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, national organizations like INRIA, INSERM, CNRS for example) and researchers in any Stanford department, as long as they are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators.

Projects may involve:
Visits / Exchanges / Conferences / Internships / Course development.

Projects must not involve:
Book translation fees / Subsidies for book publication / Conference registration fees / 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 Center’s program coordinator, Isabelle Collignon, isabelle@stanford.edu.

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 2014-2015, each project may receive a grant up to $15,000. The France-Stanford Center operates in U.S. dollars.

Note on Infrastructure charges
The France-Stanford Center is required by Stanford University to pay infrastructure charges (at the rate of 8%) on all funds that it awards pursuant to the call for Collaborative Projects. Thus, for every $15,000 in funding awarded, the Center will pay infrastructure charges of $1,200. The Center itself will pay these charges on the applicant’s behalf at the time the funds are transferred. Thus, to be clear, applicants need not themselves budget for the payment of infrastructure charges.

3.2 Use of funds
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 Stanford University Research Award account. The Stanford coordinator should set up a University Research Award account in SeRA (Stanford Electronic Research Administration). Instructions will be provided upon award.

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 or provide stipends for post-docs involved in collaborations. But please note the option described at (7.) below to apply for a separate fellowship grant to fund a postdoc or graduate student.

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 members, students, and post-doctoral fellows as long as they remain reasonable.

4.5 Tuition
The France-Stanford Center cannot cover tuition fees.
4.6 Conference registration fees
The France-Stanford Center cannot cover conference registration fees.

5. EVALUATION & NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT
The France-Stanford Center Executive Committee will review and evaluate the proposals. The Committee consists of Stanford and France-based academics who work across a very broad range of disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. Given the broadly interdisciplinary background of the committee, it is unlikely that more than one reviewer will have meaningful familiarity with the nature of your research. It is thus vital that you describe the project such that it will be easily comprehended by all members of the committee. Towards this end, the application asks you to draft a short (no more than 200 words) non-technical summary of the project. This summary must (1) clearly identify the project’s significance and (2) avoid disciplinary jargon. For an example of a good non-technical summary written by past recipients of collaborative research funds, please see “How to submit”: http://francestanford.stanford.edu/collaborative_projects/how_to_submit

6. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL NORMS
All research proposals will be evaluated not only for their scientific merit, but also for their compliance with ethical rules of research and their respect for environmental integrity. All applications must therefore include a statement (1) confirming compliance with ethical and environmental norms and (2) providing a summary account of how such compliance is to be attained.

7. OPTION TO APPLY FOR A SEPARATE FELLOWSHIP GRANT
Applicants for collaborative research projects are strongly encouraged to involve researchers who are currently graduate students or postdocs. Those who do are invited to apply for a fellowship grant designed to fund the cost of participation by the student or postdoc. For details on the Visiting Fellowships Grant Programs and how to apply, please visit: http://francestanford.stanford.edu/fellowships