

**Collaboration Program**  
**The Australian National University (ANU)**  
**and**  
**Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)**

### Background

CNRS and the ANU are launching a joint call for proposals between the two institutes to provide matching strategic investment for developing and strengthening the ANU-CNRS significant partnership in areas of mutual interests and cooperation in new promising themes.

To be successful, proposals will be required to demonstrate either that their partnership is already significant **or** how they will upscale the partnership, leading to building scale and excellence consistent with our commitment to research.

### Scientific areas

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This call is **open to all research areas**, with priority given to five specific areas:

- Organometallic Chemistry;
- Fundamental Mathematics;
- Photonics;
- Policy Analytics;
- Astronomy

### Conditions of eligibility

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- There must be one PI from the ANU and one PI from CNRS on the application.
  - CNRS PIs must hold an accreditation to supervise PhD students.
  - Applications must be submitted by researchers working in a CNRS unit.
  - A PI cannot submit more than one application in the framework of this call.
  - All applications must be completed and submitted in English.

### Funding

Funding will be awarded up to AUD \$15,000 per successful project per year by both CNRS and ANU for the duration of three years to cover mobility costs for visits to France and Australia for the PhD student and occasionally the PI.

In addition, CNRS will fund the amount of a PhD fellowship for the CNRS unit.

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The proposal must build scale, excellence and critical mass. Applications should include the expertise and facilities provided by both sides, reasons they are choosing to work together, benefits of the co-operation.

Examples of proposed projects could include:

- development of substantial joint PhD training schemes, including, for example, workshops to identify supervisory capacity and alignment that demonstrate the value of an International Joint PhD Program
- organisation of joint research workshops in Australia, France or internationally, or travel for a number of key collaborators or a delegation
- facilitation of long term, significant international collaborations, including access to research infrastructure
- research-industry pilot programs

### Support period

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3 years

### Number of awards

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Up to five ANU students (one student per project) are expected to be funded by the ANU, and five CNRS students (one student per project) are expected to be funded by the Program.

### Criteria

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The joint proposal must consist of the following parts, in one single file (up to 6 pages, not including references):

#### **PART A: Title Page**

Title of the proposal, names of the principal investigators and their laboratories, their addresses, telephone, and e-mail. The names of the PhD students can be given if they are already known. Please specify on the Title Page of the application "This application is submitted for consideration within the ANU - CNRS Collaboration Program".

#### **PART B: Description of the scientific project (2 pages)**

State of the art of the research area, description of the scientific project and its interest, historical context of application (if applicable), quality and originality of the project, objectives, scientific methodology, expected results and their meaning, future perspectives. Explain the added value of the PhD fellowships in the project. Explain the relation between the project and the research themes of the laboratory.

#### **PART C: Added-value of the international cooperation**

Describe the added-value of the international cooperation to fulfill the aims of the project (explain why the project cannot be carried out at a national level only). Describe the expected

benefits for the French and Australian teams. Describe the balance between the contributions of the French and Australian teams.

**PART D: Planned activities**

Describe the planned activities in the framework of the project and provide a timetable. Explain how these activities will help achieve the aims of the project.

**PART E: Budget**

Proposed budget including a breakdown of the division of funds, separated into distinct budgets for ANU and CNRS. The budget section regarding travel should contain explicit line items for travel of the PhD student.

**PART F: Perspective & external funding**

Outline the proposed plan for raising external competitive funding (eg EU collaborative grants, national research agency grants, industry funding, etc.)

**PART G: Scientific quality of the teams**

List of publication related to the project. No more than 5 publications related for each team. Authors from the respective laboratories must be clearly indicated on the author lists with superscript or parenthesized letters corresponding to the respective countries, for example Dupont JP (FR)...

**PART H: Short curriculum vitae of both the ANU and the CNRS PI**

**Mode of submission and selection process**

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PIs from France and Australia are expected to collaborate on a joint proposal for project. This needs to be submitted by the CNRS applicant in electronic format and **in English** via the dedicated CNRS Website: <https://www.cooperation.cnrs.fr>

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Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by an ANU-CNRS selection committee based on scientific quality & originality of the project, scientific merit of the teams, synergism between the teams and alignment to strategic areas of mutual interest

Successful recipients will be formally notified of the award and informed of funding conditions.

**Reporting**

During or at the conclusion of the project, grant recipients may be asked to report on progress or outcomes achieved, including to relevant stakeholder groups.

Awardees must submit a brief, plain language report (1-page) to [sarah.vandeveld@anu.edu.au](mailto:sarah.vandeveld@anu.edu.au) within sixteen months of the award. This report should detail the outcomes of the collaboration and the ways in which the grant has enhanced or will enhance their research activities and/or leveraged larger opportunities.

### Timing

Opening Date: beginning of March 2019  
The deadline for submission: 1 April 2019  
Notification Date: by end of April 2019

### Enquiries

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ANU enquiries should be directed to [sarah.vandavelde@anu.edu.au](mailto:sarah.vandavelde@anu.edu.au) or +61 2 6125 6260  
CNRS enquiries should be directed to [jean.theves@cnrs-dir.fr](mailto:jean.theves@cnrs-dir.fr)

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