

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH



2012

uOttawa

MANDATE

The Office of International Research:

- Assists faculty members with their international activities by advising on funding sources;
- Supports in the preparation of funding requests;
- Co-ordinates scientific exchange and collaboration agreements with partners abroad; and
- Promotes uOttawa's research priorities and achievements to domestic and foreign partners.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Grants and contracts involving international partners were signed by the University of Ottawa for 29 new projects, for a total value of \$2.3 million.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Number of proposals	46, requesting a total of \$6.4 million.
Top partner countries	United States (6), Australia (5), France (5), China (4), Ireland (3)
Faculties involved	Arts (12), Science (10), Health Sciences (9), Social Sciences (9), Medicine (8)

INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs

Two Fulbright scholars were hosted in 2012. Two new Chairs were also developed and approved, bringing the total number of available Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs to four.

France-Canada Research Fund

A total of 85 applications were received from 19 Canadian universities for the 2012 round. Out of the 15 grants awarded across Canada, four of the five proposals from the University of Ottawa were successful.

São Paulo Research Fund

An agreement between the Consortium of Alberta, Laval, Dalhousie and Ottawa Universities (CALDO) and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) was signed in April 2012, leading to the creation of a \$400,000 fund scheduled to be launched in the first half of 2013.

Visiting Research Chair in Brazilian Studies

In March 2012, the University joined a consortium of 7 Canadian universities hosting distinguished Brazilian researchers for short stays in Canada. The first scholar to visit the University of Ottawa was hosted by the Centre for International Policy Studies.

Distinguished Visiting Researcher Program (DVRP)

Six of the 12 proposals received for the second 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, Switzerland, the UK, and the US over the 2012-2013 academic year.

International Research Acceleration Program (IRAP)

Seven of the 30 proposals received under the first round obtained a total of \$140,000 in support from the Office of the Vice-President, Research, enabling emerging collaborations with researchers based in China, Germany, and Taiwan over the 2012-2014 period.

SERVICES TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

International delegations

Over 40 visitors and delegations were hosted in 2012. The OIR also played a helpful role in welcoming five high-level missions from China, Germany and Taiwan.

Outgoing missions

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

NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

- Central South University School of Medicine, China
- Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica of the Chinese Academy of Science
- Shanghai No.6 People's Hospital, affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Germany

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two information sessions were held on campus:

- European Commission funding priorities and instruments (April 24, 2012)
- Research with France (November 15, 2012)