

## **Distinguished Visiting Researchers Program (DVRP)**

Programme pour Éminents Chercheurs Invités – PÉCI (info aussi disponible en français)

### **Goals**

The goals of the DVRP are:

- To foster new collaborations and partnerships between University of Ottawa researchers and outstanding internationally recognized researchers
- To enrich the academic experience of students by giving them the opportunity to meet top calibre researchers from around the world
- To increase the visibility of the University of Ottawa among influential members of the international research community

In order to accomplish these goals, DVRP provides funding for researchers of truly international stature and breadth of accomplishment for the period they will be at the University of Ottawa (researchers are generally from universities; however, DVRP encourages researchers from other organizations, such as research institutes, to apply). Only candidates with a solid international reputation in their research field are considered.

### **Description**

- Visits can be for a minimum of two weeks up to one full four-month academic session (fall or winter).
- In addition to conducting research, visiting researchers must hold one or two seminars in the host academic unit and one public lecture, organized by the host Faculty.
- For visits longer than two weeks, visiting researchers are expected to take part in ongoing discussions with the host Faculty's professors and students in order to strengthen the Faculty's current research activities or help create new areas for research. In addition to holding seminars and lectures, visiting researchers could also coach students, lead research projects and work on developing future partnerships.
- At the end of the visit, researchers and the host Faculty must submit a detailed report describing the impact the visit has had on teaching and research at the faculty (max. three pages).

- The program provides funding of up to \$20,000 for a visiting researcher.
- Expenses covered by the program: the cost of return economy airfare (or train fare), accommodation, living allowance for the period the researcher is in Ottawa. In principle, the invited researcher's salary is paid by the researcher's home institution. However, in very special circumstances, the researcher may receive an honorarium upon approval of the vice-president of research.

Note: The host academic unit is responsible for providing the researcher with a suitably equipped office and an access to the University main library, and for the cost of health insurance (if necessary). The host academic unit is also responsible for managing the DVRP funding. No additional funds will be provided by DVRP if actual costs related to the visit are higher than expected.

### **Application process**

Applications are submitted by the academic unit that will host the researcher. All academic units at the University, including institutes and research centres, can submit up to two candidates per competition.

The applications must include:

- A letter of nomination from the chair or director of the department, institute or research centre outlining:
  - the candidate's significant accomplishments,
  - the contributions the successful candidate would make to research activities, and
  - the successful candidate's potential impact on increasing the University's visibility and enhancing the student experience.
- A brief description (maximum of one page) of the candidate's research interests and proposed research activities for the visiting period
- A description of candidate's proposed activities (including lectures and seminars)
- The candidate's curriculum vitae
- A proposed budget together with supporting information
- A letter of support from at least one dean (an asset)

Send the original application AND three copies to:

Distinguished Visiting Researcher Program (DVRP)  
c/o François Carrier  
Office of the Vice-President, Research  
University of Ottawa  
Tabaret Hall, room 246  
550 Cumberland Street  
Ottawa ON K1N 6N5

**Application deadline: April 30 of each year.** The number of invited researchers depends on the number and quality of applications received, funds requested and funding available. **Exceptionally, for this first year, dossiers will be accepted until Monday May 30, 2011.**

### Evaluation criteria

- Excellence of candidate's research record (impact of research, international visibility, etc.)
- The fit of the candidate's research interests with those of the host academic unit and the University of Ottawa
- Relevance of proposed research to the University's strategic areas of development (however, projects in other research areas will also be considered)
- Potential ability of the candidate's visit to enhance the student experience
- Potential impact on the visibility of the host academic unit and the University
- Potential impact of the proposed research activities on creating new collaborations and partnerships
- Budget justification and level of support requested

### Selection process

- A multidisciplinary committee chaired by the associate vice-president of research evaluates the applications and places them according to funding priority.
- Results are announced in the month following the application deadline.

- Candidate selection depends on the number and quality of candidates, the funds requested and the funding available.
- The selection process is carried out in accordance with special measures to encourage participation by members of designated and under-represented groups.

For information on DVRP, contact François Carrier, Director, Office of International Research, at extension 1271 or [francois.carrier@uOttawa.ca](mailto:francois.carrier@uOttawa.ca).

You may also visit the Web site: [www.research.uottawa.ca/international/iri.html](http://www.research.uottawa.ca/international/iri.html)

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