

Queen's Research Opportunities Funds: International Research Fund

An objective of the [Strategic Research Plan \(SRP\)](#) is to augment the university's international reputation through increased global engagement, in particular, by developing and expanding international research collaborations; by building sustained multinational partnerships; and by increasing understanding of global challenges.

The purpose of the International Research Fund is to develop and grow exceptional international research partnerships and collaborations for Queen's researchers and scholars. The fund will provide seed research money and/or travel money to set up long-term collaborations with international research partners. The program is intended to foster a series of related activities that are identified with specific deliverables, such as joint grant applications, papers, conferences, exhibits and so on that have significant potential to contribute to lasting international collaborations. Faculty members with ongoing international collaborations, where matching funds have been obtained or are actively being sought, are also eligible to apply.

Researchers can apply for up to \$10,000. The funding period is for one year. Researchers cannot apply for funding in the year immediately following their grant expiry date.

Who can apply?

Any tenured or tenure-track faculty member or clinical faculty member with protected time for research in existing or emerging areas of research strength who wish to develop or grow their research program by working with international partners. Preference will be given to the development or growth of high-profile research collaborations with Queen's University's strategic international partners. For example, Queen's is a member of the [Matariki Network of Universities](#) (MNU), a group of like-minded institutions whose goal is to build on the collective strengths of its member institutions to develop and promote international excellence in research and education. Other examples of strategic international partners are those international institutions with which Queen's University has a bilateral MOU in support of active and substantial engagement in research and/or shared educational programming.

How to apply?

Once per year in the fall, the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) (OVPR) will circulate a call for Letters of Intent (LOI) to apply to the International Research Fund. The LOIs will be adjudicated by a review committee and those who submit a successful LOI will be invited to submit a full application. The LOI and



full-application deadlines will be advertised broadly across campus in order to ensure widespread awareness.

How will applications be adjudicated?

The objective of the OVPR is to ensure that the ultimate award winners meet the excellence criteria and that they represent the breadth of research across disciplines and Faculties.

In their applications, researchers must fully articulate the goals of their overall research program. Applications will be ranked based on the following criteria:

- degree to which the proposed research/activities contribute to the development and growth of international research partnerships, including with Queen's strategic international partners
- ability to leverage or match external funding
- impact of the project's expected outcomes
- alignment of the project to SRP research themes and strategic objectives
- overall contribution of the project to research excellence

Researchers will need to disclose, in their applications, if they have applied to receive or have received external funding for the project they are proposing.

Successful projects:

Successful projects will commence in May. At the end of the one-year award period, funded researchers will need to submit a one to three-page report describing how they have met the criteria of the International Research Fund. If an application is unsuccessful, researchers may resubmit a revised project proposal in the next call for proposals for the International Research Fund.

Please see our FAQ if you have additional questions