**University Collaboration Project Proposal**

Approval Request

Today’s Date, 2015

**Overview**

Bell Labs partners on projects with many universities and when those interactions begin, this form should be completed to ensure that the appropriate information is documented and the approval process is initiated.

University Information

**University:**

**Contact:**

**Identified Strategic Partner:** Yes / No

**Status:** Follow up to previous partnership Yes / No

**Additional Information** (e.g., research group, history of value)**:**

Bell Labs Information

**Bell Labs Program Area(s):**

**Bell Labs Principal Investigator(s):**

**Location(s):**

Project Information

**Project Name:** Doctoral Research Projects

**Research Topic (limit 140 characters):**

Thesis subject:

**Project Summary** (Include brief description and expected outcome)**:**

Project Justification

**Benefits** (e.g., FX, 10X, EX, technology, recruiting/talent, gap filling/skills)**:**

The Doctoral Research Projects are established under a CIFRE contract (Research Training Industrial Convention). A CIFRE involves 3 partners: a company, the doctoral candidate hired by the company under a 3-year fixed-term contract, and a research laboratory in charge of scientific supervision. The company is allocated a subsidy from the National Association for Technical Research (ANRT) on behalf of the Ministry of Education. A partnership contract between the research laboratory and the company states each party's rights and responsibilities, with special regards to the obtained results: confidentiality, publications, intellectual property and the exploitation of those results. The laboratory and the company are both supervisors of the doctoral research project. PhD candidates typically spend 80% of their time on the premises of Bell labs France. CIFRE is the opportunity to select talented students to prepare their thesis in our lab with the possibility at the end of the thesis to recruit them as permanent researchers.

**Risks** (e.g., technical, financial and legal)**:**

**Funding:** Supported by government funds Yes /  ~~No~~

60% tax credit on the collaboration cost + 14k€ grant/year/PhD candidate.

Financial Outlook

**Commitment:**  Cost in Euros

Expected Start Date

Expected End Date

Additional Terms**:**

Approvals Required

**Approvals from all Bell Labs Program Leaders providing funding to the partnership:**

**Bell Labs Program Lead:**

Signature date

**Bell Labs Operations:**

Signature date