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RESEARCH SUPPORT
2022 SESSION**

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1 - The Regional Council's action framework

1.1 - What is the Regional Allowance for research support for PH. D Students?

It's a monthly allowance directly transferred to a student registering for 1st year Thesis in order to help him in his research projects, up to 3 years but subject to certain conditions.

The Regional Research PhD Allocations is a regional scheme dedicated to high academic standing students in order to improve skills for the knowledge-based economy.

The applicant's situation will be assessed regarding the eligibility criteria laid down by the local authority (la Région Réunion) and those resulting from European rules.

For the 2022 session, the estimated number of allowances is set at 25. This number is likely to be modulated from a year to another, notably for subject interest and for application value.

1.1.1 - Specific eligibility criteria

ERDF MEASURE	ERDF INTERREG MEASURE (For regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean)
<p>Objective: In order to strengthen the promotion of Réunionese people, this measure specifically aims to support and encourage high-level research by assisting students in their research work as part of their post-graduate studies or equivalent (i.e. from Bac + 5 university level) with the aim of accessing careers as a teacher-researcher at the University or in positions of responsibility within research organisations, local authorities or companies, or even as an engineer abroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be under aged 28 at December, 31st 2022 	<p>Objective: to participate in the emergence of a Research and Innovation Area in the Indian Ocean and to increase transnational cooperation, by supporting students from Reunion, Mayotte and the countries concerned in their doctoral research work as part of their postgraduate studies or equivalent (i.e. from Bac + 5 university level).</p> <p>Foreign students registered at Reunion University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be under aged 32 at December, 31st 2022 <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>To be a french student or citizen of the European Union registered in a foreign University under the co-supervision¹ with the University of Reunion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be under aged 28 at December, 31st 2022 <p>NB: Foreign students from the targeted countries in the Indian Ocean area with which the Reunion</p>

1 A thesis cotutelle is the sharing, by the University of La Réunion and a foreign higher education institution, of the responsibility for the training and supervision of a doctoral student. To this end, two research supervisors, with the agreement of the institutions to which they belong, draw up a joint training programme for the doctoral student. The latter completes his or her studies and work by alternating between the two institutions. He/she defends his/her thesis before a jury established by the two partners, who award him/her a single diploma mentioning their collaboration. The thesis co-supervision formula therefore implies one or more stays abroad as well as the co-direction of the thesis, but it is not limited to these modalities - hence the importance of clearly distinguishing its specificity. The thesis co-supervision programme aims to support scientific cooperation between teams by promoting the mobility of doctoral students.

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	<p>Council involved co-operation actions, will have priority.</p> <p>Those marked countries are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● India● Mauritius● Australia
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² : Countries concerned: Tanzania, Mozambique, Kenya, India, Maldives, Australia, French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Indian Ocean Commission (I.O.C.) countries: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius Island, Seychelles - Mayotte.

1.1.2 - Specific common criteria

ERDF STUDENTS / ERDF INTERREG STUDENTS	
1	Register on 1st year of thesis: 2nd year candidates cannot aspire to this support.
2	Having graduated to a Master – 2nd year (privileged diploma) or specifying date of possible obtaining of a grant in civil year or having graduated to an equivalent degree recognized (enclosing the attestation of the Thesis University authorizing the registration)..
3	Registration at Reunion University has to be privileged. If registration in another University, a Thesis Co-Director or another responsible person would give a justification of the student supervision.
4	Do not be granted of a national allowance given by the Educational Ministry or a French research organization (CNRS, CEA, IFREMER, CNES, IRD, CEMAGREF, CIRAD, ...).

1.2 - Allowance characteristics

- **Monthly charge-free amount of 1200 euros** including the ESF funding
- Maximum length of **24 months** and renewable for a year (a total of 36 months) with required supporting documents.

1.3 - The selection of the candidates

Applications are selected on the basis of :

- the evaluation of the candidate's CV, their educational background, their research strategy project and their motivation (The Doctoral Schools of the University of La Réunion evaluate the candidates' academic background and interview them. The directors of the host research units and the thesis directors provide their analysis).
- the examination of the scientific and/or technological interest of the research project by the Local Expertise Advisory Committee
- the coherence of the research project with the orientations included in the strategies of the territory:
 - the strategic orientations of the 2021-2028 mandate including
 - ecological sustainability and resilience of island territories to climate change;
 - energy and digital transitions;
 - nutrition, agro-ecology, biotechnologies and health;
 - social and economic cohesion and inclusion.
- the SRDEII: the regional scheme for economic development, innovation and internationalisation (2022-2028)
- the S3: Smart Specialisation Strategy (2022-2028)

2 - The beneficiary's commitments

The beneficiary of the Regional allowance for research³:

- Promises to provide all the supporting documents for his/her allocation to be payed in accordance with the schedule established in the convention;
- Promises not to receive salary during the length of allowance allocation (ATER);
- Every year, provide a progress report signed by the thesis director, according to the calendar provided by the convention, until obtaining thesis;
- Promises to bring fruition research project and to carry on the Thesis meeting the deadline of **6 years** from the beginning of allowance allocation;
- Promises to provide his/her defending with a copy oh his/her Thesis
- Promises to bring back all parts of allowance in case of confirmed research abandonment or unjustified absence to the academic defense;
- For non compliance of the provisions concerning the UE publicity, a 3% penalty will be charged.

3. These commitments will be followed only if the student is offered an allowance (the commitment form will be send subsequently to the graduated student).

3 - Registration procedure for the application

3.1 - Two-step stages

STEP I]

- Online registration:
 - <http://arr.regionreunion.com/en/inscription/inscription-en-ligne>

STEP II]

- Those two steps have to be done between April 6, 2022 to June 24, 2022 until midday (Reunion Island time) :
- <http://arr.regionreunion.com/en/inscription/depot-des-pieces-en-ligne>

3.2 - Documents to be attached

Attention



- **Order of the documents and naming rule to be respected imperatively!**

	Explanation	Naming rule
1	Application and motivation letters have to be signed and addressed to the President of the Region Reunion.	<<file number>>_01_AL ex. : 2022001_01_AL.pdf
2	Detailed resume	<<file number>>_02_CV ex. : 2022001_02_CV.pdf
3	Summary and analysis of the Thesis project	<<file number>>_03_SUMMA ex. : 2022001_03_SUMMA.pdf
4	2nd year Master Director, Thesis Director, Thesis Laboratory Director and Co-Director opinions have to be attached, dated, signed and stamped to the candidate form. The Co-Director's opinions for registration outside Reunion follows the same rule. Candidates have to provide to every person involved, their opinion sheets attached in the application form. The Thesis Laboratory Director and Co-Director (when appropriate) have to supply the laboratory's publication, the 5 year supervised PHD students' list (last name,	<<file number>>_04_VIEWS ex. : 2022001_04_VIEWS.pdf

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	name and year of inscription) and the list of the research works in progress (title, description, potential partnerships ...).	
5	Copy of Bachelor's and Master's diplomas Transcripts for each year of Bachelor's and Master's	<<file number>>_05_LIC-MA-DEG ex. : 2022001_05_LIC-MA-DEG.pdf
6	The declaration made under oath	<<file number>>_06_CERT-HONOUR ex. : 2022001_06_CERT-HONOUR.pdf

3.3 - Recalls and Warnings

The student has to take care over appearance.

Respecting a principle of equality between candidates in the treatment of applications, every incomplete application will not be examined and directly sent back to the candidate.

- The candidacy form's appendices and documents must be imperatively sent to the online application platform.
 - <https://arr.regionreunion.com/en/inscription/depot-des-pieces-en-ligne>
- Any other document not requested in the application form will not be accepted.
- Documents to be provided :
 - Order of the documents and naming rule to be respected imperatively!
 - Name of the file archive .zip in the form <<file number>>.zip

WARNING



- COMPLETION OF ONLINE REGISTRATION **Friday, July 15, 2022 at midday (Reunion Island hour).**
- DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS **Friday, July 15, 2022 at midday (Reunion Island hour).**