

PAMOJA 2026 PROGRAM

France and Kenya want to strengthen their cooperation activities in higher education and research. On 5 May 2015, the two countries signed the 'PAMOJA' Hubert Curien partnership, which was renewed on 6 October 2021 to cover the period 2021-2026.

It is implemented in Kenya by the Ministry of Education through the National Research Fund (NRF), and in France by the Ministries of Europe and Foreign Affairs and Higher Education and Research. Calls for applications for this programme are issued every two years.

Deadline for applications for the sixth edition of the 'PAMOJA' programme: Monday 15 September 2025.

Important: this page contains information specific to this programme. For information common to all Hubert Curien partnerships managed by Campus France (presentation, selection criteria, contacts, etc.), please refer to the general presentation page.

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Types of projects concerned

The general objectives of the Hubert Curien 'PAMOJA' partnership are :

- To support and encourage scientific and technological cooperation between French and Kenyan researchers within public institutions;
- To particularly encourage the establishment of new links and partnerships as well as the development of innovative ideas of excellence and capacity building among young researchers;
- Promote exchanges between researchers by encouraging mobility between the two countries;
- Develop synergies between the two scientific communities to create a sustainable network;
- Strengthen links between research and industry (public and private).

Research and innovation projects in the following areas are eligible:

- Matter sciences and nanotechnologies ;
- Engineering sciences and new production technologies;
- Biotechnologies and biological sciences (including health, agriculture and biomathematics);
- Space sciences and techniques;
- Energy technology training, engineering sciences and mathematics;
- Telecommunications, electronics and computer technologies;

- Techniques of indigenous knowledge and natural products;
- Environmental sciences;
- Social sciences, humanities and social sciences;
- Engineering sciences and the built environment.

Project eligibility conditions

Each project is carried out by two scientific teams, one in France and the other in Kenya. **The projects are led by two coordinators (one from each country, belonging to a public scientific body)**, who are responsible for the scientific, technical and administrative coordination of the project and for drawing up the annual scientific and financial reports (see 'Project monitoring' section).

France: the French scientific team may be made up of researchers from research laboratories attached to higher education establishments, research organisations or companies.

Kenya: the Kenyan scientific team can be made up of researchers working and living in Kenya, attached to an institution authorised by the State to carry out higher education and research activities, including technical and vocational training institutions (TVET).

Only applications explicitly approved by the organisations responsible for the partner teams will be accepted.

Projects that have already received support under this programme are not eligible for a new application immediately after their completion. In all cases, priority will be given to new collaborations.

Only **applications co-submitted** by the partner researchers to the authorities responsible for the programme in their respective countries will be declared admissible. French researchers must check this with their Kenyan partner.

Project selection criteria and process

Projects will be evaluated jointly by two teams of scientific experts, one French and the other Kenyan, on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific and technical quality ;
- Feasibility ;
- Methodology;
- Interest in the international context;
- Alignment with national priorities;
- Participation of doctoral students and young researchers.

Particular emphasis will be placed on capacity building and the training of young researchers. Priority will be given to projects involving new collaborations.

On the Kenyan side, the NRF will be responsible for the scientific evaluation of the applications. On the French side, the Délégation aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research will be responsible for the scientific evaluation of the applications.

The final funding decision will be taken jointly by the French and Kenyan authorities on the basis of the scientific evaluations.

Project duration, funding arrangements and reporting

The duration of the projects is two years.

The maximum amount of funding is €23,000 per project over two years. Eligible expenses are described in the following section.

For the French part, the budget is allocated on an annual basis. The budget allocated for each year of the project must be used between 1st January and 31st December of the year in question and cannot be carried over to the following year.

Renewal of funding for a second year is subject to :

- Optimum use of the funding granted for the first year.
- Submission of a progress report outlining the scientific results obtained (1 page in free format) and the visits carried out or planned before the end of the current year (or calendar year), written jointly in English by the two project coordinators, French and Kenyan.
- A financial report on the actions carried out or planned before the end of the calendar year.

The progress report and financial statement must be sent before 15 November of the 1st year to the French embassy in Nairobi (see contact details for the programme below).

For the Kenyan part, the funds are granted for two consecutive budget years. They must be used between 1st July and 30th June of the budget year in question and cannot be carried over to the following year. For the Kenyan side, the progress report and the associated financial statement must be sent to the NRF before 15th May of the 1st year.

Final report :

A final scientific and financial report is required no later than three months after the end of the projects. It will be written in French and English by the French and Kenyan coordinators.

French project coordinators must use the downloadable report template and attach it to their online application within three months of the end of the projects. This report must be sent in electronic format to the French Embassy in Nairobi (see 'programme contacts' section).

Kenyan project leaders must use the report template available on the NRF website and send it in hard copy and electronically to the NRF (see 'programme contacts' section).

Eligible expenses

Only expenditure relating to the cost of travel (international flights, accommodation, allowances and local travel) for researchers involved in the selected projects is eligible.

Any other funding required to implement the projects must be provided by the partner laboratories' own resources or by other sources. The search for private funding is encouraged.

The maximum funding of 23,000 euros per project must be used as follows:

- **French part:** a maximum of 5,000 euros per year to finance the mobility of researchers from the French scientific team to Kenya,
- **Kenyan part:** a maximum of 6,500 euros per year to finance the mobility of researchers from the Kenyan scientific team to France.

Funding from the French government will cover only the costs of the French scientific team's mission to Kenya:

- Transport costs for two French researchers per year (one junior researcher per year and one senior researcher per year) travelling to Kenya according to the scale indicated in the attached table;
- Per diem for one junior researcher for a stay of a maximum of 30 consecutive days per year and for one senior researcher for a stay of a maximum of 15 consecutive days per year according to the scale indicated in the attached table.

Funding from the Kenyan government will cover only the costs of the Kenyan scientific team's mission to France:

- Transport costs for two Kenyan researchers per year travelling to France (one junior researcher per year and one senior researcher per year) according to the scale indicated in the attached table;
- Per diem for one junior researcher for a stay of a maximum of 30 consecutive days per year and for one senior researcher for a stay of a maximum of 15 consecutive days per year, according to the scale in force.

SÉJOUR(S)				
Statut concerné	Montant des per diem	Pays financeur	Pays de départ / pays d'arrivée	Complément d'information
Chercheur de l'équipe kényane (senior)	Selon le barème en vigueur	Kenya	Kenya → France	1 visite courte (15 jours maximum) par an
Doctorant et post-doctorant de l'équipe kényane (junior)	Selon le barème en vigueur	Kenya	Kenya → France	1 séjour long (30 jours maximum) par an
Chercheur de l'équipe française	125 euros / jour	France	France → Kenya	1 visite courte (15 jours maximum) par an
Doctorant et post-doctorant de l'équipe française (junior)	52 euros / jour	France	France → Kenya	1 séjour long (30 jours maximum) par an
VOYAGE(S) A/R				
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Chercheur de l'équipe française	1 200 €	France	France → Kenya	
Chercheur de l'équipe kényane	160000 Ksh	Kenya	Kenya → France	

Intellectual property and credit to funders

Project leaders are responsible for taking all necessary steps to protect intellectual property.

Projects submitted to this AO may be examined under the PPST (Protection of Scientific and Technical Potential and Economic Intelligence). For more information on this scheme: <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid27031/protection-du-potentiel-scientifique-et-technique-et-intelligence-economique-p.p.s.t.html>

Any communication or publication related to funded projects must mention the support of the Kenyan NRF, the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

Practical procedures for submitting a project

For the French side, applications must be submitted via the Campus France extranet. Details of how to apply can be found at this link: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/phc-candidater>

Before requesting any information, please consult the 'FAQ and contact' page for the most frequently asked questions.

- Deadline for co-submission of applications: **Monday 15 September 2025**
- Selection committee date: **November 2025**
- Publication of results on the Campus France extranet <http://chercheurs.campusfrance.org>: **December 2025**
- Start of projects: **February 2026**

Project sponsors are invited to submit their applications early to avoid technical problems that could compromise the timely submission of their applications.

Applications may be submitted in French or English.

In Kenya, applicants must submit their project through the NRF's online grants management system .

Managing mobility (French part)

For each mobility, the French project leader must fill in a commitment form and send the complete file at least three weeks before the researcher's departure, to the e-mail address on the back of each commitment form or, failing that, by post to :

Campus France

PHC Management

28 rue de la Grange-aux-Belles

75010 Paris, France

For each researcher mobility, the French project leader must also send a copy of the commitment form to the French Embassy in Nairobi.

Contacts for the programme

For the French part

- For programme monitoring and relations with the Kenyan partner

Attaché for Science and Higher Education

French Embassy to Kenya

Peponi Gardens, off Peponi Road

P.O. Box 41784 Nairobi

Generic address: cooperation.nairobi@diplomatie.gouv.fr

- For the management of the call for proposals

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For the Kenyan part

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Nairobi

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Website: <https://www.nrf.go.ke/>