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Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique

CNRST-NCRD Joint Call for Proposals
2025

IMPORTANT: This Call Text is published for both Moroccan and Jordanian researchers to present and explain the objective, scope and course of the "CNRST-NCRD" joint research projects between the two countries.

Before preparing an application, applicants are responsible to carefully read the national regulations documents to submit a complete application.

1. Objectives

Based on the Protocol for Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between The National Center for Scientific and Technical Research (CNRST) and The National Center for Research and Development (NCRD) signed in 2024, this call is launched to enhance cooperative activities between The Kingdom of Morocco and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan via research projects on specific topics.

A research project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles.

2. Thematic Fields

Successful research projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the call. **Proposals submitted in other fields will not be accepted.**

Themes	Sub-Themes
Natural Sciences and Environment	-Sustainable development and ecological transitions - Climate change -Water treatment (desalination, demineralization, etc.) -Ecological restoration and rewilding -Renewable energies and sustainable technologies
Agricultural sciences	-Soil science and soil management -Agricultural biotechnology -Agroecology and sustainable agriculture -Food safety and nutrition -Rural development and agricultural economics -Water management and irrigation

Special attention will be given to projects submitted in the following fields:

- Water management
- Water sustainability
- Sustainable development and ecological transitions for Arid and Semi- Arid Lands (Badia)
- Rural development and agricultural economics of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (Badia)
- Water management and irrigation for Arid and Semi- Arid Lands (Badia)

3. Eligibility criteria

- Maximum project duration is **2 years (24 months)**.
- It is a prerequisite that proposals include the participation of the below as submitting and collaborative institutions:
  - Moroccan side: public, private and public-private partnership institutions of Higher Education and/or Scientific Research
  - Jordanian side: public and private universities and research institutions
- The proposal must be within the scope of fields described in **Section 2.**
- Moroccan and Jordan-based teams must each be led by a Principal Investigator (PI).
- Moroccan and Jordanian partners shall prepare a joint scientific project which must be submitted to the respective funding institutions by each Principal Investigator (PI).
- All applicants must adhere to national eligibility rules for research proposals and any queries concerning eligibility should be addressed to the contact persons of the respective funding institutions.
  Applications involving any ineligible applicants (from Jordan or Morocco) will result in the rejection of the whole application.
- The maximum number of projects to be supported as a result of the evaluation is **3**.

3.1 On Moroccan side:

- For detailed information on the application process, please visit CNRST's website: www.cnrst.ma

3.2 On Jordanian Side:

- For detailed information on the application form , please visit: NCRD Website www.ncrd.gov.jo

4. Financial conditions:

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner institutions, on the following basis:

The accommodation expenses and the international flight expenses to and from the project partner's location will be covered by the country sending the researchers involved in the selected projects according to the budget approved.

The current daily allowances are listed below:

- In Morocco:

➔ Daily allowance will be provided based on the relevant policies and regulations in Morocco.

- In Jordan:

➔ Daily allowance: According to the researcher's organization regulations;
➔ Each research team (Moroccan team visiting Jordan, and Jordanian team visiting Morocco) may undertake one international visit only once during the two-year project duration, and that visit shall not exceed 5 days

4.1 On Moroccan side:

- CNRST-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by CNRST according to its funding guidelines and procedures.
- CNRST funds up to **500 000 MAD per project**.
- Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget.

4.2 On Jordanian side:

- NCRD-funded costs for each project shall be issued and managed by NCRD, The Jordanian team which is eligible for funding can receive up to **35 000 JOD /per project.**
- Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget.
- The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined, where the PI and institution of the selected project for financing will be informed officially by NCRD.

The (PIs) from both sides should submit a detailed research plan to their respective institutions for approval before the start of any research activities.

5. Project proposal submission

- Project proposals must be submitted in English to both partner institutions on time (please see section 5.1 & 5.2).
- Project proposals submitted by one side only cannot be considered.
- The partners should jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submitting it to CNRST and NCRD.

- CNRST and NCRD do not match collaborating partners.
- Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.
- Because projects are bilateral, they must demonstrate equivalence in effort from the Jordanian and Moroccan partners. The project must have a work plan with contribution of the Jordanian and Moroccan partners having main roles and responsibilities, equating to the equivalent time and costs accrued in both countries.
- The size of the grant may vary depending on the needs of each project, should not exceed the allocated budget as described in articles 4.1 and 4.2 and be fully justified. Applicants need to ensure that supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funding institutions.
- Moroccan and Jordanian partners shall prepare a joint scientific project which must be submitted to the respective funding agencies by each PI.

5.1 On Moroccan side

- Moroccan partners will submit the **online application** through PGAP application platform **respecting the Monday December 15, 2025 deadline.**
- A **hard copy** of the application form, signed by Moroccan partner, head of institution and President of university will need to be received **by Monday December 15, 2025** deadline, at CNRST headquarters located at: Angle Avenue Allal El Fassi & Avenue des FAR, Quartier Er-Riad, B.P.8027-N.U., 10102, Rabat, Maroc.

5.2 On The Jordanian side:

The Jordanian partner works collaboratively with the Moroccan partner to develop the joint project that is submitted directly by the Moroccan partner in CNRST's PGAP application platform. Once the project is submitted, the Moroccan partner sends the project's PDF to the Jordanian partner that will need to submitted it to NCRD, **respecting the Monday December 15, 2025 deadline**.

The application should be stamped and signed by the legal representative of the organization submitting the proposal.

Supporting documents are requested to be attached to the proposal as mentioned in the Form.
The proposals are sent in hard copy to NCRD offices at Jubiha, Near the Ministry of Higher Education,and Scanned copies of the documents should be sent before the call deadline the email : info@ncrd.gov.jo

***NOTE:** any application received after the deadline – Monday December 15, 2025, for both soft and hard copy - will not be evaluated.*

6. Evaluation and Selection

Projects are evaluated by CNRST and NCRD independently by their own evaluation procedures. The proposals which are accepted by two sides will be funded.

The proposals will be reviewed according to the following **evaluation criteria**:

- Scientific/Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project Management (Team composition, infrastructure and budget adequacy with Project activities)
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact

The joint evaluation committee will review the selected projects from both sides to determine the 3 projects that will eventually be funded within the framework of this call

Info for the Moroccan Side: Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period, the awarded applicant will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

Info for the Jordanian Side: Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period, the awarded applicant will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

Evaluation of the progress and final reports

- For the Moroccan side, the PI of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted to CNRST. The reports will be evaluated by a selected experts who are affiliated with CNRST. If the reports are evaluated positiviely, the PIs will receive the second half of their budget.
- For Jordanian team, PI of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted to NCRD.

7. Personal Data Processing

- CNRST and NCRD are responsible for processing personal data collected in the context of this call .
- Personal data is retained for the duration necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was collected.
- For the Moroccan side, this processing has been authorized by the National Commission for the Protection of Personal Data (hereinafter "CNDP") under No. A-RS-28/2024.

8.Schedule

Call Open Date	**01/9/2025**
Call Close Date (soft copy)	**15/12/2025**

9. Contact

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