

OMAFRA Call for Proposals: Quebec-Ontario Cooperation for Agri-Food Research

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Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

Program

Quebec- Ontario Cooperation for Agri-Food Research

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For more information on the program, please visit the [OMAFRA website](#) [1] for:

- [Competition Guidelines](#) [2]
- [Application Form Template](#) [3]

Description

One of the aims of the Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement is to improve the competitive position of the agriculture and agri-processing sectors. Both provinces recognize the mutual benefits of developing common responses to the challenges facing these sectors.

The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) have therefore developed a joint research competition on research topics of mutual interest to both provinces.

The competition objectives are as follows:

- develop solutions to agri-food issues shared by Quebec and Ontario
- encourage partnerships between Quebec and Ontario researchers
- enhance graduate student training through internships in the cooperating province

Research Priorities

The focus of this call for proposals on climate change. Proposals are solicited that will generate new knowledge and/or technologies in the following areas:

- Research to evaluate climate change impact on soil health and develop best practices
- Research to determine climate change impacts on food processing and food safety including development of adaptation and mitigation strategies

Additional details about the research priorities are available in the [Competition Guide](#) [2].

Eligibility

Universities and non-profit, non-governmental applied research centres are eligible to apply. Each application must be submitted jointly by a research institution based in Ontario and another based in Quebec.

Other public or private research institutions and organizations can contribute to the project as research team members or partners/co-funders. This includes colleges, government, industry associations and businesses.

Funding Availability

Project length: 1 to 3 years

Financial assistance:

- The maximum amount of financial assistance is \$80,000 for one-year projects, \$160,000 for two year-projects and \$250,000 for three-year projects (not including indirect costs).
- The financial assistance will be equally shared between a Quebec research institution and an Ontario research institution.

Indirect Costs

For Ontario applicants, indirect costs will be provided through ARIO at a rate of up to a maximum of 25% of direct project operating expenses.

Special Notes

The project will be the responsibility of two co-lead scientists—one from Quebec and the other from Ontario. The co-leads are the researchers responsible for ensuring completion of the project. They must be staff members of the research institutions submitting the Letter of Intent.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, September 13,	

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	2017 - 4:30pm	Please submit your LOI/application/proposal, along with an OR-5 Form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [4].
External Deadline	Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - 4:00pm	Letters of Intent must be submitted by the Office of Research directly to OMAFRA for the external deadline.

How to Apply

The competition consists of a two-stage application process –Letter of Intent and Full Proposal (by invitation only).

Each project requires a co-lead from an Ontario and Quebec institution. Applications are to be completed using the [Proposal Form, 2017-2018 Quebec-Ontario Cooperation for Agri-Food Research Competition](#) [3].

The completed application form and appendices, if any, must be emailed by the co-leads respective research institutions' research offices or any other equivalent authority for approval purposes as described in the [Competition Guide](#) [2].

For Questions, please contact

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