

FRANCE-CANADA RESEARCH FUND – CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2025

New Research Collaboration Program

Guidelines for researchers

(également disponible en français)

2024			2025								
Sept	Nov	Dic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	
Launch: Call for proposals General	Application deadline	Preselection	FR/CA evaluations for the general call				Selection	Project launch until June 2027			
			Application for 1. Doctoral contracts and 2. L'Oréal Canada		Deadline for 1. and 2.	FR/CA evaluation for 1. and 2.	Selection	Application for 3. MITACS research grants for FCRF laureates (before October 2025)			

1. Context and program objectives

Since 2000, the France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) has provided financial support to the New Research Collaboration Program, which promotes partnerships between researchers in France and Canada. **The 2025 call for proposals is open to any research field** and incentivizes interdisciplinarity. The FCRF aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Support the development of new expert partnerships between France and Canada
- Promote the advancement of research and innovation
- Prepare and structure scientific cooperation between the two countries
- Promote researchers' mobility, particularly for early-stage researchers
- Provide research training for researchers at the master's and doctorate levels

The funds, which will be granted to around 15 projects in 2025, will vary from \$8,000 to \$15,000 CAD according to the needs provided in the application. Those funds will be managed by the Canadian university to which the project is attached and will be available for two years. 90% of the allocated funds are aimed at financing researcher and student mobility. No indirect expenses are tolerated.



2. Eligibility criteria

Applications must come from principal investigators (PIs), both from research institutions located in France and Canada. Both PIs must hold a tenure or a tenure track position. The FCRF endorses new research collaboration between PIs who have never obtained a joint funding prior to this application. In consequence, applicants must apply for a joint call for the first time. Exceptions may be granted for researchers who previously collaborated during their PHD or during a post-doctoral contract.

All research institutions in France affiliated to the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) are eligible, including universities, grandes écoles, research institutes and research centers. PIs from Canada must be from one of the 23 Canadian universities who are members of the FCRF consortium, listed below:

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

3. Application to the New Research Collaboration Program

The application procedures are specified below:

At the beginning of the process, Canadian PIs MUST contact their respective FCRF contact within their university (see the list in APPENDIX 3). Specific administrative processes can be required by certain Canadian universities to candidate for the FCRF, showing that it is crucial to get in touch with your local FCRF contact.

Download the application form here: [LINK](#). The French version of the application form is also available: [LIEN](#)

The two PIs must fill in the application form:

- Answer the eligibility questions and secondary questions
- Select the scientific field(s)
- Fill in all the sections of the form (Complete the section 7 if your project has potential risk to research security).

Provide the short research CVs of the team members involved in the project (maximum of four CVs per project). The CVs must summarize the team members' research activities, including the most representative publications, conferences, awards, and distinctions, as well as the supervision of early-stage researchers.

The application form must be submitted electronically to the FCRF correspondent within the Canadian university (APPENDIX 3). **Deadline for submission is November 18th, 2024.**

Application form must be sent in a single PDF document. The electronic file's name must include the surnames of the French and Canadian PIs (ex: nameFR_nameCA.pdf)

Teams unsuccessful in previous editions and wishing to submit an application for the same project proposal must indicate this on the form and inform us when sending in their application (within the limit of a 2nd application).

4. Selection and evaluation processes

Submitted applications undergo a first preselection within the Canadian member universities of the FCRF consortium. Up to five applications, maximum, per university are preselected and consequently sent to the French Embassy in Canada, which will coordinate the assessment of the proposals.

Proposals are cross-evaluated by reviewers in both France and Canada, according to selection criteria set by the FCRF:

- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge (quality, scientific relevance)
- Innovative nature of the proposed project (expected project impact)
- Quality of the researchers and team members (publications, credits, other types of prior recognition)
- Proposed execution of research (methodology, calendar, budget)
- Significance and contributions of the bi-national collaboration (complementarity and balance between teams, interdisciplinarity)
- Participation of master's or doctorate-level students and young researchers (contributions, benefits)

The Executive Committee will collect the cross-tabulated evaluations and proceed with the final selection of proposals.

5. Obligations of the selected candidates

- Candidates selected by the Executive Committee commit to complete a short survey at the end of their collaborative project.
- Laureates will be expected to match expenses to the submitted budget and to provide financial reports at the end of the 2nd year of the FCRF project. These reports should be sent to the University of Ottawa Financial Department: 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 two 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.
- In order to promote the FCRF community, the grant recipients authorize the FCRF to communicate the names of the French and Canadian PIs, as well as the titles of the projects at the end of the selection process. In addition, grant recipients are encouraged to share with the FCRF managers information related to the team's travels between Canada and France, as well as their feedback from their collaborative projects. Grant recipients could also be invited to speak about their experience.

In addition, three funding programs complementary to the New Research Collaboration Program dedicated to master's- or doctorate-level students are available to the FCRF PIs. The MESR doctoral contracts, the Mitacs Globalink grants and the L'Oréal Canada–FFCR awards are presented in detail in Appendix 2.

**For all questions regarding the program, please contact
the service of the Embassy of France in Canada:**

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

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APPENDIX 1

2025 FCRF timeline

- Opening of the 2025 call for proposals: **September 9th, 2024**. (Download the application form here: English version [LINK](#) / French version [LIEN](#).)
- Deadline for submission of electronic file to the Canadian FCRF university correspondent: **November 18th, 2024**
- Preselection of a maximum of five projects per Canadian university: **December 20th, 2024**
- Delivery of preselected projects to evaluation committees (both French and Canadian) by the French Embassy in Canada: **January 6th, 2025**.
- Submission of the evaluations to the French Embassy in Canada by each evaluation committee: **April 14th, 2025**
- Executive Committee's meeting and selection of grant recipients: **May 2025**

APPENDIX 2

COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

The French Embassy in Canada wishes to bring to the attention of the Canadian and French research communities the existence of three other funding mechanisms that may complement the New Research Collaboration Program. These opportunities are intended to benefit master's and doctoral students.

1. French Ministry of Higher Education and Research Doctoral Contracts



The French Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MESR) offers 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 awarded these doctoral contracts will receive a monthly sum over a period of three years, the amount of which is set by the MESR.

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 **March 14th, 2025**. The three contracts will be awarded in May 2025, once an FCRF decision has been reached on the main New Scientific Collaboration Support Program.

2. L'Oréal Canada – FCRF Awards



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 with the aim of promoting the participation of women scientists in collaborative projects between France and Canada. Since then, two L'Oréal Canada – FCRF prizes have been awarded to young women researchers each year as part of the FCRF program.

L'Oréal Canada has committed to awarding a sum of \$5,000 CAD to the applicant selected by the FCRF Executive Committee.

The grant recipient will also be invited to take part in a mentorship program for young girls to share their passion for science with girls aged 9 to 14.

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

Eligibility criteria:

- The selected applicant must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- The candidate must be in a doctoral position, and its status must remain the same from the application (January-March 2025) to her being selected (May 2025).
- 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 2025 France-Canada research project preselected* by the FCRF's Canadian member universities.



Selection criteria:

- The candidate must have demonstrated scientific excellence in her research work.
- The candidate must have demonstrated a commitment to the promotion and/or dissemination of science (SHS and/or STEM).

Application:

Canadian PIs who have submitted a pre-selected* application to the FCRF's call for proposals, and wishing to put forward a candidate for this prize, must send an application file containing in order:

- Candidate's CV
- Candidate's letter of motivation
- Supervisor's letter of recommendation

All in a single PDF document to the following e-mail address:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org

Deadline for application is **March 14th, 2025**.

**For the 2025 edition, a “preselected” France-Canada research project means that the submitted project (November 2024) is chosen by one of the Canadian universities in December 2024. The L'Oréal Canada – FCRF award can therefore be attributed to a candidate even if the FCRF project she is involved in is not selected at the end of the FCRF competition (May 2025).*



3. Mitacs funding / Globalink Research Award (GRA) intended for France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) projects selected for the 2025 Call for Proposals



Our partnership with the Canadian organization Mitacs now enables each project laureate of the FCRF to access one or more of the twenty (20) Globalink Research Fellowship (GRA) for which a French and/or Canadian student, with a Master or PhD involved in the joint project, is eligible.

The grants, worth \$6000 CAD each, covers travel expenses for research stays of 12 to 24 weeks in the partner laboratory in France and/or Canada. **Note that this funding comes entirely from Mitacs**, and therefore requires no financial contribution from the Canadian team.

FCRF laureates who apply MUST indicate the FCRF as an affiliated research program in order to benefit from our agreement.

Recipients will receive an email from a Mitacs representative outlining the application process following the official announcement of the FCRF results. The deadline for GRA applications is **October 31st, 2025**.

Questions and applications for Mitacs-FCRF scholarships should be sent directly to Mitacs international: international@mitacs.ca

APPENDIX 3

LIST OF FCRF CONTACTS WITHIN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

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