

## 2024 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### PHD MOBILITY PROGRAM IN GERMANY

#### GUIDELINES

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#### OBJECTIVES

The PhD Mobility Program is funded by the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (OVPRI) and managed by International Research and Experiential Learning (IREX). The program's objectives are twofold:

- To increase research activities with foreign institutions selected by the University of Ottawa.
- To fulfil the research objectives and priorities of the University's faculties.

Considering the interest in the recently completed pilot call with France, the OVPRI and IREX are happy to announce the continuation of the doctoral mobility program with a new call focusing on **German research institutions**.

#### OVERVIEW

This call for proposals is open for stays at members or research centres and institutes of the following:

- [German U15](#) (group of high-intensity research universities)
- [Fraunhofer Society](#)
- [Helmholtz Association](#)
- [Leibniz Association](#)
- [Max Planck Society](#)

Proposed projects must be aligned with existing or emerging collaborative research endeavours likely to result in joint applications for funding.

Scholarships of \$6,000 will be awarded to University of Ottawa PhD students conducting a 12- to 24-week research project under the supervision of two professors (University of Ottawa and host institution).

All topics are eligible.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must meet **all** the following conditions:

- Be enrolled full time in a PhD program at the University of Ottawa.
- Have completed their compulsory coursework.
- Be supervised by the uOttawa professor submitting the application.

Research supervisors must hold **either**:

- A full-time tenure or tenure-track position at the University of Ottawa, **or**
- A permanent research position at one of the University’s affiliated research institutes.

The same applies to the supervisor at the host institution in Germany.

Students are responsible for obtaining residence permits or visas needed for travel to Germany.

This program can’t be combined with any other OVPRI or IREX initiatives. Students who hold a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship or a Canada Graduate Scholarships — Doctoral (CGS D) program at the time of application aren’t eligible.

## **VISIT DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The proposed project should be used to build on discussions and ideas that have been developed during the student’s thesis work. It can also be used to begin working on new projects.

During the student’s stay, they’re expected to be mentored by the supervisor in Germany and to have the opportunity to interact with the supervisor’s team regularly.

The visit must take place between March 2024 and April 2025. It can’t be divided into two parts.

Only travel expenses are eligible: return economy airfare, ground transportation, accommodations and a living allowance for the duration of the research visit in Germany. If additional funding is available outside the program to extend the visit, this must be noted on the application form.

If, for unforeseen reasons, the visit can’t go ahead, all funding must be returned to the OVPRI. Funding is not renewable or transferrable.

A hosting agreement may be required depending on the policies in force at the German institution. Such an agreement should be in place at the faculty level shortly after funding has been granted.

Funding provided by the OVPRI must be acknowledged at events or on publication of research results.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be completed by the University of Ottawa supervisor and the PhD student and must be acknowledged by the supervisor at the institution in Germany. They must include a signed form, the PhD student’s CV and a letter of support from University of Ottawa supervisor. A completed and signed RE form must be filled out via [eAwards](#).

Full applications must be emailed to [cribaut@uOttawa.ca](mailto:cribaut@uOttawa.ca) by **Friday, January 12, 2024, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Projects are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- research proposal quality
- student’s CV (including publications, participation in conferences, etc.)
- degree of supervisor engagement and mentoring
- strength of University of Ottawa supervisor’s letter of recommendation

## **FUNDING MANAGEMENT AND FINAL REPORT**

The OVPRI provides CA\$6,000 to the University of Ottawa supervisor, who is responsible for providing the entire amount to the student receiving the award.

The student must submit a brief narrative report to IREX within one month of completion of the research visit in Germany.

## **CONTACT**

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