THE YEAR IN REVIEW
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH
2013

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 70 new projects, for a total value of $3.7 million.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Number of proposals: 120, requesting a total of $9.5 million.
Top partner countries: France (21), Germany (19), Australia (18), United Kingdom (14), China (11), United States (10).
Top Faculties: Social Sciences (37), Health Sciences (36), Arts (36), Medicine (26).

INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs
Two Fulbright scholars were hosted in 2013. The Agreement between the University and Fulbright formally recognizes the two new Chairs that were developed and approved in 2012, bringing the total number of available Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs to four.

France-Canada Research Fund
Out of the 15 grants awarded by the Fund, two of the five proposals from the University of Ottawa were successful.

Argentina-uOttawa Agreement for Research Cooperation
A first Call for Proposals was launched following the creation of a $90,000 joint research fund aiming to promote and support collaborative research projects between researchers and graduate students in Argentina and uOttawa.

CALDO-FAPESP Agreement for Cooperation
All five proposals submitted by the University of Ottawa were funded following the Spring 2013 Call for Proposals. In November, the universities of Waterloo, Saskatchewan, Calgary, and Western Ontario joined the CALDO consortium.

Distinguished Visiting Researcher Program (DVRP)
All 8 proposals received for the third round of the DVRP were supported by the Office of the Vice-President, Research, for a total of $40,000, allowing short visits of renowned researchers from Australia, Argentina, Egypt, Israel (2), Mexico, Morocco, and Spain over the 2013-2014 academic year.

International Research Acceleration Program (IRAP)
Eight proposals obtained a total of $145,000 in support from the Office of the Vice-President, Research under the second round, enabling emerging collaborations with researchers based in Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India and UK over the 2013-2015 period.

SERVICES TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

International delegations
The OIR played a key role in the welcoming of 25 missions, including a high-level delegation from INSERM and Aviesan, interested in learning more about the University’s research activities in regenerative medicine and stem cell program.

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

NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

- Fulbright Canada: renewal of existing Chairs and creation of two new Chairs
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, China
- Central China Normal University
- Institute of Hydrobiology of the Chinese Academy of Science, Wuhan, China
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Republic