OBJECTIVES

The PhD Mobility Program in France is funded by the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (OVPRI), and managed by International Research and Experiential Learning (IREX). This pilot program’s objectives are twofold: (i) to step up research activities with institutions in France selected by the University of Ottawa, and (ii) to fulfil the research objectives and priorities of the University’s faculties.

OVERVIEW

This call for proposals is open for stays at the following institutions: Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Université Jean Monnet, Université Lumière Lyon 2, Université Paris Cité and Sorbonne Université, and other members of the group of high-intensity research universities (UDICE) and degree-granting members of the Conférence des grandes écoles (CGE). Proposed projects must be aligned with existing or emerging collaborative research endeavours liable to result in joint applications for funding.

Scholarships totalling $6,000 will be awarded to University of Ottawa PhD students for the purpose of conducting a 12- to 24-week research project under the supervision of two professors (University of Ottawa and host institution).

All subjects are eligible. Up to 10 University of Ottawa students will be awarded scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must be enrolled full time in a PhD program at the University of Ottawa and be under the supervision of the professor submitting the application.

Research supervisors must hold a full-time tenure or tenure-track position at the University of Ottawa, or hold a permanent research position at one of the University’s affiliated research institutes. The same applies to the supervisor at the host institution in France.

Students are responsible for obtaining residence permits or visas needed for travel to France.

This program cannot be combined with any other OVPRI or IREX initiatives. Students who hold a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship or a Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral (CGS D) program are not eligible.
VISIT DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

The proposed project should be used to build on discussions and ideas that have been developed during the student’s thesis work. It can also be used to begin working on new projects.

The PhD student is expected to be mentored by the supervisor in France and to have the opportunity to interact with the supervisor’s team regularly.

The visit must take place between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2024. It may not be divided into two parts.

Eligible expenses cover travel only: return economy airfare, ground transportation, accommodations and living allowance for the duration of the research visit in France. If additional funding is available outside the program to extend the visit, this must be noted on the application form.

If, for unforeseen reasons, the visit cannot go ahead, the entire amount of the funding must be returned to the OVPRI. Funding is not renewable or transferrable.

A hosting agreement may be required depending on the policies in force at the institution in France. Such an agreement should be in place shortly after funding has been granted.

Funding provided by the OVPRI and IREX must be acknowledged at public events or on publication of research results.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be completed by the University of Ottawa supervisor and the PhD student, and must be acknowledged by the supervisor at the institution in France. Full applications must be sent to carmen.bauer@uottawa.ca by May 28, 2023.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selected projects must be acceptable with regard to the following: (i) quality of the research proposal; (ii) student’s CV; (iii) degree of supervisor engagement and mentoring; (iv) strength of University of Ottawa supervisor’s letter of recommendation.

FUNDING MANAGEMENT AND FINAL REPORT

The OVPRI will provide CA$6,000 to the University of Ottawa supervisor, who will be responsible for providing the entire amount to the student receiving the award.

The student will be required to submit a brief narrative report to IREX within one month of completion of the research visit in France.

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