

Canada – Country Page

1. Available national programmes or funds that could provide support to Canadian participants in Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe offers numerous opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world, and some topics may be marked as being specifically relevant for cooperation with partners from outside Europe. Canadian researchers, universities, enterprises and institutions are able to team up with European partners to participate in projects under Horizon Europe and make the best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation ([list of calls in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022](#)).

European researchers can include partners from anywhere in the world when preparing Horizon Europe proposals and Canadian researchers and organisations are encouraged to participate in actions of Horizon Europe as consortium members and to take part in the proposal submission to the European Commission.

Not all international partners are automatically eligible for funding. While the European Union funds the participation of partners from most low/middle income countries, it does not automatically fund the partners from industrialized countries such as Canada. Therefore, Canadian partners in general need to bring their own funding to the project activities.

Canadian co-funding for research and innovation projects

To support Canadian participation in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe actions and in view of the fact that participants from Canada are not automatically funded by the EU, the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) set up a co-funding mechanism within its New Frontiers in Research Fund ([NFRF](#)).

Established in 2018 and with a total annual budget exceeding C\$100M, [NFRF](#) has three distinct funding streams:

- Support for exploratory, brand new, higher-risk, out of the box, projects within and particularly across fields, led by individuals or small teams for two or three years;
- Support for larger team-based projects that cross disciplines and are transformative, with funding up to several million dollars over several years (open to international co-applicants and collaborators);
- Direct support for international research projects, aimed at facilitating participation of Canadian researchers in international competitions (could also be used for formulation of joint calls with international funding agencies).

In January 2020 CRCC launched, within the international stream, the '[2020 Horizon Global Platform](#)' – a C\$50 million (over five years) co-funding envelope, aiming to fully exploit the possibilities of the international cooperation flagship areas in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe. Canadian applicants have to register via the Platform acknowledging proposal submitted under the Horizon Europe call and at the second stage (after successful evaluation) acknowledge their participation in the consortium of the joint Horizon Europe project.

Co-funding by Quebec for Horizon Europe available

Researchers from Quebec may receive support through a provincial support programme for international cooperation: <https://www.economie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/aide-financiere/programme-de-soutien-aux-organismes-de-recherche-et-dinnovation-psy/soutien-aux-projets/projets-de-recherche-a-linternational/>

Co-funding by Mitacs to participate in [Marie Skłodowska-Curie](#) action (MSCA) Staff Exchanges

Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in Canada may receive funding through the Mitacs Globalink Research Award, or through the Mitacs Accelerate International program, to conduct research projects at universities and businesses in the EU Member States and select Mitacs partner countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Institutional internships – Globalink Research Award

Award amount is \$6000. Projects are supervised by a Canadian home supervisor and a host supervisor at university in one of the countries listed above. The host supervisor must be supported by a MSCA Staff Exchanges grant. Travel duration must be between 12-24 weeks.

Find the eligibility criteria, award details and the application package on the [Mitacs Globalink Research Award webpage](#).

Industrial internships – Accelerate International

Award amount is \$15,000. Projects are supervised by a Canadian home supervisor, a host supervisor and/or a host industry supervisor in one of the Horizon Europe countries. The host supervisor must be supported by a MSCA Staff Exchanges grant. Travel duration depends on the level of study – please consult the website.

Find the eligibility criteria, award details and the application package on the [Mitacs Accelerate International webpage](#).

These awards are offered in partnership with the European Commission which funds the European partners through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, namely the MSCA Staff Exchanges.

2. Useful links

- The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development of Canada is currently in the process of selecting organisations to represent Canadian **National Contact Points** (NCPs) for Horizon Europe. The comprehensive list of National Contact Points can be found at the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal, by country, thematic areas and/or function: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html
- **Delegation of the European Union to Canada:** https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/canada/640/canada-and-eu_en
- **Euraxess** provides access to a complete range of information and support services for anyone wishing to pursue a research career in Europe. Euraxess-Links offers local networking and information opportunities in a number of countries, including North America. Euraxess-Links North America: [EURAXESS North America | EURAXESS \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Horizon Europe - Funding programmes and open calls: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/>
- Funding and tenders portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>