

DOCTORAL MOBILITY PROGRAM - USA CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GUIDELINES

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OBJECTIVES

The Doctoral Mobility Program (DMP) is funded by the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (OVPRI), and managed by International Research and Experiential Learning (IREX). The program's objectives are threefold:

- To enrich the research experience of uOttawa PhD students by giving them the opportunity to work with and learn from leading international researchers at a host institution;
- To increase the influence and impact of research excellence at uOttawa within the international community;
- To fulfil the research objectives and priorities of the University's faculties.

Considering the interest in the recently completed pilot calls with France and Germany, we are happy to announce the continuation of the Doctoral Mobility Program with a new call focusing on research institutions in the United States.

OVERVIEW

This call for proposals encourages visits to member universities of the [Association of American Universities](#) (AAU) and the [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#) (APLU).

Proposed projects must be aligned with existing or emerging collaborative research endeavours likely to result in joint applications for funding.

Scholarships of **\$6,000** each will be awarded to University of Ottawa PhD students to conduct a research visit of 12 to 14 weeks at the host institution and under the supervision of two professors (University of Ottawa and host institution).

All topics are eligible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must meet **all** the following conditions:

- Be enrolled full time in a PhD program at the University of Ottawa.
- Have completed their compulsory coursework.
- Be supervised by the University of Ottawa professor submitting the application.

Research supervisors must hold either:

- A full-time tenure or tenure-track position at the University of Ottawa;
- A permanent research position at one of the University's affiliated research institutes.

The same criteria apply to the supervisor at the host institution in the United States.

Students are responsible for obtaining residence permits or visas needed for travel to the United States.

This program may not be combined with any other OVPRI or IREX initiative. Doctoral students in receipt of any previous or current IREX funding programs are not eligible. Moreover, students who hold a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship or a Canada Graduate Scholarships — Doctoral (CGS D) program at the time of application are not eligible.

VISIT DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

The proposed project should build on discussions and ideas that have been developed during the student’s thesis work. The project can also serve as a starting point for work on new projects.

During the student’s stay, they are expected to be mentored by the supervisor in the United States and to have the opportunity to interact with the supervisor’s team regularly.

The visit may not be divided into two parts.

Only travel expenses are eligible: this comprises return economy airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and a living allowance for the duration of the research visit. If additional funding is available outside the program to extend the visit, please include the amount on the application form.

If, for unforeseen reasons, the visit cannot proceed, all 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 American institution. Such an agreement should be in place at the faculty level shortly after the funding is granted.

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be completed by the PhD student and their uOttawa supervisor and must be acknowledged by the host supervisor from the United States. Applications must include a signed form, the PhD student’s CV, and a letter of support from University of Ottawa supervisor. A completed and signed RE form must be filled out via [eAwards](#).

Please email complete applications to [Amanda Mullen](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

Launch of DMP:	March 6, 2024
Application deadline:	May 31, 2024 before 5pm EST
Announcement of results:	Mid-August 2024
Earliest start date of stay in the US:	September 1, 2024
Latest end date of stay in the US:	August 31, 2025
Report on stay in the US:	Within one month of the end of the visit

SELECTION PROCESS

Projects are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Excellence of the research proposal
- Strength of the PhD student's CV (including publications, participation in conferences, etc.)
- Level of supervisor engagement and mentoring
- Quality of the letter of recommendation from the University of Ottawa supervisor

FUNDING MANAGEMENT AND REPORT

The OVPRI provides **CA\$6,000** to the University of Ottawa supervisor, who is responsible for transferring the entire amount to the student receiving the award.

The student must submit a brief narrative report to IREX within 1 month of completing their visit.

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