

## 2019 New Scientific Collaboration Support Program

### 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,
- Promote 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 researchers and their students.**

Submitted proposals must be joint projects between a French institution (all universities, Grandes Écoles, and research organizations are eligible) and one of the 20 FCRF's Canadian member universities:

<b>Carleton University</b>	<b>Université Laval</b>
<b>Dalhousie University</b>	<b>Université de Montréal</b>
<b>McGill University</b>	<b>University of Ottawa</b>
<b>McMaster University</b>	<b>Université du Québec à Montréal</b>
<b>Memorial University of Newfoundland</b>	<b>University of Toronto</b>
<b>Queen's University</b>	<b>University of Victoria</b>
<b>Simon Fraser University</b>	<b>University of Waterloo</b>
<b>University of Alberta</b>	<b>Western University</b>
<b>University of British Columbia</b>	<b>York University</b>
<b>University of Calgary</b>	
<b>University of Guelph</b>	

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. Open to ALL research fields and encouraging interdisciplinarity. 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 process.

- 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 Scientific Office

**assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org**  
**(1) 613-593-7412**

**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.
- c) 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 4, 2018**
- Deadline for submission of electronic projects to the Embassy of France and to Canadian FCRF university correspondents: **November 16, 2018**

Pre-selection of a maximum of five projects per Canadian University & Delivery of pre-selected projects to evaluation committees (both French and Canadian) by the Embassy of France:  
**December 17, 2018**

- Evaluations returned to the Embassy of France by each evaluation committee: **April 1, 2019**
- Executive Committee meeting and selection of projects: **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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, Research & Innovation's 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 will receive 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](mailto:assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org)

The deadline for submissions of doctoral records is **February 15, 2019**. The three contracts will be awarded on May 2018, once a FCRF decision has been reached on the main "New collaborations" program.

#### 1.2 Mitacs funding /Globalink Research Award (GRA) aimed on France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) projects selected for the Call of projects 2019:



Mitacs supports the France Canada Research Fund.

Master & PhD Canadian and French students, involved in a "New collaborations" FCRF project 2018 selected at the end of the process (May 2018) are entitled to apply for a Mitacs GRA the same year.

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](mailto:international@mitacs.ca).

## 1.2. 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 student or post-doctoral whose research projects were organized as part of a Franco-Canadian research project preselected for the 2019, 2018 or 2017 FCRF call for applications (the young woman should hold the status permitting to apply at the time of the application).**

**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 2019, 2018 or 2017 Franco-Canadian research project preselected** by the FCRF's Canadian member universities.
- 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.

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 a single PDF document containing both a letter of recommendation and the student's CV to the following email address: [assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org](mailto:assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org) by **February 15, 2019**.

## APPENDIX 2

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