HIGH IMPACT INVESTMENTS

Internal Programs

The Office of the Vice-President, Research committed $250,000 under four international programs:

- 24 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.

uOttawa researchers received 96 external grants and contracts with international partners totalling $16 million. This included 31 new grants with American partners, 14 with French partners, and 10 with German partners.

Business Development in Germany

Building on promising existing individual collaborations, eight German Excellence Universities were visited to identify opportunities for institutional-level partnerships. At the University of Rostock’s Centre of Quantum Optics, discussions focused on an upcoming project with uOttawa researchers. In Bonn, meetings were held with representatives of the German liaison office for scientific collaborations within the EU framework programs, and in Berlin, discussions at the Canadian Embassy focused on government to government research activities.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

OVPR-led Mission to Taiwan

Over the course of a week, a delegation led by Vice-President, Research, Sylvain Charbonneau, visited over 10 Taiwanese research institutions to forge new links and expand on existing partnerships. The visit also saw the signing of a joint funding agreement with Academia Sinica, an eminent research agency active in all fields of knowledge. Under this agreement, the OIR and Academia Sinica have launched a joint call for proposals to award $135,000 in research funding.

PERSONALISED SUPPORT

CNRS-UdL Satellite Office

The University of Lyon and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) established a joint satellite office at uOttawa, the first of its kind in Canada. The office’s launch saw the formalization of a joint lab, known as Laboratoire international associé, in neuromuscular research. It follows the first uOttawa-LIA established in 2014 in green chemistry. Following the signing ceremony, an Alex Trebek Forum for Dialogue on health and artificial intelligence brought together experts from France, the Montfort Hospital, and uOttawa.

International Research Networking Event

To kick off the new academic year, the OIR hosted a networking event where uOttawa researchers discussed opportunities with representatives from embassies and funding agencies. Ten countries were represented and over 120 professors took part from all career stages and from across all ten faculties.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Spring**
- Visit of delegates from the University of Jean Monnet, Saint Etienne and the University of Lyon.
- Signing of an institutional agreement with Mitacs to support international opportunities.
- The 2019 Canadian Humboldt Kolleg hosted at uOttawa on the theme *Transitions* in honour of Alexander-von-Humboldt’s 250th birthday and organized by Abdulmotaleb El Saddik (Engineering).

**Summer**
- Meeting with representatives from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science’s office in Washington, DC.
- Took part in a special conference on Responsible AI organized by the Embassy of France.

**Autumn**
- Welcomed a delegation of university representatives from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.
- Participated in a two-day visit of representatives from 13 West and Central African universities to discuss partnerships between our institutions.
- Meeting with the Ambassador of Germany and tour of the Max-Planck-uOttawa Centre for Extreme and Quantum Photonics.

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PRIZES AND HONOURS

Chibuike Udenigwe (Health Sciences) received the Young Scientist Award from the American Chemistry Society for his outstanding contributions in agricultural and food chemistry.

Nafissa Ismail (Social Sciences) and Sophie Thériault (Law) joined the *Global Young Academy*, and are uOttawa’s 11th and 12th researchers to be invited into the organisation’s membership.

François Larocque (Law) was inducted into the *Ordre des francophones d’Amérique* by the Conseil supérieur de la langue française.

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