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Call for proposals

STAR-T exploratory mission program 2024

The STAR-T exploratory mission program is a funding program implemented by the Scientific and Academic Service of the French Embassy in the Republic of Korea, aimed at researchers from French institutions. Its goal is to enable researchers in France wishing to establish initial contact with Korean research teams in their areas of expertise to initiate new bilateral collaborations.

The call for projects is open to all scientific fields, including the humanities and social sciences. However, priority will be given to projects focusing on artificial intelligence, quantum sciences, health as well as biotechnologies.

- Nature of projects:

The program supports scientific missions to the Republic of Korea in 2024 by researchers based in a French research institution.

Missions that also include visits to Korean academic partners with the aim of initiating/formalizing institutional partnerships, such as student mobility, double degrees, etc., are eligible.

- Project eligibility criteria:

The call for projects is open to researchers/lecturer-researchers belonging to laboratories attached to higher education establishments, research organizations or French companies. Students are not eligible.

- Project selection criteria:

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence of the applicant and the field
- Quality of the project (innovative nature, complementarity of skills, quality of invitation letters, etc.)
- Relevance of the proposed mission to the Republic of Korea in terms of the future collaboration envisaged.

- Terms and conditions of support:

The support granted to each winner will include the cost of a round trip plane ticket from France to the Republic of Korea.

On a case-by-case basis, the funding granted may be increased by a few additional per diems depending on the project, the demand and the budget allocated to this program.

As the funding is granted on an annual basis, the allocated budget must be used before 31 December 2024 and cannot be carried over to the following year (2025). The end date of the mission (return flight) must therefore be set before 31 December 2024.

- Organization and follow-up of projects:

Laureates must book their air tickets through the travel agency indicated in the instructions they will receive when the results are announced. No air tickets booked in advance by the winners will be reimbursed.

Air tickets for laureates can be booked either:

- by the cultural service of the French embassy in the Republic of Korea via the travel agency indicated in the instructions they will receive when the results are announced;
- by the researcher's home organization, which will then send the invoice to the cultural service.

No air tickets booked in advance by individual laureates will be reimbursed.

The **final program** for the mission must be sent to the French embassy in the Republic of Korea before departure.

An **end-of-mission report** must be sent to the French Embassy no later than one month after the end of the mission.

- How to apply:

- Opening date of the call for applications: April 1st 2024
- Deadline for submission of applications: December 1st 2024
- Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. Applicants are therefore invited to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Applications must be submitted by sending all the documents listed below to the French Embassy in the Republic of Korea electronically at the following address: science@kr.ambafrance-culture.org

- an **application file** (in French or English) in Word and PDF format, to be downloaded from the website of the French Embassy in the Republic of Korea;
- a **Curriculum Vitae** in French or English (2 pages maximum);
- **Letter(s)/e-mail(s) of invitation or support** in French or English from the laboratory(ies)/researcher(s) you wish to visit in the Republic of Korea.

When submitting your application, please state explicitly in the subject line of the e-mail your surname, first name and the acronym corresponding to your field of research as mentioned in the application file.

eg. LAST NAME First name (acronym) - STAR-T 2024 application

The application will be effective after receipt of an acknowledgement e-mail.

- Contacts for the program:

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