As part of its cooperation agreements with funding agencies and foreign research bodies, the CNRS funds joint research projects (PRCs) enabling two research teams to work together. Young researchers are strongly encouraged to participate in these PRCs.

What is a PRC?
A PRC is a research project carried out jointly by two researchers, one affiliated to a CNRS laboratory and the other to a foreign research partner laboratory. The PRC is assessed and selected jointly by the CNRS and the partner organization following a joint call for proposals.

How long does a PRC last?
The duration of a PRC varies according to the calls for proposals, and is generally of two to three years, not renewable.

Who can submit a PRC proposal?
In France, CNRS researchers, academics and researchers from other research organizations working in a CNRS research unit. Abroad, researchers and academics from an eligible research organization or university.

How and when to submit a proposal?
A call for proposals is published annually with each one of the partners. The opening and closing dates vary according to the countries which are concerned. The foreign partner must simultaneously file an application with their supervisory organization. A consolidated provisional budget must be provided with the scientific project.

How are the proposals evaluated?
Scientific assessment is carried out by peer review simultaneously in each country, by the CNRS and its partner organization. At the CNRS, the assessment is coordinated by the scientific Institutes. Projects are selected jointly.

How is a PRC funded?
Funding is provided by the CNRS and its partner. In the case of the CNRS, funding normally covers «additional international costs», i.e. assignments, meeting expenses, operating costs and small equipment. We recommend checking the funding conditions for each call for proposals.

A scientific and financial annual report is required each year of the PRC.

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