

Associate Teams with Taiwan (2020 – 2022) 2020 Specific Call for proposals

1. Program goals

In the framework of the MoU signed between Inria and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan-MOST, and in order to promote and develop collaborations between France and Taiwan by supporting research projects of high scientific quality, the European and International Partnerships Department (EIPD) of Inria and MOST launch a specific call for the support of joint projects.

The two partners jointly define a scientific objective with a clear added value for each of them, a research plan and a program for bilateral exchanges.

2. Proposal of a new Associate Team, selection process and continuation

Submission

Each project must be submitted separately to Inria and to MOST.

An “Associate Team with Taiwan” proposal must be submitted by the French PI via the dedicated Web site at: <https://drisi.inria.fr/eaEquipeAssociee/new>

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated by the COST-GTRI¹ according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence of the project (motivation of the general problems, identification of the main challenges, intended approaches/methodologies/ techniques)
- Balanced participation of researchers from various carrier stages and contribution to fostering young researchers' participation.



- Relevance and consistency of the mobility and work program
- Expected results and impact of the joint project for each partner (mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise)

Based on this evaluation by the COST-GTRI and the program goals and priorities, the EIPD proposes a selection of "Associate Teams with Taiwan" to Inria executive management, which makes the final selection, after consultation with the MOST.

¹ Scientific Committee in charge of project evaluations.

3. Funding

An "Associate teams with Taiwan" is created for a period of three years and is awarded a grant of maximum 20 000 €/year for three years (10 000€ provided by Inria and the same amount granted by MOST).

The Associate Team budget is dedicated to:

- exchanges of researchers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, PhD students and interns between France and Taiwan;
- the organization of joint workshops/ working meetings

4. Year to year continuation

An Associate Team is created for a period of 3 years and progress is monitored on a yearly basis by Inria's EIPD. For that purpose, each Associate Team's French coordinator must create and update a dedicated website, properly referenced from his Inria Project-team website. The Associate Team's web site presents the partners, scientific objectives, work program and accounts for the activities, exchanges, technological developments, joint publications and cosupervised PhD students and researcher generated by the team. A short report must be submitted annually that describes the progress of the work and requests a budget for the following year.

5. Evaluation and renewal

At the end of the third year, the coordinator writes the final report of the Associate Team's activities and results.

The Associate Teams coordinators can ask once for the renewal of the Associate Team for an additional three years period. The application process is similar to the proposal for a new Associate



Team, except that a clear positioning of the scientific goal with that of the initial associate team is expected. The proposal is evaluated under the same criteria. An Associate Team can be renewed only once for a cycle of three years.

The French coordinator of a non-renewed Associate Team wishing to continue its activities can submit a declaration of "Inria International Partner". This declaration identifies the collaboration as a quality partnership. There is no specific timetable for the submission of an "Inria International Partner." Declarations can be made throughout the year following International Relations Liaison Officers' recommendations in each research center. Such declaration has to be sent to (thomas.amand@inria.fr).

6. Important dates

For the 2020 call, submission deadline is **September 25 , 2019**.

The general timetable is as follows:

- **June 26, 2019**: publication of the call
- **September 25, 2019**: deadline for submission of joint proposals
- **November-December, 2019**: national evaluations and Selection Committee
- **End of January, 2020**: notification of grants and publication of results