2019 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
VISITING RESEARCHERS PROGRAM

FOCUS ON PRIORITY PARTNERS & EARLY-MID CAREER RESEARCHERS

FAQ
(aussi disponibles en français)

Q: My collaborator isn’t based in one of the nine countries, can I still apply?

A: For this round, only applications where the visiting researcher is based at an institution in one of the nine priority countries are eligible. We encourage you to take some time to reach out to potential visitors from these countries and use the VRP as a means to develop a new partnership.

Q: I have a partner in one of the nine priority countries, but not at one of the specific institutions. Will this have any effect on the evaluation of my application?

A: No, this will not be considered during the adjudication. This round of the VRP does have a dual focus on priority countries and institutions within these countries where uOttawa already has strong research links. The only difference for prospective applicants is the financial incentive (i.e. no matching funds required when inviting a research from the specified institutions).

Q: I am a researcher who is past the Mid-Career stage, am I still eligible to apply?

A: Yes, all eligible uOttawa researchers are invited to apply; however, at least 50 percent of the awards will be reserved for early and mid-career researchers.

Q: Does my visiting researcher need to be Early or Mid Career?

A: No. There is no restriction on the career stage of the visiting researcher, as long as they are in an independent position (post-docs are not eligible).

Q: I have prior funding from the OVPR, what information should I provide to explain why I am applying again?

A: In the application, please provide a brief description of the previous award(s) and the outcomes from the funding. A description of how the new application differs from or complements the previous award(s) should also be provided.

Q: How did the OVPR decide on the list of priority countries and partner institutions? Will this list ever change?

A: The nine priority countries (Belgium, China, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States) were selected following the OVPR consultations with Deans and Vice-Deans, Research from all Faculties (May 2018), for their significantly high levels of spending on research (measured as Gross domestic expenditure on R&D [GERD]), and for their preponderance of world-leading researchers and research institutions.
In addition, the partner institutions were selected based on the high quality of their research output, their comprehensive disciplinary coverage and because all are already working with uOttawa Faculties, research centres and institutes, and individual professors. By putting an extra focus on these institutions, we anticipate expanding on existing collaborations to benefit the entire university.

Given the flexible and customizable nature of the VRP, the theme and focus tend to change from call-to-call.