THE YEAR IN REVIEW
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH
2011

MANDATE

Early in 2011, the mandate of the Office of International Research was realigned to better support the community of uOttawa researchers at the pre-award stage. It now consists in:

- Assisting faculty members with their international activities by advising on funding sources;
- Supporting the preparation of funding requests;
- Co-ordinating scientific exchange and collaboration agreements with partners abroad; and
- Promoting uOttawa’s research priorities and achievements to domestic and foreign partners.

INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs

Two Fulbright scholars were hosted in 2011, at the Centre on Governance (Faculty of Social Sciences), and at the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (Faculty of Law).

France-Canada Research Fund

Nineteen Canadian universities submitted applications for the 2011 round. Out of the 13 grants awarded across Canada, two of the three proposals from the University of Ottawa were successful.

Distinguished Visiting Researcher Program (DVRP)

Seven of the 14 proposals received for the first round of the DVRP obtained a total of $40,000 in support from the Office of the Vice-President, Research, allowing short visits of renowned researchers from Australia, Germany, Spain, and the UK over the 2011-2012 academic year.

International Research Acceleration Program (IRAP)

Funding was secured for three rounds of support from the Office of the Vice-President, Research, intended to seed new or to enable emerging collaborations with researchers based in priority countries. The guidelines and forms were developed and the launch of the first round is scheduled for early 2012.

SERVICE TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

International delegations

Over 15 visitors and delegations were hosted in 2011. The OIR also played a helpful role in welcoming two high-level missions from Colombia and France.

Outgoing missions

The OIR provided support pertaining to the research component of missions to China and Taiwan through briefing notes, strategic advice, and information material for uOttawa senior administrators.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Grants and contracts involving international partners were signed by the University of Ottawa for 18 new projects, for a total value of $2.2 million.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Over 20 proposals were submitted in 2011. The Office worked closely with Research Management Services to redesign the internal “RE application form”, thus improving the University’s ability to track proposals involving international partners.

NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

- Shanghai Institute of Biological Science, Chinese Academy of Science
- Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France
- National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Development of a new prospectus for OIR and website redesign
- Database of international research collaborations involving uOttawa
- High-level presentations of uOttawa research