

VISITING RESEARCHERS PROGRAM 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FAQ

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Q: My collaborator isn't based in one of the institutions in the six priority countries or in the six additional countries, can I still apply?

A: To be eligible for this round, visiting researchers must be based at an institution in one of the six priority countries or at an academic institution in one of the six additional countries. We encourage you to take some time to reach out to potential visitors from these countries and use the VRP as a means to develop a new partnership.

Q: I have a partner in one of the six priority countries but not at one of the specified institutions, can I still apply?

A: For the six priority countries, the visiting researcher must be based in one of the institutions in the list. We encourage you to use the opportunity to reach out to a potential new collaborator at one of the institutions. Alternatively, you can invite a researcher from any academic institution in the second list of countries.

Q: I recall in previous years that visits of three and four weeks were allowed, why has this changed?

A: Following a review of past rounds of the VRP, it was determined that the average visit length has been 2.6 weeks. In a view to fund a higher number of visits, OIR decided to streamline the program to a two-week mandatory visit length at a standardised funding level of \$3,500. If your visitor wishes to stay longer, consider seeking department or faculty support for additional days accommodation.

Q: I have prior funding from the OVPR, what information should I provide to explain why I am applying again?

A: In the application, please provide a brief description of the previous award(s) and the outcomes from the funding. A description of how the new application differs from or complements the previous award(s) should also be provided.

Q: I have a graduate student interested in the Mitacs Globalink Research Award supplement. Is their participation guaranteed?

A: All graduate students will be subject to Mitacs eligibility requirements and the research project will be subject to Mitacs internal review. That said, the Centre for Research Opportunities has a formal agreement with Mitacs which offers uOttawa students preferred access to the GRA program and direct support for students.

Q: How will my partner's student be funded to come to uOttawa?

A: Foreign students will receive \$3,000 from Mitacs, which must be equally matched by any combination of existing funds from the foreign institution (scholarships and bursaries, faculty/department support) or funds provided through your partner's research grants and awards.

Q: I am interested in the Public Outreach Support supplement but I was not planning to visit my partner's institution in the next 12 months. Is there a way to access the \$500 for other travel?

A: The Public Outreach Support supplement is a pilot initiative for this round of the VRP aimed at helping to further strengthen the collaboration. As such, it must be linked to a reciprocal visit to your partner's institution. Even if you do not have a travel plan at the time of application, consider filling in this section of the form and, if successful, your application will be flagged for a potential supplement should your plans change.

Q: How did the OVPR decide on the list of priority countries and partner institutions? Will this list ever change?

A: The six priority countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, and Taiwan) were selected following the OVPR consultations with Deans and Vice-Deans, Research from all Faculties (May 2018), for their significantly high levels of spending on research (measured as Gross domestic expenditure on R&D [GERD]), and for their preponderance of world-leading researchers and research institutions.

In addition, key institutions were selected based on the high quality of their research output, their comprehensive disciplinary coverage and because all are already working with uOttawa Faculties, research centres and institutes, and individual researchers. By putting an extra focus on these institutions, we anticipate expanding on existing collaborations to benefit the entire university.

Given the flexible and customizable nature of the VRP, the theme and focus tend to change from call-to-call. For instance, the second list of countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, South Africa, and South Korea) will allow OIR to see which other institutions are of interest to uOttawa researchers.

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