1. FEATURES OF THE FRANCE-STANFORD CENTER GRANT PROGRAM

1.1 Objective

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies aims to bridge the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, business and law, addressing historical and contemporary issues of significance for France and the United States from a broad range of perspectives. Its programs bring faculty members, researchers and students from across Stanford’s departments and schools into contact with colleagues in France, to explore issues of common intellectual concern, to advance collaborative research, and to foster interdisciplinary inquiry. The France-Stanford Center sponsors high quality collaborative research projects likely to foster new linkages and deepen existing connections between French scholars and students and their counterparts at Stanford University.

1.2 Eligibility

The France-Stanford Center seeks to fund research projects across all disciplines. Priority will be given to projects with the potential to develop new collaborations involving junior researchers, and to those leading to collaborative work on interdisciplinary issues. Applications must be submitted jointly by researchers affiliated with accredited institutions in France (universities, Grandes Ecoles, INRA, INSERM, CNRS for example) and researchers in any Stanford department.

Projects may involve:

Visits / Exchanges / Conferences / Internships / Course development.

Projects must not involve:

Book translation fees / Subsidies for book publication / Post-doctoral stipends / Salaries / Tuition.

1.3 Duration of financial support and project monitoring

The France-Stanford Center allocates annual grants. A research and financial report must be sent to the Center’s program coordinator by December 31 of the year following the beginning of the grant. Some projects can be extended. A letter requesting the extension must be sent to the program coordinator.

2. LEAD TEAMS

2.1 Programs coordinators/Principal investigators

Each collaborative project must be led by program coordinators in France and at Stanford. The program coordinators will be responsible for planning, coordinating the partnership and submitting the application.
3. OVERALL BUDGET

3.1 Amount of grant
For academic year 2012-2013, each project may receive a grant up to USD 15,000. Proposed budgets must include an 8% infrastructure charge. The France-Stanford Center operates in U.S. dollars.

3.2 Use of funds
The funds provided by The France-Stanford Center must be used specifically to support the collaboration between Stanford and the French counterpart.

3.3 Method of payment
Payments will be made in U.S. dollars. The totality of the funds will be transferred to a designated Stanford account. The Stanford coordinator should open a new account for the specific project.

4. ALLOWABLE AND UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES
Grants awarded by The France-Stanford Center can only be used for expenses specifically linked to the collaboration.

4.1 Equipment
The purchase of equipment is not allowed.

4.2 Salaries or stipends
The France-Stanford Center cannot fund coordinators or principal investigators for their work in setting up collaborations. The France-Stanford Center cannot fund administrative staff involved in collaborations. The France-Stanford Center cannot fund post-doctoral stipends.

4.3 Publishing
The France-Stanford Center cannot fund the costs of book translations and book publishing.

4.4 Travel, living and housing expenses
The France-Stanford Center allows expenses that are associated with the travel and living expenses of faculty, students, and post-doctoral fellows as long as they remain reasonable.

4.5 Tuition
The France-Stanford Center cannot cover tuition fees.

5. EVALUATION
The France-Stanford Center Executive Committee will review the proposals.

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