



2026 Mourou/Strickland Mobility Program

Guidelines

(également disponible en français)

1) Presentation

Created by the Embassy of France in Canada in 2018, the Mourou/Strickland program is a two-way mobility program; its main goal is to contribute to the creation of sustainable collaborations between Canadian and French researchers. It is intended for researchers who wish to spend at least 5 days with their counterpart(s), either in France or Canada, as part of a joint research project.

This program is open to all research areas. It involves all provinces of Canada **outside Quebec**, since Quebec already has specific programs with France.

Research stays may include, but are not limited to: meetings/research on joint project, meetings for a first contact for future collaboration, work on co-publications, participation in French-Canadian (not international) conferences or seminars, etc.

The program offers:

- 1 round trip economy class flight between Canada and France or between France and Canada
- A contribution to subsistence expenses (maximum 5 daily allowances).

The 2026 call for project is **open to all fields of research and encourages interdisciplinarity**.

The laureates will be asked to provide the French embassy with the report within one month of their mission.

2) Eligibility and application process

Eligibility criteria:

- **French candidates:** Be attached to a public institute, laboratory, university or research organization based in France.
- **Canadian candidates:** be attached to a Canadian institution, university or research organization **outside Quebec** (Quebec already has specific programs with France).
- Candidates have never received a grant under the Mourou/Strickland mobility program or the "new collaborations" program of the France Canada Research Fund.
- Plan a stay of minimum **5 days**. Travel must take place in 2026. Laureates going to France cannot stay longer than 28 days.

* Priority will be given to extended stay (> 5 days) and to researchers who have obtained a tenure-track or permanent position for **less than 10 years**.



Application process:

- Interested researchers should send the application form, a letter of invitation from the host institution and a short CV **in a single PDF document (max. 5Mo)** to:

science.ottawa-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

- The length of the form should **not exceed 4 pages**. There are no criteria for the font (please make sure it remains legible).
- It is not necessary to attach publications to the application.
- Only one application per research partnership is allowed (researchers must agree to submit only one application, either for a member of the French team to travel to Canada or for a Canadian collaborator to travel to France).
- Your application will be processed once you have received an e-mail confirming receipt.

3) Calendar of the 2025 call for applications

- Deadline for receipt of applications: **February 6th, 2025, 23:59 PST (Canada)**
- Results and sending of forms to prepare the mission to the successful candidates: Early March 2026
- Travel of the laureates: Before December 31st, 2026. Complete travel documents must be sent to the Embassy at least 2 months before the departure date.

IMPORTANT: The Embassy will not cover the costs of the visa procedures for laureates. The Embassy cannot be held responsible for travel hazards (bad weather, flight delays, etc.).



4) Frequently asked questions

- *I am a post-doctoral fellow, am I eligible for the program?*

No. Only researchers who are in a tenure-track or permanent position may submit an application.

- *I live in Canada/France but I am a national of a third country, can I apply?*

Yes, there is no nationality requirement. However, the candidate must be attached to an institution / research institute located in France or Canada.

- *Are candidates living in French overseas departments and territories eligible?*

Yes.

- *Can I get more than 5 daily allowances for stays longer than 5 days?*

The duration of the research stay is at the discretion of the researchers. It must not exceed 28 days. However, the Embassy will only provide a maximum of 5 daily allowances, regardless of the length of the stay.

- *What is a daily allowance?*

A daily allowance (or per diem) is a fixed amount of money made available to researchers to help them support their local expenses (accommodation, internal travel in the host country, meals).

- *Can I buy my own flight ticket?*

No, tickets must be purchased through the French Embassy. Refund of flight tickets is not possible.

- *I would like to travel with my family, is it possible?*

No, The Mourou/Strickland program will not cover the travel of the accompanying family. The structure of the program does not allow for a single reservation to be made that would include the flights of the laureate and his or her accompanying family.

- *Can I have the evaluation criteria?*

Yes, the criteria are as follows: scientific quality of the applicant and the host, the program of the mission and the prospects for the project. Priority will also be given to young researchers (PhD obtained after 2015) and extended stays (> 5 days).