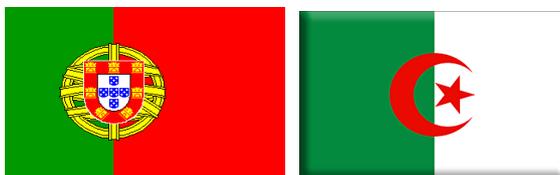


Portugal-Algeria Scientific Cooperation



Under the framework of the Portugal-Algeria inter-governmental Memorandum on cooperation in the fields of science and technology signed in 2014, a collaboration program is agreed for the years 2015 to 2017.

This program aims at strengthening the relations between Portugal and Algeria to pave the way for long-term scientific cooperation.

Portugal-Algeria

1st Joint CALL for bilateral research projects

We are pleased to announce the joint call for research project proposals between Portugal and Algerian scientists / researchers, and invite all local scientists / researchers wishing to participate, to submit their proposals.

The coordination of the program's activities and its piloting is placed under the responsibility of two focal points: **Thematic Agency of Research in Sciences and Technology** for the Algerian part, and **Foundation for Science and Technology** for the Portuguese part.

Fields of interest:

The proposals have to join one of the following disciplinary fields:

- **Nanosciences and Nanotechnology**
- **Oncology**
- **Seismology**

Who may apply?

An application must designate two principal investigators, one in Portugal and the other in Algeria, who will bear the main responsibility for the project, including its technical and administrative coordination as well as scientific and financial reporting.

Portugal: Portuguese eligible entities: Institutions of higher education, their Institutes and R&D Centers, Associated Laboratories, State Laboratories, Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities, Companies, other public and private not-for profit organizations which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

Algeria: This call is open to all researchers in Algeria working in Universities, Academic Institutes and National Research Centers.

Financial support

The projects are registered in the framework of the bilateral cooperation between Algeria and Portugal, and will be eligible for a co-financing granted by both parts.

The part of the financing dedicated to the bilateral mobility will be used as follows:

The Portuguese team expenditure costs are supported by Portugal (FCT) and the costs of the Algerian team are supported by Algeria. The Portuguese institutions must follow the [National regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects.](#)

Portugal Eligible costs:

Direct cost and Indirect cost. All types of research are eligible for funding, except "Market Studies"

For scientists funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, the funding is limited to:

Mobility:

For national scientists

a) travelling to non-EU countries

- Flights: economy class flight
- Visa costs
- Transfer to and from the airport (train ride 2nd class / public transport)
- Living expenses in a non-EU country will be covered by the Portuguese scientists

b) travelling within Europe MS and AS the national rules will be applied:

- European flights: economy class flight
- Train tickets: 2nd class
- Transfer to and from the airport (train ride 2nd class / public transport)
- Living expenses in European MS and AS
- Hotel costs: 3 stars hotel

For foreign scientists travelling to Portugal

- when visiting Portugal, living expenses must be paid by foreigner partner scientists. The costs for the event organisation (room rent + catering) should be allocated to the applicant partner budget from the hosting country.

Equipment:

Equipment and small equipment (no basics) will be covered: if its project related need is clearly demonstrated.

Consumables:

Consumables will be covered: if their project related needs are clearly demonstrated

Personnel:

Human resources dedicated to SR&TD activities, including costs of grant recipients and fixed-term contracts. The funding of grants shall comply with the norms for the award of grants in SR&TD projects for the projects mentioned in Article 1, no. 3, paragraph a) and with the norms for the award of grants in SR&TD projects for the projects mentioned in Article 1, no. 3, paragraph b);

[Regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects.](#)

Note: Portuguese teams need to send a Statement of Commitment to the FCT National Contact Point, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organisation and by the Principal Investigator available on FCT website.

The total budget granted to the call rises to 50 000 000 DA for the Algerian part and to 300.000 € for the Portuguese part.

The project managers are invited to be aware with the “Nomenclature of expense items within the framework of the National Funds for Scientific Research and Technological Development” for the Algerian part and the National rules for Foundation of Science and Technology for the Portuguese part.

The financing acquired in the present call is not aimed at covering all project’s cost. The participation of partner institutions is deeply encouraged. The duration of the program is three (03) years and can’t be extended.

The financings are granted on an annual basis.

Every year, a status report, the detailed program and an argued request of financing for the next year must be presented for an evaluation by the mixed committee. At the end of the third year, a final report and a synthesis are required.

How to apply?

Portugal: Application forms for Portuguese applicants may be downloaded electronically the form template from the FCT website, and:

- Each portuguese organisations has to **submit a Declaração de Compromisso** (duly signed, dated and stamped by the Principal Investigator as well as by the responsible for the RTDI Unit), [FCT responsible person](#), by e-mail.

Each Portuguese institution needs to contact FCT, by e-mail.

Algeria: Application forms for Algerian applicants may be downloaded from the website of the Thematic Agency of Research in Sciences and Technology (www.atrst.dz). One complete electronic version must be sent to: jointcall@atrst.dz

An original of all documents filed electronically, including original signatures, shall be sent to: "Agence Thématique de Recherche en Sciences et Technologie. Avenue Pasteur, ENSA Ex INA, Belfort, B.P 62- Hacene Badi, El Harrach, Alger".

Only applications forwarded through the designated authority of the Center/Institute/ University/ Laboratory will be accepted. A compulsory soft copy and scanned signature page application must be submitted to:

Deadlines:

Application Open date: **15 January 2015**

Application Closing Date: **01 March 2015**

Evaluation Process results: **15 Mai 2015**

Projects Kickoff date: **01 September 2015**