

FRANCE-CANADA RESEARCH FUND – 2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FCRF+ Program

Guide for principal investigators

(Aussi disponible en français)

1. FCRF+ competition

1.1. Program description and objectives

The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) is launching a new funding program for 2025, entitled FCRF+, to support *existing* research partnerships between France and Canada.

The objective of the FCRF+ competition is to support France-Canada teams that have been successful in obtaining a previous FCRF grant and wish to continue their collaboration by setting up ambitious research projects, with a view to submitting joint applications to external calls for proposals (non-exhaustive list: Horizon Europe, the French *Agence nationale de la recherche* (National Research Agency), Canada's three federal research funding agencies, NFRF – Exploration and Transformation streams).

The FCRF+ competition is open to all fields of research. Funding of up to \$5,000 CAD will be awarded to around fifteen projects in 2025 to cover mobility costs according to the needs expressed in the application. This grant will facilitate meetings between the two partners, which may include travel by one partner to the other partner's location or any other activity that helps develop the future joint project. Funding is intended for principal investigators (PIs), not students.

Funds will be managed by the Canadian university to which the project is affiliated and will be available for one year. Please note that indirect costs are not eligible to be covered by these funds.

1.2. FCRF+ competition eligibility criteria

The FCRF+ eligibility criteria are the following:

- Both PIs must be former winners (selected anytime from 2001 to 2023) of the FCRF “New research collaboration program” competition. The application must be submitted by the **FCRF winning duo**.
- The Canadian researcher must be affiliated with a member of one of the 23 FCRF consortium member universities listed below.

- The French researcher must be affiliated with a research institution under the supervision of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.
- The 2 PIs must be in permanent or tenure-track positions.
- PIs must have identified an external call for proposals.

List of Canadian FCRF consortium member universities (FCRF contact list in Appendix 2)

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

1.3. Application to the FCRF+ competition

The English version of the application form is available at this [LINK](#). The French version is available at this [LINK](#).

The form must be completed by both PIs. They must:

- answer the preliminary questions and specify the research theme(s)
- identify the two FR/CA PIs and their respective institutions
- present previous and current joint work, preliminary results, the complementary nature of the teams and, if applicable, the novelty of the partnership
- give details of the call for proposals targeted by the two researchers (funding agency, key dates, success rate, theme, amount of the potential funding)
- describe the activities leading up to the submission of a proposal to the targeted external call for proposals, including the involvement of each partner
- detail the budget items that add up to \$5,000 CAD from the FCRF would be used to cover (possible co-financing)

Both researchers must provide their respective short CVs.

The application must be sent as a single PDF file. The name of this electronic file must include the surname of the French PI, followed by that of the Canadian PI, and “FCRF+” (e.g.: FRname_CAname_FFcrf+.pdf).

The application must be submitted electronically to the Embassy of France in Canada at:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

1.4. Selection and evaluation process

Applications can be submitted from November 4th, 2024, to April 11th, 2025. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. All applications will be submitted for evaluation as soon as they are received. The cross-evaluation will be carried out by evaluators in France and Canada. The results will be communicated by the French Embassy in the month following the submission of the application.

Selection criteria:

- Added value of previous collaboration (quality of both partners, complementarity of partners, joint scientific production, grants obtained) (40%)
- Alignment of the proposal with the targeted call for proposals (level of confidence, identification of strengths and weaknesses, relevance of the targeted opportunity and resources made available) (40%)
- Justification of development activities in relation to the budget allocated by the FCRF and in relation to the submission deadline for the external call (20%)

1.5. Commitment of selected candidates

Candidates selected by the executive committee agree to complete a short survey.

The selected candidates will also be expected to match expenditures with the submitted budget and to provide a financial report within 30 days of the end of activities to the University of Ottawa's Finance Department at: Finances.Recherche@uOttawa.ca

In order to promote the FFCR community, the selected candidates are encouraged to share information on team travel between Canada and France, as well as feedback, with their FCRF correspondent. Candidates may also be asked individually to share their experiences.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact

The Embassy of France in Canada at:

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Tel.: (+1) 613-562-3794

APPENDIX 1

FFCR+ COMPETITION CALENDAR

Phase	Date
Opening of the call for proposals	November 4th, 2024
Deadline for sending electronic applications to the Embassy of France in Canada	April 11th, 2025
Forwarding of applications received to French and Canadian evaluation committees	Between November 4th, 2024 and April 11th, 2025
Results of evaluation communicated by the Embassy of France in Canada	Within one month of application submission

APPENDIX 2

FCRF CONTACT LIST – CANADA

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