Collaborative Scientific Research Programme (CSRP)

CEFIPRA supports high quality research groups through collaborative scientific research projects in advanced areas of basic and applied science to nurture scientific competency through Collaborative Scientific Research Programme (CSRP).

Supported areas for collaboration under the programme:

For the deadline of 20/02/2025

The identified domains of S&T:

CSRP (Thematic Areas):

1. Health:

Sub areas: i) One Health & Climate Change, ii) Early detection of emerging/important pathogens, iii) Developments of new vaccines and therapeutics for infectious diseases, iv) AI for early diagnosis of emerging/important diseases, v) Comprehensive studies on metabolic and cardiovascular diseases and vi) Novel therapeutics and biological for emerging/important diseases.

2. Marine Sciences:

Sub areas: Underwater Systems, Instrumentation & Robotics, Advanced Materials for Floating and Mobile Systems, Geosciences from the Coast to Deep Waters, Physics and Biochemistry of Oceans, Oceans Observations & Modeling including the Ocean & Climate Nexus, Ocean & Climate and Marine Biology & Pollution.

Eligibility to apply

Principal Collaborators and Joint Collaborators (Indian & French) should have permanent position in an Indian or French University/R&D Institution. They should meet national level eligibility criteria with respect to the operation of grants and age of retirement. ORCID/ResearcherID is mandatory for submission of proposal under the programme.

How to Apply

Submit a Joint Proposal to CEFIPRA specifying the role of the collaborators

The collaborators must submit a joint concept proposal along with the joint full proposal on webonline submission system of CEFIPRA (URL: www.cefipraonline.in).

Proposals should be original, collaborative and of high scientific quality. The proposed research must complement the strengths and expertise of the research groups.

The number of participants and their research contribution should be appropriate for the aims of the Indo-French research project and must be reasonably balanced in terms of each country's participation (on effort, contribution and budget). The proposal should mention origin of the project with details of prior interaction, preliminary results relevant to the proposal achieved by either side and added value from the collaboration.

At least two scientists, one each from India and France as Principal Collaborators

There cannot be a second Principal Collaborator or Joint Principal Collaborator on either side. The two Principal Collaborators, one each from India and France shall be responsible for implementing the project.

Joint Collaborators of the projects

Joint Collaborators one or more on both sides are welcome, but their contributions to the project may be clearly defined. The Joint Collaborators may be from the same institutions of the respective Principal Collaborators or from other institutions

The investigators can be from any recognized academic/research institutions from India and France.

Once project is recommended for support, any change of Principal Collaborator(s) or Joint Collaborator(s) or the institution(s) where the work is carried out should be done with the permission of CEFIPRA.

The French PI is kindly invited to get in touch with the concerned officer of his/her institution about the project proposal that he/she is preparing to submit to the CEFIPRA in order to facilitate the final clearance by the French Government.

Evaluation Procedure

- Initial screening at CEFIPRA
- Pre-selection by Scientific Council
- Peer-review in France & India
- Decision by Scientific Council in its meeting based on peer review reports & Council's own judgment

Procedures for start of project after receiving recommendation of Scientific Council

- Approval by Governing Body of CEFIPRA
- Signed copy of check list from Indian Principal Collaborator for the clearance from Government of India
- Sensitivity & Security Clearances from Indian & French Governments
- Receipt of signed copy of IPR Guidelines of CEFIPRA from the Principal Collaborators of the project.
- Release of funds for first year.

Lead time for project approval

- From proposal stage to communication of recommendation by Scientific Council- about 6 months
- From recommendation of Council to Governmental clearance (approx. 2-3 months. Time may vary from project to project)

Submission/implementation of projects under CEFIPRA programmes by same collaborators

- If collaborators have submitted/implemented a CEFIPRA project, they can apply again if they fulfill the following conditions:
- If a scientist is already working in a project under CSRP sanctioned by CEFIPRA as Principal Collaborator (PC) or Joint Collaborator (JC), he/she cannot submit another project under same programme as PC or JC.
- There is no bar in applying for projects under other programmes of CEFIPRA while implementing a project under CSRP and vice-versa.
- If a scientist apply as a Joint Collaborator or Principal Collaborator in two different project proposals at a time, and in case both the proposals are sanctioned, the scientist must opt for either one of the project.
- Collaborators who have implemented one project under CSRP and want to submit the second project, the following guidelines are applicable.
- A cooling off period of 5 years after completion of the previous project will be applicable
- If implemented three projects under CEFIPRA programme as Principal Collaborator, he/she cannot apply for a fourth project as PC or JC.

Restriction other than the above in applying for an Indo-French project:

Indian and French collaborators are expected to be under service at the time of completion of the project. Scientists close to their superannuation should have a younger joint collaborator in the project proposal.

Expectation of CEFIPRA from its collaborative research projects:

- Excellence in science through collaboration
- Training of young Doctoral/Post-Doctoral/Master students
- Joint publications in high impact factor journals with due acknowledgement to CEFIPRA
- Potential output for knowledge forward chain
- Long term partnership between the collaborating groups even after completion of the project.

The proposals are necessarily required to fulfill the following criteria as per the checklist given below for initial screening & further consideration. Please note proposals which do not fulfill the criteria will be rejected at initial screening level:

- 1. The submission date is within the prescribed deadline
- 2. Submitted both concept proposal and full proposal
- 3. Joint Proposal Submission Agreement signed by both the Principal Collaborators submitted
- 4. The proposal submitted is within the identified fields of Science & Technology, coordinated by CEFIPRA
- 5. The collaborators are from academic/research institutions in India/ France
- 6. The collaborators have permanent position in Indian or French University/R&D Institution
- 7. The collaborators have provided their ORCID number/Research ID
- 8. Brief CV not exceeding 5 pages
- 9. Top 5 publications from each collaborator with summary explaining relevance with the proposal
- 10. The total budget is within the limit of 220.000 euros
- 11. Budget includes cost of International travels/mobility
- 12. Indicated the part of the total project budget that could be met out of sources other than that of CEFIPRA
- 13. The collaborators are not PCs or Co-PCs of any ongoing projects under CSRP
- 14. The collaborators are not supported during last 5 years
- 15. The collaborators are not members of the Scientific Council/ Industrial Research Committee of CEFIPRA

- 16. Collaborators close to their superannuation have added younger joint collaborator(s) in the project proposal
- 17. Submitted Certificate for participation in the project from the Head of the institution of the Indian Principal Collaborator (To mention in the certificate participation as Principal Collaborator from India) French Principal Collaborator (To mention in the certificate participation as Principal Collaborator from France) Joint Collaborators, if they are from different institutions of the Principal Collaborators (To mention in the certificate participation as Joint Collaborator(s))

Detailed guidelines for funding of projects:

The budget estimate should be as realistic as possible. The maximum quantum of budget for the project can vary upto a maximum of 220.000 euros (including both sides) for the entire duration of the project. **Projects with budget above 220.000 euros will not be considered for review by the Council.** Estimate should be justified, and in agreement with the scientific objectives of the project. The year-wise break-up of the budget should be in conformity with the phase-wise break-up of the project activities given in the work plan. The budget will be released to the institutions of the corresponding collaborators. The budget should be consolidated institution-wise.

Under the infrastructural facilities, details of lab space, equipment, supporting man—power, etc., which would be made available to the collaborating scientists should be mentioned. Similarly, as far as possible, existing man—power should be utilized and hiring of additional man-power should be restricted to the minimum. Personnel expenses are restricted to Masters/Post-doctoral/Doctoral positions permitting effective exchange of personnel between India and France. The fellowships will be determined by CEFIPRA as per the recommendations of the Scientific Council. Please note salaries / wages of the regular staff of the institutions where the research is to be carried out will not be paid or reimbursed by CEFIPRA. Co-funded PhDs should be encouraged wherever possible.

a) For Indian side:

Funding Support provided:

- Manpower (JRF/SRF/RA/Master students for Indian Partners)
- Recurring Expenses: includes consumables, domestic travel & miscellaneous expenses/contingencies
- International Travel
- Equipment: Minor equipment and accessories which are essential for the project with a limit of max. of 10% of total approved budget of the project (max. 20.000Euros)
- Appointment of JRF/SRF/RA/Project Associate in Indian Lab

- Salary for Indian side should be mentioned for JRF/SRF/RA/PA for the duration of the project by the Principal Collaborator. One JRF/SRF/RA/ PA can be asked by Joint Collaborator if he/she is not from the same institution of Principal Collaborator. It should be indicated separately. Co-funded PhDs should be encouraged wherever possible.
- For Indian side, the fellowship/salary applicable for JRF/SRF/RA/PA has been adopted by CEFIPRA as per DST guidelines.
- Recurring expenses: Consumables, Domestic Travel and miscellaneous expenses/contingency
- Cost of Consumables & other miscellaneous expenses are covered. The list of items to be provided in the proposal. Project related domestic travel within India will also be supported.

International Travel

Visits, for duration less than one week are not encouraged. Principal Collaborators/ Joint collaborators of the projects are not allowed to avail more than two visits without proper justification and Scientific Council's recommendation.

Support for equipment

As far as possible the equipment available in the institutions of the Principal/Joint Collaborators must be used for the project. However, any minor equipment and accessories which are essential for the project within the limit of maximum of 10% of total approved budget of the project (Max. 20.000 Euros) will be considered for support. No equipment support is provided to French side. Justification with realistic quotes has to be submitted along with the request for equipment.

b) For French side:

Funding Support provided:

Manpower: PhD/Post-Doc/Master student positions for French Partners

Recurring Expenses: includes consumables, domestic travel & miscellaneous expenses

International Travel

Appointment of PhD/Post-Doc/Master student in French Lab

For appointment of manpower at French Institutions under CEFIPRA CSRP project kindly refer to **Annexure A** of this document

International Travel

Visits, for duration of less than one week are not encouraged. Principal Collaborators/ Joint collaborators of the projects are not allowed to avail more than two visits without proper justification and Council's recommendation.

As per norms, the proposal including the budget is assessed and recommended by the Scientific Council of CEFIPRA.

Assessment & Continuation of a project after mid-term of its duration

The Principal Collaborators of the supported projects will be called for mid-term review at its mid- way to assess the progress of the project. The continuation of the project will be decided by the Council during mid-term review based on the progress made under the project. If half of the budget allocated to visits is not utilized by mid-term of a project, the unutilized budget will be forfeited unless justification is provided by the PIs of the project.

Terms for Pre-Closure of Projects

If Principal Collaborators want to pre-close a project OR Council recommends for preclosure, the guidelines to be followed are:

• If Scientific Council finds that the project is not likely to lead successful completion and is recommended for pre-closure of the project

The Scientific Council may review the progress of the project as and when required and if it is realized that the project is not leading to successful completion/any scientific & technological advancement, the Scientific Council may recommend pre-closure of the project. In that case, the unutilized funds available with the Principal Collaborators, as on date of receipt of communication regarding this from CEFIPRA, to be returned to CEFIPRA along with the interest earned from the released funds.

• Due to the exigency of one or more of the force Majeure events, CEFIPRA may pre-close the project in consultation with all the concerned collaborators and Scientific Council.

If Pre-closure of the project by Principal Collaborators due to their own specified reasons

All the Principal Collaborators are required to give justifications/reasons for pre-closure of the project in specified time manner. The Principal Collaborators are required to refund the amount released to them with interest, to CEFIPRA.

Annexure A







Guidelines for Appointment of Manpower in French Lab under CSRP and IARDP CEFIPRA Projects

(does not apply for manpower in Indian lab)

Applicable January 2025

1. Budget

The manpower included in projects funded by CEFIPRA and dedicated to PhD or post-doctorates appointed in France are considered as fellowships and candidates are eligible to the rules described in the new French law 2020-1674 of Dec 24th 2020 (Annexe 1)

1.1. CEFIPRA does not permit hiring scientists (PhD or post-doctorate) under full French contract for the full period of the project.

The budget for PhD manpower as per CEFIPRA rules:

- Is based on €1,790 per month as net fellowship (36 months, no tax applicable), with a total cost for CEFIPRA of 71.5 K€ for the 36-month fellowship including health insurance and international travel for PhD starting on 01.01.2025;
- Is based on €1,870 per month as net fellowship (36 months, no tax applicable), with a total cost for CEFIPRA of 74.0 K€ for the 36-month fellowship including health insurance and international travel for PhD starting on 01.01.2026;
- The funds are not transferred to the hosting institution but the fellowship is paid through CampusFrance. The selection of the candidate is done by Embassy of France to India (see point 2).
- For projects submitted with a manpower of 60K€ will be automatically adjusted with the budget indicated above.

Candidates can be all nationalities except French. In case of double nationality (French and another one), the candidate is not eligible. In the context of CEFIPRA, Indian candidates are preferred.







The budget for post-doctorate manpower as per CEFIPRA rules (max 72 K€ on 01/01/2025) is based on:

- 2,400€ per month as net fellowship for 12 months max (no tax applicable, total cost for CEFIPRA of 32.5 K€ for the 12-month fellowship including health insurance and international travel). These funds are not transferred to the hosting institution but the fellowship is paid through CampusFrance. The selection of the candidate is done by Embassy of France to India (see point 2).
- 2,400€ per month as net salary for 8 months max (tax applicable, total cost of 40 K€ for the 8-month salary including "prime de précarité"). These funds are transferred to the hosting institution by CEFIPRA only if the candidate for this 8-month period is the same as the fellowship of 12 months (no selection process since the candidate is the same).

In case the laureate of the 12-month post-doc fellowship is not hired through a full contract for 8 months:

- a new 12-month fellowship is possible for another candidate, based on:
- 2,400€ per month as net fellowship for 12 months max (no tax applicable, total cost for CEFIPRA of 32.5 K€ for the 12-month fellowship including health insurance and international travel). These funds are not transferred to the hosting institution but the fellowship is paid through CampusFrance. The selection of the candidate is done by Embassy of France to India (see point 2).

For projects submitted with a manpower of 60K€ will be automatically adjusted with the budget indicated above.

Candidates can be all nationalities except French. In case of double nationality (French and another one), the candidate is not eligible. In the context of CEFIPRA, Indian candidates are preferred

« Pour les doctorants mentionnés au 1° du I, la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale de trois ans. [...]. Pour les chercheurs mentionnés au 2° du même I [i.e.; post-doctorants], la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale d'un an. »

1.2. As per the new law, the selection of the candidates is performed by the Embassy of France in India. No eligibility can be considered for any candidate directly selected by the hosting institution in France. « [...] les doctorants et chercheurs étrangers doivent bénéficier d'une bourse ou de tout autre financement dédié à cette activité, accordé selon des critères scientifiques, <u>après sélection par un gouvernement étranger ou une institution étrangère ou par le ministère des affaires étrangères.</u> »







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Article 12 Chapitre IV

Doctorants et chercheurs étrangers accueillis dans le cadre d'un séjour de recherche

- [...]
- « II.-Pour pouvoir bénéficier d'un séjour de recherche, les doctorants et chercheurs étrangers doivent bénéficier d'une bourse ou de tout autre financement dédié à cette activité, accordé selon des critères scientifiques, après sélection par un gouvernement étranger ou une institution étrangère ou par le ministère des affaires étrangères.
- « Le séjour de recherche fait l'objet d'une convention entre le ou les établissements d'accueil et le doctorant ou chercheur étranger qui précise les modalités de prise en charge et d'accueil. La convention de séjour de recherche définit les règles applicables en matière de propriété intellectuelle.
- « Pour les doctorants mentionnés au 1° du I, la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale de trois ans. Elle peut être renouvelée deux fois pour une année, dans la limite de la durée du financement dont bénéficie l'étudiant étranger accueilli au titre du séjour de recherche.
- « Pour les chercheurs mentionnés au 2° du même I, la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale d'un an.







2. Selection of the candidates to be hosted by French institutions

2.1. **Steps**

- 2.1.1.After the French Institution receive the acceptance letter by CEFIPRA, the <u>French Principal</u> <u>Collaborator</u> will submit within one month the job offers to the Embassy of France in India according to the template provided by the Embassy (see Annexe 2).
- 2.1.2. The Embassy of France in India will be in charge of the advertisement of the job offer (one month). The French Institution is welcome to repost the job offer.
- 2.1.3. Candidates should provide
- A cover letter (reasons for the candidature, professional project ...) max 2 pages
- A copy of the master's degree or a proof of the program followed (and expected date of end) OR A copy of the PhD degree or a proof of the PhD program followed (and expected date of defense) max 1 page
- A copy of results for previous scholarship max 3 pages
- International curriculum vitae max 2 pages
- Two letters of recommendation: one from any Indian institution and one from the **French Principal Collaborator** (mandatory) max 2 pages
- All should be submitted within 1 pdf file of no more than 10 pages. Submission are to be done to the email address as indicated in the job offer.
- 2.1.4. Selection is made by a dedicated selection committee of 4 members (2 members from the Embassy of France in India and 2 external scientists). Decisions will be transmitted to CEFIPRA. No consideration will be given for candidates with no recommendation letter from the French institution.

2.2. Eligibility criteria of the applicants

- 2.2.1.Applicants for PhD must have a master's degree (or be in the process of obtaining one) or have a University degree equivalent to a European Master's (5-year duration) to be eligible at the time of the deadline of the call;
- 2.2.2.Applicants for post-doctorate must have a PhD degree (or be in the process of obtaining one)
- 2.2.3. Applicants must declare to be available to start the programme on schedule.
- 2.2.4. Only Indian candidates are eligible.

2.3. Criteria for applicants' selection

- 2.3.1. Academic excellence: Excellence of the Academic background, Academic records, Honors, Letters of support, Participation to international research projects, Exchange programmes and Conferences.
- 2.3.2. Motivation and qualities: Academic maturity (appropriation of the thesis project) Maturity of the professional project (capacity to project her/himself within five years in terms of career development)







3. Start of the fellowship

- 3.1. After the publication of the selection results, the fellowship for selected Indian PhD or post-doctorate will be managed by CEFIPRA through CAMPUS FRANCE.
- 3.2. For processing visa and fellowship through CAMPUS FRANCE, the following documents has to be **produced by French Principal Collaborator**.
 - 3.2.1. Convention de séjour de Recherche / Convention d'acceuil which should be signed by the institute of the French Principal Collaborator. The hosting agreement must be sent by the host institution to the beneficiary.

(The model is the https://cache.media.education.gouv.fr/file/19/30/9/ensup381 annexe2 1426309.pdf)

- 3.2.2.CV of the candidate as submitted to the selection committee
- 3.2.3. Passport size photograph of the candidate (e-version)
- 3.2.4. Copy of first & last pages of passport
- 3.2.5. Master or PhD certificate
- 3.2.6. Attestation of selection as established by the Embassy of France in India.
- 3.3. The originals of the "Convention de séjour de Recherche / Convention d'acceuil from the Host Institution in France" should be sent to the PhD student/Post-Doc for processing visa.
- 3.4. The scanned copies of the Convention de séjour de Recherche / Convention d'acceuil should be sent to CEFIPRA for processing his/ her fellowship through Campus France.
- 3.5. Visa Procedure

The selected candidate, if Indian, must mandatorily complete the "Etudes en France (EeF)" application procedure (also called Campus France procedure) prior to applying for the French visa. Please contact your nearest Campus France office https://www.inde.campusfrance.org/campus-france-office-near-you. Due to the high number of applications received by the consular offices and to avoid any last minute hassle, you are requested to immediately start with your visa procedure and collect the documents required. You can visit France visas website https://france-visas_gouv.fr/web/france-visas_fordetailed visa procedure and list of documents.

As a scholarship holder, you are exempted from paying the visa fee or the Etudes en France fee. <u>However, you will be required to pay the VFS service fee, as applicable.</u>

3.6. CEFIPRA will book tickets and send a visa recommendation letter addressed to the French consulate for the candidate visa gratis. The original **Convention de séjour de Recherche / Convention d'acceuil** along with a French Visa affixed on the passport will be carried by him/her to France.







- 3.7. The fellowship, travel, university fee, carte de séjour and Campus France management fee which are paid directly by CEFIPRA will be accommodated under the manpower head of the French budget of the projects and the expenses related to "contribution vie étudiante et de campus (CVEC) and registration fee under health scheme will be supported additionally within the total approved budget of the project.
- 3.8. Registration to social security is free and mandatory for all students in France. Students will have to take care of their individual registration to health insurance (**sécurité sociale**) according to https://www.campusfrance.org/en/registering-to-social-security. An additional health insurance (mutuelle étudiante) is highly recommended.

4. Transfer of funds from CEFIPRA to the French institution

- 4.1. No funds from CEFIPRA to the French institution will be transferred for the fellowship, travel, university fee, carte de séjour and Campus France management fee which are paid directly by CEFIPRA will be accommodated under the manpower head of French budget of the projects.
- 4.2. For the salary of post-doctorates (after 1 year of fellowship), recurring, equipments or any other expenses as defined in the project and as agreed in SC or IRC, a convention will be signed between CEFIPRA and the French institution.







Annexe I: LPR du 24 Décembre 2020

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/article_jo/JORFARTI000042738044

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- «Chapitre IV »
- « Doctorants et chercheurs étrangers accueillis dans le cadre d'un séjour de recherche »
- « Art. L. 434-1.-I.-Les établissements publics d'enseignement supérieur, les établissements publics à caractère scientifique et technologique, les autres établissements publics dont les statuts prévoient une mission de recherche mentionnés à l'article L. 112-6, les établissements publics à caractère industriel et commercial, les établissements relevant de l'article L. 732-1 du code de l'éducation dans le cadre de leurs activités de recherche et les fondations reconnues d'utilité publique ayant pour activité principale la recherche publique au sens de l'article L. 112-1 du présent code peuvent accueillir dans le cadre d'un séjour de recherche :
- « 1° Des étudiants de nationalité étrangère inscrits dans un établissement d'enseignement supérieur soit en France, soit à l'étranger, dans le cadre de la préparation du doctorat ;
- « 2° Des chercheurs de nationalité étrangère, titulaires d'un diplôme de doctorat.
- « Le séjour de recherche a pour objet de participer à une formation à la recherche et par la recherche, de concourir à une activité de recherche ou de développement technologique, au sein d'un établissement d'accueil. Cette activité peut être complétée par une activité d'enseignement.
- « II.-Pour pouvoir bénéficier d'un séjour de recherche, les doctorants et chercheurs étrangers doivent bénéficier d'une bourse ou de tout autre financement dédié à cette activité, accordé selon des critères scientifiques, après sélection par un gouvernement étranger ou une institution étrangère ou par le ministère des affaires étrangères.
- « Le séjour de recherche fait l'objet d'une convention entre le ou les établissements d'accueil et le doctorant ou chercheur étranger qui précise les modalités de prise en charge et d'accueil. La convention de séjour de recherche définit les règles applicables en matière de propriété intellectuelle.
- « Pour les doctorants mentionnés au 1° du I, la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale de trois ans. Elle peut être renouvelée deux fois pour une année, dans la limite de la durée du financement dont bénéficie l'étudiant étranger accueilli au titre du séjour de recherche.
- « Pour les chercheurs mentionnés au 2° du même I, la convention est conclue pour une durée maximale d'un an.
- « III.-L'établissement d'accueil peut décider de verser un complément de financement afin de contribuer aux frais du séjour du doctorant ou du chercheur étranger, dans la limite de 50 % du plafond annuel mentionné à l'article L. 241-3 du code de la sécurité sociale. Le financement dédié à cette activité et le complément éventuel versé par l'établissement d'accueil n'ont pas le caractère d'un salaire au sens de l'article L. 3221-3 du code du travail.
- « La convention de séjour de recherche mentionnée au II du présent article définit, le cas échéant, les modalités de versement du complément de financement.
- « L'établissement d'accueil vérifie que le doctorant ou le chercheur étranger bénéficie d'une couverture de droit commun ou d'une couverture équivalente en matière de maladie, d'accident et respecte les règles applicables en matière de responsabilité civile. »







Annexe 2 : Template for job offer

[this document to be completed by the French institution and sent by word to msi@ifindia.in]

Job offer – PhD / Post-doctorate in

[indicate here the topic of the job offer] (For non-French scientists only)

Research Project Short Title as Submitted to CEFIPRA: "XXXXXXXXXX" Principal Investigator contact (Name and email id): "XXXXXXXXXX" Reference Number of the Job Offer: [to be completed by the French Institute in India]

Project description [to be completed]

- Keywords (6)
- Context (150 words max.)
- Abstract of the Research Project (300 words max.)
- Scientific Objectives of the Project (200 words max.)
- Methodology and Timeline of the Project (300 words max.)

Candidate profile

- Candidates can be all nationalities except French. In case of double nationality (French and another one), the candidate is not eligible. In the context of CEFIPRA, Indian candidates are preferred
- Applicants for PhD must have a master's degree (or be in the process of obtaining one) or have a University degree equivalent to a European Master's (5-year duration) to be eligible at the time of the deadline of the call [keep for PhD job offer only]
- Applicants for post-doctorate must have a PhD degree (or be in the process of obtaining one); [keep for PhD job offer only]
- No competences in French language is required
- Candidate competences [to be completed]
- Candidate know-how [to be completed]
- Expected starting date: XX-XX-XXXX
- Expected duration: XX months

How to candidate?

Documents to be provided:

- i. A cover letter (reasons for the candidature, professional project ...) max 2 pages
- ii. A copy of the master's degree or a proof of the program followed (and expected date of end) OR A copy of the PhD degree or a proof of the PhD program followed (and expected date of defense) max 1 page
- iii. A copy of results for previous scholarship (max 3 pages)
- iv. International curriculum vitae (max 2 pages)
- v. Two letters of recommendation: one from any Indian institution and one from the French institution planned to host the candidate –mandatory- (max 2 pages)
- vi. All should be submitted within 1 pdf file of no more than 10 pages.

Applications should be submitted to the following email address: msi@ifindia.in mentioning the reference number of the Job offer clearly.







Research Project Title as Submitted to CEFIPRA: "XXXXXXXXXXXXX"

Candidates are requested to contact the French scientific principal investigator of the project before submission. A recommendation letter from the scientific principal investigator is mandatory.

Benefits:

- Monthly allowance of 1710 euros for PhD and 2400 euros for Post-Doc
- Travel allowance
- University fee
- Carte de séjour fee
- Campus France management fee
- Registration to the French social security scheme

Selection process:

Selection is made by a dedicated selection committee of at least 4 persons. Decisions will be transmitted by the Embassy of France to CEFIPRA. No consideration will be given for candidates with no recommendation letter from the French institution.

Criteria for applicants' selection:

Academic excellence

 Excellence of the Academic background, Academic records, Honors, Letters of support, Participation to international research projects, exchange programmes and conferences.

Motivation and qualities

Academic maturity: appropriation of the thesis project (stakes and contexts)
Quality of the presentation (oral expression, skills for synthesis, English level)
Maturity of the professional project: capacity to project her/himself within five years in terms of career development.

About CEFIPRA:

Indo-French Center for the Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA/IFCPAR) is an Indian body which promotes scientific cooperation between France and India in advanced fields of Science and Technology. It is supported by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French government