



2022 Mourou/Strickland Mobility Program

Guidelines

(également disponible en français)

1) Presentation

Created by the Embassy of France in Canada in 2018, the Mourou/Strickland program is a two-way mobility program; its main goal is to contribute to the creation of sustainable collaborations between Canadian and French researchers. It is intended for researchers who wish to spend 3 to 28 days with their counterpart(s), either in France or Canada, as part of a joint research project.

This program is open to all research areas. It involves all provinces of Canada **outside Quebec**, since Quebec already has specific programs with France.

Research stays may include, but are not limited to: meetings/research on joint project, meetings for a first contact for future collaboration, work on co-publications, participation in French-Canadian (not international) conferences or seminars, etc.

The program offers:

- 1 round trip economy class flight between Canada and France or between France and Canada
- A contribution to subsistence expenses (maximum 3 daily allowances).

For the 2022 call for projects, 2 priority themes have been identified (~50% of the grants will be allocated on these topics):

- Emerging technologies (artificial intelligence, quantum, cyber security, etc.)
- Climate (energy, oceans, biodiversity, etc.)

However the program remains **open to all fields of research and encourages interdisciplinarity**.

2) Eligibility and application process

Eligibility criteria :

- French candidates: Be attached to an institute, laboratory, university or research organization based in France.
- Canadian candidates: be attached to a Canadian institution, university or research organization **outside Quebec** (Quebec already has specific programs with France).
- Candidates have never received a grant under the Mourou/Strickland mobility program or the "new collaborations" program of the France Canada Research Fund.
- Candidates should not apply for the "new collaborations" program of the France Canada Research Fund in the same year.
- Plan a stay of between **3 and 28 days**. Travel must take place between **March 25 and December 31st, 2022**.

* Priority will be given to researchers who have obtained a tenure-track or permanent position for **less than 10 years**, which corresponds approximately and not exclusively to the 35-45 age group



Application process:

- Interested researchers should send the application form, a letter of invitation from the host institution and a short CV **in a single PDF document** to :

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

+1 (613)-562-3794

- The length of the form should **not exceed 4 pages**. Forms longer than 4 pages will not be considered. There are no criteria for the font (please make sure it remains legible).
- It is not necessary to attach publications to the application.
- Only one application per research partnership is allowed (researchers must agree to submit only one application, either for a member of the French team to travel to Canada or for a Canadian collaborator to travel to France).

3) Calendar of the 2022 call for applications

- Opening of the call for projects : December 16th, 2021
- Deadline for receipt of applications : **February 6th, 2022, 23:59 PST (Canada)**
- Results and sending of travel forms to the successful candidates: February 28th 2022.
- Travel of the laureates: from 25th March to 31st of December 2022. Complete travel documents must be sent to the Embassy at least 1 month before the departure date.

Please note that only successful candidates will be contacted. Candidates who have not been selected will be able to ask for feedback if they wish.

IMPORTANT: The Embassy will not cover the costs of the visa procedures for laureates, nor any fees related to COVID-19 travel requirements (quarantine, mandatory PCR or antigen tests...) The Embassy cannot be held responsible for travel hazards (bad weather, flight delays etc).



4) Frequently asked questions

- *I am a post-doctoral fellow, am I eligible for the program?*

No. Only researchers who have been in a tenure-track or permanent position for less than 10 years may submit an application.

- *I would like to take a sabbatical year, can I benefit from the program?*

Yes, provided that the researcher is attached to a research institution. However, the total duration of the stay in the host country must not exceed 28 days.

- *I live in Canada/France but I am a national of a third country, can I apply?*

Yes, there is no nationality requirement. However, the candidate must be attached to an institution / research institute located in France or Canada.

- *Are candidates living in French overseas departments and territories eligible?*

Yes.

- *Can I get more than 3 daily allowances for stays longer than 3 days?*

The duration of the research stay is at the discretion of the researchers. It must not exceed 28 days. However, the Embassy will only provide a maximum of 3 daily allowances, regardless of the length of the stay.

- *What is a daily allowance?*

A daily allowance (or per diem) is a fixed amount of money made available to researchers to help them support their local expenses (accommodation, internal travel in the host country, meals).

- *Can I buy my own flight ticket?*

No, tickets must be purchased through the French Embassy. Refund of flight tickets is not possible.

- *Who books my accommodation on site?*

Researchers are responsible for booking their accommodation on site.

- *I would like to travel with my family, is it possible?*

The Mourou/Strickland program will not cover the travel of the accompanying family. The structure of the program does not allow for a single reservation to be made that would include the flights of the laureate and his or her accompanying family.