2 studies in France,
and (3) mobility of academic staff to develop joint programs

Training of human resources in science, technology and innovation is an essential part of the strategy lead by the Service of Cultural Cooperation and Action, Embassy of France to Malaysia. In order to support students and researchers from Malaysia who wish to pursue graduate training in France or who aim at developing strong academic or research programs with Higher Education institutions in France, the Embassy of France to Malaysia is launching in 2022 three calls:

- 1) **Doctoral mobility:** financial support for PhD students, preferably engaged in a co-direction or cotutelle programme, and wishing to perform a research stay in France (4-6 months).
- 2) **Pre-doctoral mobility:** 10-month scholarships for students wishing to enroll in a Masters 2 programme in France, with the objective of pursuing their studies through a PhD (preferably in co-direction or cotutelle) in France. The M2 internship will be the opportunity for them to get acquainted with their potential PhD director and set the ground for their PhD research work.
- 3) **Mobility for researchers and lecturers:** one-month stays in France allowing for the researcher or lecturer to launch a new collaboration programme (ex. Cooperation in research, student exchange, double degree) or develop an existing program in a significant way (ex. inclusion of new institutions or areas, consolidation of a double-degree, etc.).



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Scope of the calls

- These calls target all areas of study and research, including science, technology, engineering, humanities, social sciences, etc. French as a Foreign Language is the only exception: if you are interested in this area, please contact Ms. Anaïs Deschamps, Attachée for French Language and Education (anais.deschamps@diplomatie.gouv.fr).
- These calls are open to students and researchers/lecturers from all higher education and research institutions in Malaysia from the private and public sector, on the basis of the eligibility criteria indicated in each specific call. Achieving a wide institutional and geographic distribution through these calls is highly desirable.

Grant Application and Evaluation Process

- Applicants must follow the instructions and calendar indicated in each call.
- Applications will be assessed by an internal committee set up by the Embassy, including experts from relevant fields.
- We particularly encourage applications
 - o including some levels of co-funding by a Malaysian institution
 - o leading way to a new bilateral collaboration
- Please note that all selection processes are guided by gender equality and non-discrimination principles.



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(1) PhD mobility: research stays in France

Presentation of the programme:

The financial support provided includes a 3-6 month scholarship covering living expenses and in some cases plane transportation for PhD students wishing to perform a research stay in France in 2022. Priority will be given to students engaged in a PhD programme in cotutelle or codirection with a French institution / Ecole Doctorale.

Who can apply?

The call is open to Malaysian citizens who:

- are under 35 years of age in 2022
- have been accepted or are already enrolled in:
 - o a PhD programme in France and in Malaysia (cotutelle) or
 - o a PhD programme in Malaysia (ex. codirection) and can provide an official acceptance letter from the host institution in France
- knowledge of French is not mandatory. Language requirements are left to the discretion of the host institution

What support is provided by the scholarship?

- The support takes the form of a monthly allowance and in certain cases covers the cost of the trip to France.
- As French government scholarship holders, the selected candidates will also benefit from a social security coverage and, subject to availabilities, will have access to university housing.

What are the evaluation criteria?

- Excellence of academic record and competencies
- Quality and relevance of the PhD project to the bilateral collaboration
- Targeted institution(s)
- Future professional perspectives / project
- Added value of the research performed in France



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What are the conditions of application?

- The call is open to:
 - new PhD students enrolled in a programme starting no later than September 2022.
 - current PhD students engaged in the 1st or 2nd year (semester 1-4) of their doctoral programme.
 - The mobility period may only take place during semesters 1-5.
- A final report must be submitted to the Embassy no later than one month after the day of end of the scholarship.
- Selected candidates must agree to be recorded in the Campus France Alumni database.

How to apply?

- **Deadline:** candidates are requested to send their application to scac.kuala-lumpur-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr **before March 31st, 2022 at 23:59 Malaysia time**
- **Applications must include:**
 - a completed administrative form ([download](#))
 - copy of valid ID or passport
 - a brief CV (2 pages MAXIMUM)
 - a cover letter (2 pages MAXIMUM) providing detailed information on the PhD programme, the objectives of the mobility period, the cooperation between the French and Malaysian teams and the future career plans
 - support letters
 - from the PhD director in Malaysia,
 - from the PhD director in France (codirection or cotutelle) or, if no cotutelle or codirection is in place, an acceptance letter from the host institution in France,
 - copy of previous diplomas (SPM, Bachelor, BSc and Master degrees), and
 - academic transcripts from the previous year of study
- **Unique application file**
 - All the documents must be sent via a unique PDF file, including all documents in the order detailed above.
 - The file's name should be based on your name following the format: **Doctoral-2022-SURNAME-Name.pdf**
 - The file should not exceed 5Mo.
 - The object of the e-mail should be: **Doctoral-2022-SURNAME-Name**



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What's the calendar?

Call #1 - Doctoral mobility	
Launch of the call	March 7 2022
Deadline for application submission	March 31st 2022
Publication of results	April 15, 2022
Mobility period	From May – December 2022

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(2) Pre-doctoral (M2) studies in France

Presentation of the programme:

The financial support provided includes a 10-month scholarship covering living expenses for students having completed M1 and wishing to follow M2 studies in France with the longer-term objective of enrolling in a PhD programme in France, preferably cotutelle or co-direction with a Malaysian University. Thus, the M2 internship should take place in the laboratory to which the potential PhD Director belongs, preferably under his / her supervision.

Who can apply?

The call is open to Malaysian citizens who:

- are under 28 years of age in 2022
- have applied to or have been accepted in an M2 programme in France (students who currently studying M1 in France and fulfilling the other eligibility criteria may also apply)
- intend to pursue their studies with a PhD in France (preferably in cotutelle or co-direction)
- are in contact with their potential M2 internship and potential PhD supervisor in France
- knowledge of French is not mandatory. Language requirements are left to the discretion of the host institution

What support is provided by the scholarship?

The support takes the form of a monthly allowance of 700€.

As French government scholarship holders, the selected candidates will also benefit from a social security coverage, the coverage of their tuition fees (up to a maximum of € 5,000) and, subject to availabilities, will have access to university housing.

The scholarship also includes fee waivers for the Etudes en France application and the student visa.



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What are the evaluation criteria?

- Excellence of academic record and competencies of the candidate
- Quality and relevance of the selected studies and the internship project
- Likelihood of the student pursuing studies with PhD training
- Targeted institution
- Future professional perspectives/ project
- Added value of the research performed in France

What are the conditions of application?

- University term must start in September 2022.
- Attribution of the scholarship is subject to acceptance of the applicant in the M2 programme.
- A final report must be submitted to the Embassy no later than 28 February 2023
- Selected candidates must agree to be recorded in the Campus France Alumni database.

How to apply?

- **Deadline:** candidates are requested to send their application to: scac.kuala-lumpur-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr **before April 15, 2022 at 23:59 Malaysia time.**
- **Applications must include:**
 - a completed administrative form ([download](#)),
 - copy of valid ID or passport
 - a brief CV (1 page MAXIMUM),
 - a cover letter (2 pages MAXIMUM) providing detailed information on the M2 internship, the potential PhD subject, the cooperation between the French and Malaysian teams (cotutelle or co-direction) and the candidate's career plans,
 - a synthetic presentation of the M2 research project (1 page MAXIMUM),
 - a support letter from the potential PhD director in France (co-direction or cotutelle),
 - copy of
 - the application made for an M2 programme in France or
 - the acceptance letter from the M2 programme in France,
 - previous diplomas (SPM, Bachelor, BSc and Master degrees),
 - academic transcripts from the previous year of study, and



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- Unique application file

- All the documents must be sent via a unique PDF file, including all documents in the order detailed above.
- The file's name should be based on your surname and name following the format: **PreDoc2022-SURNAME-Name.pdf**
- The file should not exceed 5Mo
- The object of the e-mail should be: **PreDoc2022-SURNAME-Name**

Calendar

Call #2 -Pre-doctoral mobility	
Call opens	March 7, 2022
Deadline for application submission	April 15, 2022
Publication of results	April 30, 2022
Deadline to provide confirmation of admission to M2 programme	July 31 st 2022
Mobility period	September 2022-June 2023

Contact person

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**(3) Call for researchers and lecturers
to develop joint collaboration programs**

Presentation of the program:

The financial support for travel and 1-month stay in France is intended for junior and senior scientists who aim at launching a new research or academic collaboration or to develop and expand an existing collaboration program with a French institution. All stays should combine different types of activities: research, teaching, development of student exchange programs, transfer of knowledge (conferences, workshops, etc.). Priority will be given to:

- Applicants whose stay aims at developing a dual degree or assimilated academic program.
- Applications that benefit from co-funding from a Malaysian institution with have priority, especially if it allows to extend the initial stay period.

Who can apply?

The call is open to researchers of any nationality:

- who are under 55 years of age in 2022
- work full-time in a Malaysian institution.
- in contact with another / other researcher(s) or lecturer(s) in France or already involved in an active collaboration between two research units in France and in Malaysia.
- knowledge of French is not mandatory. Language requirements are left to the discretion of the host institution



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What are the evaluation criteria?

- Excellence of the record and competencies of the candidate
- Relevance and potential impact of the project in terms of the collaboration in research and training (student mobility) between France and Malaysia
- Targeted institution
- Perspectives in term of scientific production (publications, outreach programme, etc.)

What are the conditions of application?

- A final report must be submitted to the Embassy no later than one month upon the date of return to Malaysia

How to apply?

- **Deadline:** candidates are requested to send their application to: scac.kuala-lumpur-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr **before April 8, 2022 at 23:59 Malaysia time.**
- **Applications must include:**
 - a completed administrative form ([download](#)),
 - copy of valid ID or passport
 - a brief CV (3 pages MAXIMUM),
 - a cover letter (2 pages MAXIMUM) providing detailed information on the collaboration with the French researcher or research institution,
 - a synthetic presentation of the programme of the stay including intended activities and outcomes,



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- if a double-degree program is under development:
 - a draft of the project (name, complementarity between the syllabus from both institutions, target public, provisional calendar, resources available)
 - official letters from both institutions indicating their support for the development of the above-mentioned program, and
- a letter of acceptance from the host institution in France
- **Unique application file**
 - All the documents must be sent via a unique PDF file, including all documents in the order detailed above.
 - The file's name should be based on your name following the format: **Mobility-2022-SURNAME-Name.pdf**
 - The file should not exceed 5Mo
 - The object of the e-mail should be: **Mobility2022-SURNAME-Name**

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Call #3 - Mobility for researchers and lecturers	
Call opens	March 7, 2022
Deadline for application submission	April 8, 2022
Publication of results	April 17, 2022
Mobility period	May-December 2022

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