



FRANCE-CANADA RESEARCH FUND – CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026

« FCRF+ » Program

Guide for the principal investigators

(Aussi disponible en français)

1. Objectives and program overview

The FCRF+ supports **existing** research partnerships between France and Canada.

The objective of the FFCRF+ competition is to support France-Canada teams that have been successful in obtaining a previous FFCRF 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, “Agence Nationale de la Recherche de France”, the three Canadian Research Councils, NFRF exploration transformation).

The FCRF+ competition is open to all fields of research. Funding up to CA\$5,000 will be awarded to around fifteen projects in 2026, 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 to the partner's home 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 attached and will be available for one year. Please note that indirect costs are not permitted.

2. Eligibility criteria

The FCRF+ criteria are:

- Both PIs must be former winners (selected between 2001 and 2024) of the FCRF “New research collaboration program” competition. The application must be submitted by the **FCRF winning duo**.
- FRANCE: the PI must be affiliated with a higher education institution or a public research organization.
- CANADA: the PI must be a member of one of the 23 FCRF consortium member universities listed below.
- PIs must have identified an external call for proposals.
- A single FCRF+ award can be granted per FCRF duo.



List of Canadian university members of the FCRF consortium

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

3. Application submission

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

The form must be completed by both PIs:

- 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 covering the CA\$5,000 from the FCRF+ (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 the Canadian PI and FFCRF+ (e.g.: nameFR_nameCA_FFCRF+.pdf).

The application form must be submitted electronically to the French Embassy in Canada at:

assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org



Two rounds are planned for the 2026 edition:

Launch	Submission deadline	Results announcement
First round: September 8, 2025	November 14, 2025	End of January 2026
Second round :February 2, 2026	April 3, 2026	End of May 2026

4. Selection and evaluation process

The cross-evaluation will be carried out by evaluators in France and Canada. The results will be notified by the French Embassy on the date indicated above.

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%)

5. Commitment of winning candidates

- Candidates selected by the Executive Committee agree to complete a short survey.
- Recipients will 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 Finance Department: Finances.Recherche@uOttawa.ca
- In order to promote the FFCR community, winners are encouraged to share information on team travel between Canada and France, as well as feedback, at the address below. Candidates may also be asked individually to share their experiences.
- An application not selected on the first round can still apply for the second one.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact

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