



Visiting Scholars from France
Chercheurs invités de France

Program Guidelines

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The UCalgary Visiting Scholars from France program is offered in partnership between the University of Calgary, the French Embassy in Canada and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). The purpose of the program is to enable substantive scientific visits to UCalgary by researchers from France to deepen research collaboration between the UCalgary and leading French institutions in priority fields as defined by the [Joint Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation between France and Canada](#).

This initiative will provide funding support to bring at least four distinguished scholars from France to UCalgary to advance research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the following broad priority areas:

- **Emerging technologies:** including research areas related to AI, quantum sciences, societal impact, and mathematics
- **Health:** including research areas related to global health, public health policy, genomics, and molecular biology
- **Oceanic and polar sciences:** including research areas related to oceanography, biodiversity, and marine ecology
- **Energy:** including research areas related to renewable energies, net-zero transitions, and sustainability

While one award is expected in each area, the selection committee maintains flexibility in how awards are allocated. All strong and compelling applications related to the above priority areas will be given careful consideration.

1. PURPOSE OF AWARD AND OBJECTIVES

The Visiting Scholars from France program sponsors distinguished scholars who will make a significant contribution to the academic life of the University of Calgary, enriching the UCalgary research community, and promoting knowledge exchange between UCalgary researchers and French researchers.

Specific objectives include:

- Enhancing bilateral research collaborations in the priority areas.
- Supporting co-publications and joint funding proposals (e.g., granting agencies including Horizon Europe, Canadian Tri-Council Agencies, or Mitacs).
- Contributing to graduate training and capacity building at UCalgary.
- Hosting lectures and workshops with the Visiting Scholar to strengthen engagement in the priority areas.
- Catalyzing long-term institutional partnerships between UCalgary and France.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- This program is not open to self-nomination or direct application by scholars external to the University of Calgary. Nominations must be initiated by a host UCalgary Faculty member in collaboration with their home unit.
- The Visiting Scholar from France program is open to all researchers with a permanent position at a public French university or national research centres in France, regardless of the researcher's academic rank, and/or their nationality.
- Non-European laureates who require a visa to enter Canada are responsible for the procedures involved in obtaining this visa. As visa applications can take 2-3 months, laureates must begin the process as soon as the results are announced. Please contact hrimmigration@ucalgary.ca for questions.
- Postdoctoral scholars and graduate students are not eligible to apply.

3. DETAILS OF AWARD

Duration: The Visiting Scholar will participate in the program on a full-time basis for a minimum of two months and up to six months, based on the University of Calgary campus in Calgary, Alberta, or at a UCalgary-affiliated research facility.

Designation: Awarded scholars will hold the designation of "UCalgary Fellow" during the period of their stay.

Funding:

- Each award consists of \$25,000 (CAD), funded by the Office of the Vice-President (Research).
- At the time of the award, a research project will be set up by the Research Services Office in the name of the UCalgary host.
- Additional funding is available to cover the costs of return economy airfare for the Visiting Scholar between France and Calgary.
- Matching funds (e.g., from the UCalgary host professor, the host Faculty, or French partners) may be used to supplement the visit but **matching funds are not a mandatory requirement** for this program.
- Any unused funds must be returned.

Ineligible Expenses

The following items are provided as examples only. Research Services will determine the eligibility of any expenses not listed:

- Honoraria
- Expenses related to spouses or other family members
- Salaries and benefits
- Costs associated with the purchase of equipment to support the preparation of a paper for presentation or publication
- Applications to learned societies or professional associations
- Travel for purposes unrelated to the program

4. ROLE OF UCALGARY HOST

The host unit is responsible for:

- Providing the Visiting Scholar with in-kind access to space, equipment and resources.

- Facilitating immigration processes for the visiting scholar. Questions related to immigration should be referred to hrimmigration@ucalgary.ca
- Arranging a UCalgary appointment with Human Resources, as required.
 - The appointment type best suited to this program is “Visiting Scholar.” Questions related to appointments should be referred to the HR Advisor or Partner within the host unit.
- Arrangements for communications plan.

The host faculty member is responsible for:

- Facilitating introductions and networking with other UCalgary researchers.
- Participating in the co-supervision of UCalgary or French graduate students.
- Organizing public lectures and seminars for the Visiting Scholar.
- Organizing workshops, short courses or teaching opportunities for the Visiting Scholar.
- Engaging with Canadian and French industry or innovation partners, where relevant.
- Managing the funds associated with the award, as the research project will be set up in the name of the host Faculty member.
- Providing a brief report to the Research Services Office describing the accomplishments and impact of the visit.

5. ADJUDICATION

Nominations will be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice-President (Research), in collaboration with the French Embassy in Canada.

6. NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Nominations can be submitted in English or French and will be accepted until **February 28, 2026**. A full nomination consists of:

- Completed Nomination Form
- Current Scholar CV (any format)
- Nominations should be [submitted through this web page](#).

7. FINAL REPORTS

Within three months of the visit, the host faculty member must provide a brief report to the Research Services Office describing the accomplishments, research outputs, and impact of the visit. The report is available through the [reporting web form](#).

8. CONTACT

Contact Research Services at researchawards@ucalgary.ca for any questions regarding this program.