



## FACCTS: 2017 Call for proposals

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The France And Chicago Collaborating in The Sciences (FACCTS) program is designed to enhance science at the University of Chicago by encouraging closer relations between researchers in Physics Sciences Department (PSD) and Biology Sciences Department (BSD) and high-level research teams and institutions of higher education in France. It seeks to accomplish this goal by offering seed funding for new projects that promote meaningful academic and scientific exchange, and that show promise of leading to fruitful and sustainable collaboration. Researchers at Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab, who are unaffiliated with PSD and BSD are now eligible for FACCTS funding, and are encouraged to apply.

### Eligibility

Invited to apply are all PI-eligible University of Chicago faculty members and researchers affiliated with PSD and BSD, as well as LDRD-eligible researchers at Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab.

### Selection Criteria

Excellent, important science is necessary for a successful proposal, but not sufficient. The committee will also consider such other factors including

- Level of complementarity between the collaborating partners
- Likelihood of a high reward relative to the amount of funding requested
- Potential for continued collaboration in the medium and long term, including plans for seeking funding for an ongoing relationship.

The FACCTS program seeks to help foster a broad range of networks and productive partnerships between Chicago-based research with French colleagues and institutions. For this reason, when choosing between similarly ranked projects, the committee may use “past FACCTS funding” as a secondary criterion, giving preference to first-time applicants and to individuals whose initiatives have not recently (within the last 2 years) received FACCTS support.

### Deadlines and Key Dates

- October 10, 2016: Deadline for pre-proposals (ANL Researchers only)
- October 24, 2016: Notification given for all ANL pre-proposal applicants
- **December 2, 2016: Deadline for FACCTS proposals**
- January 31, 2017: Notification given to all applicants
- February 2017: Funds become available

### One Program, Three Pools

FACCTS applications from PI-eligible researchers affiliated with PSD and BSD at the University of Chicago will constitute one applicant pool. Proposals from this pool will be competing for funding totaling \$140,000. Awards to successful projects from this pool will be disbursed through an internal transfer of funds (i.e. from one FAS account to another).

Applications submitted by researchers from Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab will constitute a second and third pool. Applications in these pools will be evaluated by a committee composed of UChicago faculty

members and various professionals affiliated with the French Embassy's Office of Science and Technology. The ratings and recommendations offered by this committee will be forwarded to the offices of the directors of the appropriate national laboratory, which will be responsible for final award decisions. Successful national laboratory FACCTS proposals will be funded internally through LDRD at levels totaling at least \$20,000/year over 1 or 2 years for Argonne proposals, and up to a total of \$15,000 for Fermilab proposals.

### **Funding Parameters**

Funding parameters for ANL and Fermilab researchers are outlined above. For University of Chicago applicants, there is no maximum or minimum request. However, most one-year awards are typically in the range of \$5,000 to \$15,000, with two-year awards in the \$7,500-\$25,000 range. While these sums are relatively modest in comparison to those offered by state and federal agencies, FACCTS funds are significantly more flexible, and may be used for nearly any purpose that the University's (or national laboratory's) accounting system allows. While the use of FACCTS funds to support travel by senior Chicago faculty members is discouraged, these funds may certainly be used to bring senior researchers from France to Chicago, and to support travel by students or junior faculty and researchers in both directions. Indeed, reviewers on the FACCTS committee deems "travel" to be a particularly appropriate use of FACCTS funding.

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