



Young Teams associated with IRD (JEAI)

A French public research institution, IRD supports an original model of equitable scientific partnership and interdisciplinary, citizen, sustainability science committed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The IRD supports the scientific communities of countries of the Global South in their search for autonomy, international recognition and in the development of research collaborative networks. The Young Teams Associated with the IRD (JEAI) is one of the main instrument of scientific cooperation between the IRD and its partners in the Global South.

Promoting the emergence of research teams in the Global South Countries

Young Teams Associated with IRD* are designed to promote and strengthen new research teams* in partner Countries through partnership with IRD research units. It aims at enabling a group of researchers to form a team, via the achievement of a research project and training through research. The implementation of the project, in close cooperation with the IRD research unit, should consolidate the teams roots in their home institutions and local environments and act as a catalyst for the supported team to become an authority in their field, facilitating their integration into national and international scientific networks.

What is a Young Team associated with IRD ?

A JEAI is comprised of at least three Southern researchers, based in a Southern country, associated with an IRD research unit and working on a research theme focusing on major global issues and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Modalities of partnership

The leader of a JEAI is a full-time researcher in a research institution from a partner country.

The young team works in close cooperation with at least one IRD research unit.

The JEAI's correspondent is a researcher posted to one of the IRD's research units. He helps to consolidate the JEAI into a research team He participates in the scientific coordination of both the team and the project. He should also promote the JEAI within his research unit and beyond. Indeed, he is expected to assist the JEAI's leader with the integration of the team into the relevant French and international research networks (co-publications, invitations to symposiums, call of proposals...). He should also be instrumental in reinforcing the team's capabilities, notably through the joint mentoring of students.

- ◆ A call for proposals is launched annually by IRD and published on its website: www.ird.fr
- ◆ The JEAI status is granted for three years**
- ◆ A maximum of €50,000 for 3 years is allocated by IRD

For more information: jeai@ird.fr

*The notion of "young team" refers to the recent team creation date and / or to the topic addressed which is still little developed or poorly structured in a partner country, and not at the age of those who make it up. Participation of researchers in the early stage of their career is nevertheless strongly encouraged

** Subject to a positive mid-term evaluation

Key figures

204
projects funded since 2002

+ 40
developing countries involved
including 19 countries classified as LDCs*

West and Central Africa: 88
Latin America and the Caribbean: 55
Asia : 26
The Mediterranean: 26
East Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean: 18
The Pacific: 1

36
ongoing projects

- Health and Societies (SAS): 11
- Ecology, biodiversity and continental ecosystem functioning (ECOBIO): 9
- Societies and globalisation (SOC): 6
- Internal and Surface Dynamics of Continents (DISCO): 5
- Oceans, climate and resources (OCEANS): 4
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(Classification: UMR of attachment of the JEAI correspondent)

* Less-Developed Countries

Source: IRD/MAPS