

Transatlantic Research Partnership

Application Guidelines 2023

1. General Information

The Transatlantic Research Partnership aims to encourage **innovative research and new collaborations, with a view to supporting projects involving researchers at the beginning of their career.**

Created by the Embassy of France in the United States and the FACE Foundation, the Transatlantic Research Partnership **fosters forward-looking collaborative research that addresses pressing global challenges.** To this end, the program will support **projects related to one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).** Responsible research and development, socially aware projects aimed at producing meaningful transformations while advancing peer-reviewed foundations for subsequent generations of scholars are all encouraged to apply. The SDG framework offers a broad set of priorities and applicants are expected to clearly demonstrate how their scientific efforts fall into this theme.

The full list of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals is available here:

[THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development \(un.org\)](https://un.org/sustainabledevelopment)

2. Applications are accepted in the three following fields:

- **Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**
- **Science for Society (interdisciplinary STEM-HSS projects)**

3. Eligible beneficiaries

The Fund considers projects **jointly submitted by two scientists at the beginning of their careers.**

- On the American side, researchers at the post-doctorate level, assistant or associate professors at a university in the United States are eligible.
- On the French side, researchers at the post-doctorate level, maîtres de conférences and chargés de recherche at a French institution of higher education and research are eligible.

- Given individual career paths, other statuses can be considered as long as the researchers are still at the beginning of their career (less than 15 years after obtaining their PhD).

US or French citizenship is not required. Applicants must provide proof that they are employed at either the US or French institution for at least the duration of the partnership, i.e. 2 years.

Senior researchers may be included as team members but not as project leaders.

PhD candidates are not eligible as project leaders, However, the participation of PhD students in projects is an important criterion in the selection process.

Additional partner institutions may be added to the project proposal, but these additional partners will not receive any funding from the Transatlantic Research Partnership. Only the research or higher education institutions of the project leaders will receive funding.

4. Funding

Selected projects will receive a \$20,000 grant, to be shared equally between the French and the American partners over 2 years.

All award funds will be wired **in U.S. dollar** to the grantees' institutions and will be managed by the appropriate financial manager.

The grant will be allocated **in one installment** to each partner to be used over the two-year grant period.

5. Eligible costs

The funds are to be used specifically to support the research partnership submitted to the Transatlantic Research Partnership. The grant will cover:

Type of expenses	Maximum amount
Travel expenses between France and the US	1,500\$ per flight (round trip),
Accommodation costs and living expenses in the partner countries	Short mobility (<15 days) : \$ 200\$ per day Long mobility (>15 days) : \$ 130\$ per day
Other expenses: Organizational costs of joint conferences (logistics, meals, venue rental...) Publications costs Dissemination costs (international conference...) Costs for additional partners (work meetings, ...) Travel/accommodation/ living costs for project purposes in 3 rd country	The total cost of other expenses should not exceed 40% of the total grant for both partners (i.e. \$8,000 for a grant of \$20,000).

Project leaders are encouraged to obtain « in kind » and/or « in cash » co-funding from their institutions or other sources of funding to cover all other types of expenses necessary to the successful implementation of the joint research project. Grants are not allocated to individuals, but to **institutions**. It means that if one of the PIs changes their position to a different institution, they will have to find a colleague in the initial institution to replace them as PI, and the grant cannot be transferred to a new institution.

No general overhead or administrative costs can be covered by the Transatlantic Research Partnership.

Grants cannot be used to purchase equipment, or to pay for release time for faculty.

Besides, grants cannot be used to pay salaries or stipends, or to cover everyday living expenses that would be incurred regardless of the project. It may be used for living expenses necessary for project-related travel.

6. Intellectual property and acknowledgement of sponsorship

The FACE Foundation / Transatlantic Research Partnership does not manage intellectual property between institutions.

Publications of any kind resulting from the joint project will explicitly mention the support granted by the Transatlantic Research Partnership with the following sentence: "This material is based upon research supported by the Transatlantic Research Partnership of the Embassy of France in the United States and the FACE Foundation."

7. Proposal submission

The project leaders must download available templates (application form, budget template, letter of intent) on the website: TO BE ADDED

The complete application must include the following documents:

1. The **application form completed in English**.
If necessary, an annex of maximum ONE page can be added to show a graphic representation or a bibliography to complete the project proposal.
2. The **filled-out budget** template.
3. **Two letters of intent** (LOI), signed by the President, Chancellor, Provost, Head of Department, Head of Laboratory, Head of the International Relations Office, Head of the Contracts & Grants Office, **or** any comparable representative: one for each institution.
This letter can be either in French or in English; a translation is not necessary.
This letter cannot be signed by the project leaders themselves, even if they are Head of Laboratory or Head of Department.
4. **One curriculum vitae** in English of each of the project leaders, stating their current affiliations, with no pictures (each CV shall not exceed TWO pages).

The complete application should be sent by one of the partners to:

Transatlanticresearchpartnership@frenchculture.org

Project proposals are to be submitted **by February 24, 2023**.

The 6 documents must be merged in ONE PDF file and sent in ONE e-mail only, in the following order:

- **APPLICATION**
- **BUDGET**

- CV American partner
- CV French partner
- LOI American partner
- LOI French partner

Please include the American and the French project leaders' last names in the title of the file.
 Example: **“APPLICATION_SMITH_MARTIN.pdf”**

Once submitted, the application cannot be changed.

Researchers may submit a maximum of **ONE application per funding cycle**.

8. Evaluation

Joint applications will be reviewed and evaluated by independent experts.

Then, a Franco-American grant review committee will gather in June 2023 to proceed to the final selection of grantees on the basis of the scientific evaluations made by the independent experts.

The criteria considered for evaluation are:

Scientific Excellence of the project:	Quality and Skills of the Teams Involved:	Expected Impact and Project Soundness:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific / technological quality of the project • Originality of the topic • Degree of innovation in the methods applied • Quality and effectiveness in the implementation of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific excellence of teams • Complementarity and balance of the teams' level of expertise • Involvement of students in the teams (a special attention will be paid to the participation of PhD students in mobilities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term scientific impact of the collaboration • Is the project financially sound? • Expected dissemination and exploitation of the results • Potential institutional impact of the project

Jury members will also be committed to gender parity. An equal number of male and female participants by project is required, and projects led by at least one woman are strongly encouraged.

9. Project implementation and reporting

Following the announcement of the final decision to successful applicants in July 2023, the respective universities of the grantees will sign an agreement with the FACE Foundation.

The two project leaders will be responsible for the scientific, technical, and administrative management and coordination of the project.

Selected projects will be launched in **summer 2023, so the activities can start in September/October 2023.**

Selected projects will be **reviewed twice:**

- **At the end of the first year** with an intermediary progress report to confirm both scientific and financial integrity,
- **At the end of the second year** with a progress report final activity and financial reports.

The template of the **progress and financial reports** will be provided by the Transatlantic Research Partnership team to ensure the comparability of information. It will have to be **jointly** filled by the two project leaders. **Complete tracking of all expenditures** from the Transatlantic Research Partnership grant are expected as part of the progress report and final report. The reports should highlight the main results and outputs of the projects as well as any problems that have arisen and how they have been solved.

The reported financial activities must be in US dollars in the report, including the French institution financial report and use the exchange rate of the day of the grant transfer for both the first and second year reports.

In case of any significant changes in the work program, the project leaders must inform Transatlantic Research Partnership team, who will discuss with them the proper action to be taken before starting a new activity.

Projects must be completed **within two years of their initiation.**

Application deadline: February 24, 2023

All files must be received **by February 24, 2023**. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered for funding/be submitted for evaluation.

Indicative Calendar:

- Selection of 2023 grantees: Expected in June 2023
- Estimated official announcement of the 2023 grantees: July 2023
- Estimated launch of the selected projects (agreements): summer 2023
- Estimated launch of the activities: September/October 2023

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