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ECO-RESPONSIBILITY

With global climate issues in mind, the I-SITE MUSE wishes to voluntarily apply the principle of carbon compensation for the mobilities it supports:

- By inviting beneficiaries to reduce their impact;
- By favoring, when possible, less polluting transportation modes (i.e. rail versus air);
- By directly supporting carbon offsetting actions up to the amount of the greenhouse gas production balances linked to Explore mobility programs.

SUPPORT

Funding for EXPLORE#3 call amounts to 440K€, 50K€ of which are dedicated to the support scheme for Master level students’ mobility.

It originates from I-SITE MUSE contributions and University of Montpellier, CIRAD and IRD own funding.

In the last quarter of 2020, an Explore #4 call-for-mobility program will be published for mobility stays that may take place in 2021 and up till 30 June 2022.

Please bear in mind that MUSE calls-for-projects request the promotion of gender parity and equality.

#1 SUPPORT FOR INCOMING OR OUTGOING INDIVIDUAL MOBILITY STAYS to explore new international collaborative projects (page 4)

#2 SUPPORT FOR OUTGOING COLLECTIVE MOBILITY STAYS (pedagogical, academic and/or scientific) collaborations (page 4)

#3 SUPPORT FOR OUTGOING MOBILITY STAYS FOR STUDENTS to discover a new country and a new culture while enriching their scientific knowledge (page 5)

EXISTING PLATFORMS OF MUSE MEMBERS THAT ARE ACTIVE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Platforms in partnership for research and training worldwide (dP) of CIRAD (web site)

CNRS international cooperation tools: (web site)

Cooperation tools of INSERM (web site)

International Joint (Mixed) Laboratories (LMI) of IRD (web site)
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- for Engineers, Technicians or administrative staff (either tenured or on contract-basis staff, whose employment contract is in force at the time the mobility is carried out)

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
Coherent with MUSE global scientific ambition, focused on three societal challenges that are "FEED - PROTECT - CARE", and open to all themes/disciplines likely to contribute to those objectives

By its exploratory and structuring aspects, the contribution of value-added for research, value-generation or pedagogical and organizational innovation

Collaborative impact: (i) within MUSE scope (involving at least 2 other institutions), (ii) in organizing new training programs, (iii) within MUSE scope (involving at least 2 other educational or research structures, or MUSE scope (involving at least 2 other educational or research structures)

Commitment of hosting structures and structures of origin in the mobility, particularly in terms of dedicated human or financial resources

Schemes 1 and 2 of EXPLORE#3 international mobility program offer financial support which is comprised of:

To apply for support for international mobility, students are invited to contact their school’s international relations office or department:

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION
Submit applications via the dedicated portal on the website: muse.umontpellier.fr

1. Completed application form;
2. Letter of support signed by the director of the applicant’s educational and/or research structure of employment, or of the applicant’s supervisor in the case of support staff;
3. Letter of invitation from the director of the hosting educational and/or research structure;
4. All required attachments must be submitted on the portal for the application to be valid.

OUTGOING COLLECTIVE MOBILITY STAYS
to develop new international (pedagogical, academical and/or scientific) collaborations
For a group of people (maximum 5 persons) from the educational and/or research structures within MUSE scope (Professor, Professor-Researcher, Researcher, Doctoral student or Engineer, Technician or support staff). These mobility stay seek to set up new training programs, building an international partnership between institutions and/or developing a structuring research project.

OUTGOING COLLECTIVE MOBILITY STAYS

CALL FOR PROJECTS SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY FOR (ASSISTANT) PROFESSORS, RESEARCH-PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS, PHD STUDENTS, ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

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Terms and Conditions
MUSE support covers mobility stays from 5 days minimum (outside travelling days) up to 6 months (i.e.: Master’s internship, gap period) that are organized exclusively with the international partners having signed a collaborative agreement with MUSE and with the partners of CHARM-EU European University project:

North America
- Université Laval, Quebec Canada
- University of California Davis, United States

Central and Latin America
- PUC-Rio, Argentina
- University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Embrapa, Brazil
- CARTE, Costa Rica

Europe and Mediterranean Basin
- American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- École Loránd University, Hungary
- Institut Agronomique et de Toxicologie des Aliments, France
- Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- University of Barcelona, Spain
- University of Porto, Portugal
- University of Utrecht, Netherlands
- University of Wageningen, Netherlands

Sub-Saharan Africa
- Gamal Abdel Nasser University, Tunisia
- University of the Academy of Science, Beijing China

Asia – South-East Asia
- American University of Beirut, Lebanon
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The support is a flat rate of €500 per mobility regardless of the duration of the stay. Explorer#3 mobility stays of Master level students may start up from result publication (20 June 2020 at the earliest) till 31 December 2021, at the latest.

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UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER
- Mobility office International Relations Department
- 163 rue Auguste Broussonnet
- 34091 Montpellier
- Phone: +33 (0)4 34 43 23 23
- Consult the website

ECOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE DE CHIMIE DE MONTPELLIER
- International relations department
- 240 Avenue du Pr Émile Jeanneau
- 34296 Montpellier
- Phone: +33 (0)4 67 14 43 00
- Consult the website

INSTITUT AGRO MONTPELLIER SUPAGRO
- International relations and language department
- 2 place Pierre Vitala
- 34090 Montpellier
- Phone: +33 (0)4 99 61 22 00
- Consult the website

MEDITERRANEAN AGRONOMIC INSTITUTE OF MONTPELLIER
- Mobility office International Relations Department
- 511 route de Mende
- 34093 Montpellier
- Phone: +33 (0)4 67 04 60 00
- Consult the website
APPLICATION PROCESS

Documents (in French or English) are to be uploaded in PDF format onto the dedicated platform on the site: muse.umontpellier.fr
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