



Call for Applications 2018 Research Fellowships and Conference Sponsorship

The Co-operative Research Programme (CRP) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has opened its call for applications for funding conferences and research fellowship grants in 2018. The deadline to submit an application is:

Sunday, September 10, 2017, at midnight, Central European Summer Time (CEST).

The CRP is open to applicants in any of the countries participating in this OECD program, including Canada. It is intended for scientists who have completed their postdoctoral studies.

The main goal of the CRP is to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information that will support future policy development related to the sustainable use of natural resources, in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries.

The CRP focuses on two types of activities:

- **Research fellowships:** the selected scientists receive a fellowship that allows them to conduct research in one of the CRP's member countries. The goal is to strengthen the exchange of ideas and increase mobility and cooperation among scientists. The CRP pays transportation and subsistence costs for the selected scientists who have a permanent position in a member country. Fellowships vary from 6 to 26 weeks.

- **Conferences:** the CRP supports sponsorship of international conferences, workshops, symposia or congresses. The goal is to inform policy makers, the industry and the academic world of current and future research, scientific developments and opportunities that respond to challenges relevant to the policy priorities of the CRP and the OECD. The CRP pays transportation and subsistence costs for certain invited speakers from member countries.

These activities must support one of the following three research themes:

- Managing capital for the future
- Managing risks in a connected world
- Transformational technologies and innovation

Please pass this message on to members of your research staff who could benefit from this opportunity. Complete information on the CRP as well as application forms and guidelines are available on the OECD website, at <http://www.oecd.org/tad/crp/>.

Candidatures will be evaluated by the CRP's Scientific Advisory Body and approved by its Governing Body at the end of 2017. Early in 2018, selected fellowships and conferences will be published on the OECD website.

If you need or would like specific scientific guidance, we strongly recommend that you contact the members of the CRP Scientific Advisory Body, whose names are available in the attached brochure.

Canada ratified the OECD Convention in 1961. Its mission is to promote policies which improve economic and social well-being around the world. Canada has been a member of the CRP since its inception in 1979. Its work programme is regularly developed in consultation with the OECD's Committee on Agriculture (COAG). Between 2008 and 2017, forty-one fellowships and eleven conferences have been sponsored by the CRP in Canada.

For any additional information on the CRP, please contact Brad Fraleigh, Canadian National Correspondent for the program, at 613-773-1838 or brad.fraleigh@agr.gc.ca. We invite you to request your candidates to submit copies of their applications and reports to Brad Fraleigh when these are submitted to OECD, to help keep track of successful Canadian involvement in the CRP.



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