

CNRS-U of T Specifications for a Joint Call for Research Proposals
June 9th 2017

The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the University of Toronto (U of T) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2016, in order to implement scientific cooperation between research personnel from U of T and those eligible for CNRS grants, through the funding of joint research projects. The term of the MOU is 4 years.

Under the MOU, as a first action to promote such collaboration, CNRS and the University of Toronto will make public a **Call for Joint Research Proposals** for the exchange of research personnel, under the terms and conditions of the MOU Section 2.4 and hereinafter set forth.

1. Eligibility for University of Toronto applicants

1.1 Eligibility to submit proposals within the scope of this Call:

Faculty members at U of T who are eligible to hold research funding are eligible to submit proposals in response to this call.

1.2 Eligibility for the exchange activities within the scope of this Call

Faculty members, and students under their supervision at U of T, are eligible to participate in exchange activities within the scope of this call.

2. Fields of knowledge

This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in any of the disciplines represented by CNRS's 10 institutes <http://www.cnrs.fr/en/research/Institutes.htm> :

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences & Astronomy
- Ecology & Environment
- Engineering & Systems
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Informational Sciences
- Mathematics
- Nuclear & Particle Physics
- Physics

3. Research Activities

Research activities may be based on joint research projects set up by researchers of either Party, include the structuring of collaboration by way of International Programmes for Scientific Cooperation (PICS), International Research Networks (GDRI), International Associated Laboratories (LIA), International Joint Units (UMI) or any other form of partnerships, to be promoted and implemented jointly when both CNRS and U of T find it mutually beneficial.

4. Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers

The maximum duration of each project is up to 12 months within one French fiscal year of January 1 – December 31. The first projects will be selected in 2017 and begin by January 1st 2018 for one year, ie funds will be expended between January 1st 2018 and Decembre 31st 2018.

5. Funding principles

Up to 3 proposals will be accepted for each year of the MOU. CNRS will provide funding of up to the equivalent of €5,000 per proposal and U of T will provide funding of up to CDN \$7,500 per proposal, for the duration of the grant to cover research-related mobility expenses, under the provisions of the CNRS-U of T MOU.

6. Proposal requirements for University of Toronto applicants:

Timeline for 2017 Call

Deadline for submission of proposal	July 30, 2017, 5 pm EST
Communication of Results to applicants	November 2017
Start date of Awards	January 1, 2018

Full Proposal

All proposals will be in English. U of T submissions can only be accepted by email to Special Projects Officer, Vice-President, Research & Innovation vpri.projects@utoronto.ca

The full proposal is comprised of the following elements:

- a) Proposal Cover that includes the PI names, institutions-units, and CNRS Agency.
- b) A **Research Project Description**, maximum three (3) pages (excluding bibliography if included) that includes the following items (in alignment with the **Selection Criteria** listed below):
 - i. **Abstract that describes the project.**
 - ii. **Description of the planned activities** (for example, seminars, short courses, visits to other institutions that carry out research activities in cognate areas, etc.) including rationale and timeline
 - iii. **Project impact:** Description of the expected academic gains for the project as a result of the proposed cooperation and mobility, and the identification of corresponding performance indicators.
 - iv. **Impact of collaboration on research project:** Anticipated benefits to the principal investigator's other active research projects.
 - v. **Trainee involvement:** Any opportunities for student(s) engagement and anticipated benefits to the project and the student(s) themselves
 - vi. **Capacity for future collaboration:** A description of the potential future collaborations and outcomes that the researchers believe will be possible as a result of having undertaken the current proposed work and exchange activities.
 - vii. **Proposed Budget:** The maximum amount is CDN\$7,500 for 1 year.
- c) **Curriculum Vitae** of the Principal Investigators (PIs) and all collaborating researchers from France and U of T in either: the CNRS format (for French collaborators), or for U of T-based applicants, the most current Tri-Agency (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) CV.

7. Adjudication

- a) Applications are received by the U of T Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and forwarded to an internal review committee along with a template for ranking applications.
- b) **Selection Criteria:** The internal review committee will assess each Full Proposal according to the scientific merit and compelling elements covered by the following criteria:

- **Project design and rationale** (how clearly presented and justified is the design and basis for the collaboration)
 - **Project impact** (how clearly linked are the academic gains to the planned activities and performance indicators)
 - **Impact of collaboration on research project** (how strong is the link being between the proposed collaboration and current research project(s).)
 - **Trainee involvement** (are opportunities provided for students to engage in the collaboration? What are the anticipated benefits of student engagement to the project and for the students themselves?)
 - **Capacity for future collaboration** (what is the extent to which future collaborations are possible as a result of the proposed exchange activities.)
- c) Reviews are returned to the Uof T Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and results/scores tabulated to rank proposals.
- d) **Joint Committee** convenes to select the 3 final proposals.

8. Communication of Results

Final results will be announced by means of a communication to the successful PIs.

9. Research Reporting After Project Completion

All U of T awardees must, as a condition of receiving an award under this call, complete a narrative report (of between 1 and 2 pages) that describes the outcomes, nature of collaboration, project impact, trainee involvement and opportunities for future collaboration that evolved from their project. The report is due **within 90 days** of the end date of the award.

Information about this Call at the University of Toronto

All questions related to this Call for Joint Research Proposals must be directed to:

Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation
Attention: Special Projects Officer
Email: vpri.projects@utoronto.ca
Phone: 416-978-4612