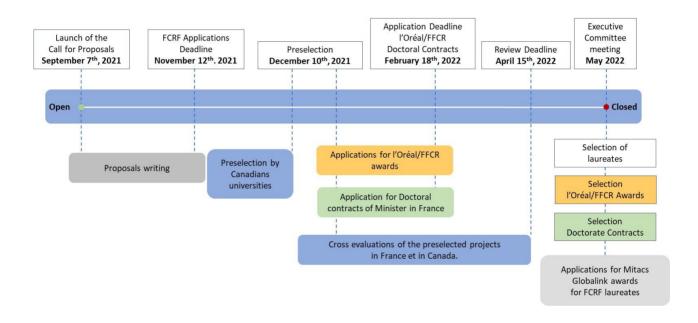


FRANCE CANADA RESEARCH FUND - CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022

New Scientific Collaboration Support Program

Guidelines for researchers

(également disponible en français)



1. Context & Program Objectives

Since 2000, the **France Canada Research Fund (FCRF)** financially supports the « New Scientific Collaboration Support Program » which promotes partnerships between researchers in France and Canada. 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
- Promote researcher's mobility, particularly for early stages researchers
- Provide research training for researchers in Master and Doctorate levels



2. Description

This program, open to **every fields of expertise**, provides funding for **new scientific projects** jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that **have never worked together before**. This program is meant to initiate new partnerships in research between France and Canada. Application must come from principal investigators (PIs), both part of research establishment located in France and Canada. Please note that **PhD Candidates and Postdoctoral position are not eligible to apply** to this program as PIs.

All research establishment including universities, grandes écoles, institute and research centers are eligible in France. PIs in Canada must be part of one on the 20th Canadian universities members of the FCRF consortium listed below:

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

The funding is awarded to two-year* projects in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$15,000 CAD, according to the needs expressed by the principal investigators.

The funds will be managed by the Canadian university to which the PI is attached. 90% of the funding awarded will support the mobility of researchers and the students affiliated to the project.

*This two-year period may be extended depending on the evolution of the health situation in both countries.



3. Application to New Scientific Collaboration Support Program

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Only projects leaded by **PIs that have never collaborated before** will be taken in consideration
- PhD Doctorate and postdoctoral positions are not eligible as PIs
- Canadian PI must be part of one of the 20th Canadian universities members of the FCRF
- Teams not selected in previous editions who wish to apply must inform the French Embassy in Canada at the time of sending the new application (within the limit of only one 2nd application)

The FCRF call for proposals is launched annually and is **open to all research fields while promoting interdisciplinary projects**. Since 2018, the FCRF has implemented an annual theme aligned with current events and strategic research axes common to both countries. Out of the twenty or so selected projects, the FCRF funds up to 5 projects on this theme. For the 2022 edition, the annual theme, dedicated to the Impact of global change on Oceans and Coastal regions, encourages applications on projects which address the issue of oceans from multiple perspectives, including all areas of research (APPENDIX 1)

The application procedures are specified below:

At the beginning of the process, the FCRF highly encourages the Canadian PIs to contact their respective FCRF contact within their university (List APPENDIX 3).

- **a)** Download the application form here: <u>LINK</u>. French version of the application form is also available: <u>LIEN</u>
- **b)** The 2 PIs must fill-in the application form:
 - Answer the eligibility questions and secondary questions
 - Select the scientific field(s). Please check the 2022 specific theme box if applicable
 - Fill in the sections 1 to 8
 - Provide the CVs of the team members involved in the project (maximum 4 CVs). The CVs must summarize the research activities for the last 10 years, including the most representative publications, conferences, awards, and distinctions as well as the supervision of early stage researchers



c) The application form must be submitted electronically both to the FCRF correspondent within the Canadian university (APPENDIX 3) and to the French Embassy in Canada's Scientific Office. Deadline for submission is November 12th, 2021*

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Application form must be sent in a <u>single PDF format</u>. The electronic file name must include the surnames of the French and Canadian PIs respectively (ex: nameFR_nameCA.pdf)

* Attention: internal administrative procedures may be required by some Canadian universities to apply to the FCRF. Please, contact your FCRF correspondent for more details (APPENDIX 3).

4. Selection and evaluation processes

- a) Submitted applications undergo a first preselection within the Canadian universities, members of the FCRF consortium. Up to 5 applications maximum per university are preselected and consequently sent to the French Embassy in Canada which will coordinate the assessment of the proposals.
- **b)** Proposals are cross evaluated by reviewers both in France and Canada, according to selection criteria set by the FCRF:
 - 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)
 - <u>Participation of Master's/doctoral students</u> (contributions, benefits)
- c) The Executive Committee will collect the cross tabulated evaluations and proceed with the final selection of proposals.



5. Obligations of the selected candidates

- Selected candidates by the Executive Committee must use the grant according to the budget submitted in the application and should submit a financial report at the end of the 1st and 2nd year of the FCRF project. Laureates also agree to submit a short scientific report following the two years program. Both reports must be sent to the French Embassy in Canada no later than 3 months after the end of the project. These reports should be sent to: Finances.Recherche@uOttawa.ca
- **Canadian applicants** selected by the Executive Committee may be assigned to evaluate FCRF applications in their field of expertise for a period of 2 years following the award of their grant.
- Each publication or event that has been made possible thanks to FCRF funding must explicitly mention the support of the France Canada Research Fund.

6. 2022 FCRF timeline

- Opening of the 2022 call for proposals: September 7th, 2021 (Download the application form here: English version LINK / French version LIEN)
- Deadline for submission of electronic file to the French Embassy in Canada and to Canadian FCRF university correspondent: **November 12th, 2021 (23:59, Pacific Time)***
- Preselection of a maximum of five projects per Canadian University: **December 10th, 2021**
- Delivery of preselected projects to evaluation committees (both French and Canadian) by the French Embassy in Canada: **December 16th, 2021**
- Return of the evaluations to the French Embassy in Canada by each evaluation committee: April 15th, 2022
- Executive Committee meeting in Ottawa and selection of laureates: Week of May 9-13, 2022

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In addition, three funding programs complementary to the "New Scientific Collaboration Support Program" dedicated to Master's or Doctorate level students, are available to the FCRF project leaders.

The MESRI doctoral contracts, the Mitacs Globalink grants and the L'Oréal/FCRF prizes are presented in detail in Appendix 2.



APPENDIX 1

2022 FCRF PRIORITY THEME

(applications in all research areas are encouraged)

Impact of global change on Oceans and Coastal regions

The FCRF wishes to encourage and support interdisciplinary and innovative projects around the general theme of oceans. This priority theme falls within the dual context of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development, which begins this year (2021-2030), and the new French priority research program "Ocean and Climate" launched on World Ocean Day, June 8, 2021.

The oceans are a complex ecosystem, a source of richness and a livelihood for the world's population. The impact of global change on the oceans and coasts will have multiple and major consequences on the fauna and flora, as well as on the coastal communities and our economic and commercial exploitation models.

The FCRF is thus interested in projects that will address the issue of the oceans from multiple angles, such as, but not limited to, oceanographic sciences, economics, law, human and social sciences, biology, etc. Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged, and the priority theme is open to all fields of research.

The combination of experiences and expertise developed in France and Canada, two coastal countries, will undoubtedly lead to innovative projects and approaches.

Please note that up to 5 collaborative projects will be funded on this theme for the 2022 edition of the FCRF.



ANNEXE 2

COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

The French Embassy in Canada wishes to bring to the attention of the Canadian and French research community the existence of three other funding mechanisms that may complement the "New Scientific Collaborations Support Program". These opportunities are intended to benefit Master's and doctoral students.

1. French Ministry of Higher Education, Research & Innovation's Doctoral Contracts



The Ministère français de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche in France (MESRI) gives access to three Doctoral contracts, awarded each year to French Doctoral Schools involved in three of the best projects selected by the Executive Committee of the FCRF. Students, beneficiaries of these doctoral contracts, will receive a monthly sum of 1769 € over a period of three years.

French PIs involved in projects that have been preselected by Canadian universities will receive a "doctoral form" from the French Embassy in Canada's scientific office. The completed form must be sent to:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

Deadline for submission of doctoral records is **February 18th, 2022**. The three contracts will be awarded on May 2022, once a FCRF decision has been reached on the main "New Scientific Collaboration Support Program".



2. Mitacs funding /Globalink Research Award (GRA) aimed on France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) projects selected for the Call of projects 2021



Since 2017, Mitacs is a partner of the France Canada Research Fund (FCRF). Canadian and French Master's and PhD students involved in a **FCRF 2022 project selected** at the end of the competition (May 2022) will be eligible to apply for a Mitacs Globalinks Research Award by December 31st 2022.

The Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) supports research collaborations between Canada and select partner organizations and eligible countries. Under the joint supervision of a home and host PIs, successful senior undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive a \$6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-weeks research project in universities either in France or Canada. FCRF laureates applying for GRA must indicate the FCRF as affiliated program to benefit our partnership. One GRA demand per project is allowed.

Further information on eligibility and how to apply are available on the application form and questions should be directed to Mitacs International at: <u>international@mitacs.ca</u>



3. L'Oréal-FCRF Prizes



Since 1998, L'Oréal, in partnership with UNESCO, has supported the participation and contribution of women to the advancement of science through its "For Women in Science" program.

In 2013, the France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) has joined the movement by establishing a partnership with l'Oréal Canada in the aim to promote the participation of scientific women to collaborative project between France and Canada.

Since then, two "L'Oréal / FCRF" prizes have been awarded to **Canadian doctoral or post-doctoral women** each year as part of the FCRF program. L'Oréal Canada is then committed to awarding a sum of **\$5,000 CAD** (five thousand Canadian dollars) to the applicant selected by the FCRF Executive Committee. The laureate will also be invited to take part in a mentorship program for young girls to share their passion for science with girls of 9 to 14 years old.

Selection of the Canadian laureates takes place in May during the annual meeting of the Executive Committee which is composed of French and Canadians representatives.

Criteria of eligibility:

- > The selected applicant must hold **Canadian citizenship**
- The applicant's research projects must make positive contributions to the vitality of scientific cooperation between France and Canada.
- The research projects of the selected applicant must be part of a 2022 Franco-Canadian research project preselected* by the FCRF's Canadian member universities.
- Status of the candidates must remain the same between the application (February 2022) and the selection (May 2022)



Application:

FCRF Canadian PIs wishing to put forward a candidate for this prize must send a **single PDF document** containing a letter of recommendation and the scientific woman's CV to the following email address: <u>assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org</u>

Deadline for application is February 18th, 2022.

*For the 2022 edition, a Franco-Canadian research project "preselected" means that the submitted project (November 2021) has been chosen by one of the Canadian universities in December 2021. L'Oréal / FCRF prizes can therefore be attributed to a candidate even if the FCRF project she is involved in is not selected at the end of the competition (May 2022).



APPENDIX 3

FCRF CONTACT LIST WITHIN UNIVERSITIES IN CANADA

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