

FRANCE-CANADA RESEARCH FUND – CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2027

“New Research Collaboration” Program

Guidelines for researchers

(également disponible en français)

Deadline: Novembre 27, 2026 at 11:59 pm (PST)

2026			2027							
Sept	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug
Launch: Call for proposals General	Application deadline	Preselection	FR/CA evaluations for the general call				Selection	Projects start for a period of two years		
			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. Globalink research award from Mitacs for FCRF laureates (before November 2026)		

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 2027 call for proposals is open to all research fields.** The FCRF aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Support the development of new research 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 career researchers; and
- Provide research training for researchers at the master's and doctorate levels.

The funds, which will be granted to around 20 projects in 2027, are between CA\$8,000 to CA\$15,000 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 researchers and students' mobility. Unused fund must be returned after the period of two years after reception of the fund. No indirect costs are tolerated.

2. Eligibility criteria

Applications must come from two principal investigators (PIs), both from research institutions located in France and Canada. The FCRF endorses new research collaboration between PIs who have never obtained a research joint funding prior this application. Exceptions may be granted for researchers who previously collaborated during their PhD or during a post-doctoral fellowship. PIs must meet all the following criteria:

- Must hold a tenure or a tenure track position;
- FRANCE: Be affiliated with higher education institutions or public research organizations;
- CANADA: Affiliated to one of the 24 Canadian universities who are members of the FCRF consortium, listed below:

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 Moncton	University of Victoria
Queen's University	Université de Montréal	University of Waterloo
Simon Fraser University	Université d'Ottawa	Western University
University of Alberta	Université du Québec à Montréal	York University

3. Applications process

At the beginning of the process, Canadian PIs must contact their respective FCRF contact within their university (see the list in APPENDIX 2). 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: [LINK](#)

The two PIs must fill in the application form:

- Answer the eligibility questions and secondary questions;
- Select the research field(s); and
- Fill in all the sections of the form.

Provide the short research CVs (max 5 pages) 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 and articles, 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 2). **Deadline for submission is November 27, 2026.**

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 for the national evaluation.

Proposals are cross-evaluated by reviewers in both France and Canada, according to selection criteria set which share equal coefficient:

- 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.
- 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.

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

science.ottawa-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

The French Embassy in Canada would like to inform Canadian and French applicants about the existence of three complementary funding programs supported by the FCRF. These programs are dedicated to master's and doctoral students and are available to the FCRF PIs.

The doctoral grants of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space, the L'Oréal Canada - FCRF awards and the Globalink Research Awards (GRA) from Mitacs are presented in detail in Appendix 1.

APPENDIX 1

COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

1. Doctoral grants of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space (MESRE)

The French Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Space (MESRE) can award doctoral contracts to French doctoral schools involved in the best projects selected by the Executive Committee of the FCRF. These doctoral contracts are awarded subject to the budgetary allocations available to MESRE. Each doctoral student who receives a doctoral contract will receive a gross monthly salary for three years, the amount of which is determined by MESRE. French project leaders involved in projects pre-selected* by Canadian universities may submit only one application. They will receive a "doctoral form" after the pre-selection process, in January 2027. Once the form has been completed by the interested teams, it must be sent to:

science.ottawa-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

This form must include the name of the doctoral student or future doctoral student who will be participating in the research project. The doctoral student or future doctoral student will have to be affiliated with a French doctoral school. The deadline for submitting the doctoral student form is March 12, 2027. Doctoral contracts will be awarded as soon as the budget availability is confirmed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESRE).

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 awards 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 CA\$5,000 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 Canadian representatives.

Eligibility criteria:

- The selected applicant must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- The candidate must be in a doctoral position affiliated with one of the 24 Canadian universities and its status must remain the same from the application (January-March 2027) to her being selected (May 2027).
- 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 2026 France-Canada research project preselected* by the FCRF's Canadian member universities.

Selection criteria:

- The candidate must have demonstrated 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:

science.ottawa-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Deadline for application is **March 15, 2027**.



**For the 2027 edition, a “preselected” France-Canada research project means that the submitted project (November 2026) is chosen by one of the Canadian universities in January 2027. 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 2027).*



3. Mitacs funding / Globalink Research Award (GRA) intended for France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) projects selected for the 2027 Call for Proposals



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

The grants, worth CA\$6,000 each, covers travel expenses for research stays of 12 to 24 weeks in the partner institution in France and/or Canada.

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, 2027**.

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

APPENDIX 2

LIST OF FCRF CONTACTS WITHIN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

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