

New Scientific Collaboration Support Program 2017

Guide for researchers

(également disponible en français)

1) Program objectives

The New Scientific Collaboration Support Program, financed by the France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF), aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Support developing new expert partnerships between France and Canada,
- promote the advancement of research and innovation,
- prepare and structure scientific cooperation between the two countries,
- romote researcher mobility, particularly for young researchers, and
- provide research training for young researchers.

2) Description

This program provides financing for new scientific projects jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that have never worked together before.

The financing is awarded to two-year projects in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$15,000, according to the needs expressed by the principal investigators. This financing is primarily intended to support the mobility of <u>researchers and their students</u>. Submitted proposals must be joint projects between a French establishment (all universities, Grandes Écoles, and research organizations are eligible) and one of the 20 FCRF's Canadian member universities:

Carleton University
Dalhousie University
McGill University
McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph

Université Laval
Université de Montréal
University of Ottawa
Université du Québec à
Montréal
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

Information about three additional financing programs intended for Master's and doctoral students is provided in Appendix 1.



3) Application and selection process

A call for proposals is sent out on an annual basis. The application form is available on-line.

Each Canadian FCRF correspondent (Appendix 2) is responsible for promoting this program within that particular institution and for implementing a pre-selection procedure.

a) All applications must be submitted **electronically** to the FCRF correspondent at the Canadian university involved in the project and to the Embassy of France's Office for Science and Technology (OST), attention: Mrs Armelle CHATAIGNER-GUIDEZ:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org (1) (613) 593 74 12

File names —a SINGLE PDF- must begin with the surname of the lead French researcher, followed by the surname of the lead Canadian researcher (ex: name_name.pdf).

b) A maximum of five pre-selected proposals must then be sent by the Canadian correspondent to the Embassy of France, which will coordinate the assessment of the proposals. The Executive Committee will collect the evaluations and proceed with the final selection of proposals.

4) Selection criteria

The Program will evaluate proposals on the following criteria:

- Innovative nature of the proposed project (quality, relevance)
- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge (project impact)
- Quality of the project presented by researchers and team members (publications, credits, other types of prior recognition)
- Proposed execution of research (methodology, calendar, budget)
- Significance and contributions of the binational collaboration (complimentarily and balance between teams)
- Participation of young researchers and/or Master's/doctoral students (contributions, benefits)

Only projects involving collaboration between researchers who have never worked together will be taken into consideration.

Requests to renew previously-awarded FCRF financing will not be accepted.

5) Obligations of selected candidates: Scientific report and communication

Candidates selected by the executive committee agree to submit a short scientific report following the two years in which the FCRF project is completed.



Any publication or event that owes its organization to FCRF financing must make explicit mention of the France-Canada Research Fund support that its organizer(s) received.

6) Timeline

- Call for proposals opens: September 16, 2016
- Deadline for submission of electronic projects to the Embassy of France and to Canadian FCRF university correspondents: November 10, 2016
- Pre-selection of a maximum of five projects per Canadian university: December 9, 2016
- Delivery of pre-selected dossiers to evaluation committees (both French and Canadian) by the Embassy of France: **December 12, 2016**
- Evaluations returned to the Embassy of France by each evaluation committee: March 17, 2017
- Executive Committee meeting and selection of projects: May 9, 2017 in Paris



APPENDIX 1

Additional Funding

The Embassy of France would like to raise awareness within the Canadian French research communities of the existence of three other financing opportunities that may complement the New Scientific Collaboration Support Program. These opportunities are intended to benefit Master's and doctoral students.

1.1 French Ministry of Higher Education and Research Doctoral Contracts

Each year, three doctoral contracts are allocated to three French doctoral schools involved in three of the best projects selected by the FCRF Executive Committee. Beneficiaries of these doctoral contracts will receive a monthly sum of €1684.93 over a period of three years.

Please note: If your project is not preselected by the Canadian University, you will not be eligible to apply for a doctoral contract (at least in the FCRF frame).

Interested French teams involved in projects that have been **pre-selected** by Canadian universities can obtain a "doctoral form" from the Embassy of France's Office for Science and Technology. The completed form must be sent to:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

The deadline for submissions of doctoral records is **February 17, 2017.** The three contracts will be awarded on May 9, 2017, once a FCRF decision has been reached on the main "New collaborations" program.

1.2 NEW: Mitacs funding /Globalink Research Award (GRA) aimed on France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) projects selected for the Call of projects 2017:



Mitacs supports the France Canada Research Fund.

Master & PhD Canadian and French students, involved in a "New collaborations" FCRF project <u>2017</u> <u>selected</u> at the end of the process (May 2017) are entitled to apply for a Mitacs GRA the same year.

Opening for the Mitacs-FCRF applications: **May 15, 2017**Deadline for submissions to Mitacs: **July 31, 2017**

The research stay should last between 12 & 24 weeks and the GRA is \$5000 per GRA-FCRF eligible Canadian or French Student.

Further information on eligibility and how to apply is available on the application form and questions should be directed to Mitacs International at international@mitacs.ca.



1.3 The Baxter & Alma Ricard Foundation Scholarship

The Baxter & Alma Ricard Foundation has joined with the France-Canada Research Fund to contribute one of its scholarships to a Francophone Canadian student (or young researcher) involved in a scientific project pre-selected by a Canadian member university of the France-Canada Research Fund. The candidate must be a Canadian citizen and must reside in a community in Canada with a Francophone minority.

The Scholarship is meant to help a student wishing to conduct research in France as part of a scientific project submitted to the FCRF. The maximum value of the scholarship is \$150,000 CAD over a period of three years (max. \$50,000 CAD per year). The scholarship can be used in France and/or in Canada.

The Scholarship will be awarded independently of the FCRF decision. Students wishing to apply for this scholarship are invited to visit the Foundation website (www.fondationricard.com) for more information and for the application process

A copy of the application form submitted to the Foundation must also be submitted to:

Armelle Chataigner-Guidez

Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in Canada

464 Wilbrod Street, K1N6M8, Ottawa

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 1st, 2017.

1.3. L'Oréal-FCRF Scholarship

L'Oréal, in partnership with UNESCO, supports the participation of women and science and the contributions of women to scientific progress through its For Women in Science Program.

The FCRF and L'Oréal Canada have founded a partnership to support the participation of women in France-Canada cooperative scientific projects.

The L'Oréal/FCRF scholarship is awarded to a young doctoral or post-doctoral student whose research projects were organized as part of a Franco-Canadian research project <u>preselected</u> for the 2017 FCRF call for applications.

The FCRF, via its Executive Committee, selects the young Canadian doctoral or post-doctoral female student who will receive the L'Oréal Canada-FCRF Scholarship.

Criteria of eligibility

The research projects of the selected applicant **must be part of a 2017 Franco-Canadian research project preselected** by the FCRF's Canadian member universities.



- > The selected applicant must hold Canadian nationality
- > The applicant's research projects must make positive contributions to the vitality of scientific cooperation between France and Canada.

L'Oréal Canada is committed to awarding a sum of \$5,000 CAD (five thousand Canadian dollars) to the applicant selected by the FCRF Executive Committee. The winner will also be invited to take part in a **mentorship program for young girls** in order to share her experience and her passion for science with girls aged 9–14.

L'Oréal Canada will pay the scholarship directly to the applicant selected by the FCRF Executive Committee.

Applications

Heads of Canadian FCRF projects wishing to put forward a candidate for this scholarship must send <u>a single PDF</u> document containing both a letter of recommendation and the student's CV to the following email address: <u>assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org</u> by **February 17, 2017**.



APPENDIX 2

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