HIGH IMPACT INVESTMENTS

Internal Programs

The Office of the Vice-President, Research, committed $250,000 under four international programs:
- 17 short stays of foreign scholars at uOttawa
- 2 start-up grants with France
- 4 Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs from the US
- 11 undergraduate research internships abroad

These programs leveraged over $145,000 in counterpart funds and facilitated scholarly exchange, downstream funding and access to research facilities and networks.

PERSONALISED SUPPORT

Brazil

Prof. Joao Velloso (Law) was awarded a grant from Global Affairs Canada for teaching and research through the inaugural round of the Faculty Mobility Program for Latin America and the Caribbean.

China

Prof. Alexandre Poulain (Science) was funded to undertake a research visit to the Chinese Academy of Science’s Institute of Geochemistry in Guiyang.

Profs Wendy Gifford and Denise Harrison (Health Sciences) hosted their collaborator from the 9th People’s Hospital, affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

France

Three uOttawa—University of Lyon (UdL) and Clermont Ferrand research teams received grants to organise workshops at the Entretiens Jacques Cartier in Lyon.

Japan

Following the visits of two delegations from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), uOttawa was granted three postdoctoral fellowships for our experts to conduct research in Japan.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Europe

uOttawa hosted the first Canadian edition of the European Research Day, a one-day workshop organised by an agency of the European Commission.

France

OVPR-led mission to Lyon and Paris helped forge new partnerships, such as the joint CNRS lab on neuromuscular diseases and an MOU on sport science.

President Frémont and VP-Research Charbonneau met with Antoine Petit, President of the CNRS, to discuss the creation of a CNRS-UdL satellite office at uOttawa.

Germany

Roundtable on the Future of Work with the German Minister of Research and Education co-hosted with the Embassy of Germany.

Japan

uOttawa hosted a symposium featuring astronauts Koichi Wakata of Japan and Jeremy Hansen of Canada discussing their experiences working in space.

Taiwan

President Frémont visited key research institutions to discuss opportunities for closer partnership.
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Spring
- The Centre for Research in Photonics and OIR hosted a high-level delegation from the UK, led by Sir Peter Knight, focused on learning about uOttawa’s rich experience in photonics.
- Outreach visits by OIR to French, Belgian and Israeli research institutions, meeting with collaborators in a range of disciplines.
- OIR study tour to Bay Area institutions including Stanford, Berkeley, and Google to explore funding models and partnership opportunities.

Summer
- Prof Mu Rongping, Director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Sciences and Development, visited OIR and the Institute for Science, Society and Policy.
- Representatives from Taiwan’s National Cheng Kung University met with the Faculty of Medicine and OIR to discuss a partnership in regenerative medicine.

A consultation process on international research took place in May and involved 40 members of the university’s community. The feedback report was presented to the Research Commission and led to the development of the 2019-22 International Research Strategy.

Fall
- Presentation by OIR on new approaches to university education at the Swiss-Canadian Innovation Day.
- OIR invited by the State University of São Paulo (UNESP) to explore partnership opportunities under Brazil’s Print Program.

PRIZES AND HONOURS

Paul Corkum (Science) became the first Canadian to win the Institute of Physics’ Isaac Newton Medal for his ground-breaking research.

France Martineau (Arts) was inducted into the Ordre des francophones d’Amérique by the Conseil supérieur de la langue française.

Alison Flynn (Science) joined the Global Young Academy, and is uOttawa’s 10th researcher to be invited into the organisation’s membership.

ABOUT US

OIR increases uOttawa’s global reach by promoting and supporting our researchers’ collaborative efforts.