



Sponsorship Programme

Individual Travel Bursary Fellowship Awards | International Conference Sponsorship

Are you organising a conference or workshop on state-of-the-art research issues in agriculture, food, fisheries or forests in 2022?

Or would you like to spend time working with researchers in another country to help your research project, maybe as part of a sabbatical?

If so, why not consider [applying for funding](#) from the OECD CRP (Co-operative Research Programme: Sustainable Agricultural and Systems).

Especially – but not restricted to – if you are working on any of the following areas:

- Emerging diseases and zoonoses, especially COVID-19, including their possible transmission through food;
- Resilience and risk management;
- Climate change, including carbon sequestration in agriculture, forestry and land use;
- Digital technologies;
- Plant and animal breeding to enhance sustainable productivity growth and resilience to climatic events;
- Fisheries and aquaculture productivity, sustainability and resilience;
- Ecosystems and biodiversity, including in aquaculture and farmlands, and natural resources;
- Development of alternatives to antibiotics for use in livestock and less harmful plant protection chemicals and improved fertilisers;
- Sustainable and resilient food systems.

Or any of the [CRP priority areas of research](#), grouped under the three research themes below, we would welcome an application from you.

- I. [Managing Natural Capital](#)
- II. [Strengthening Resilience in the Face of Multiple Risks in a Connected World](#)
- III. [Transformational Technologies and Innovation](#)

All the information about the fellowship awards and international conference sponsorship, together with the applications forms are on the [Call for Applications page](#) of the [CRP website](#).

Or contact the CRP Secretariat directly: TAD/PROG@oecd.org.

Closing date for Applications: Midnight, CET, Friday, 10 September 2021

- **Research Fellowships:** sponsorship of scientists to conduct research projects in a different Member country with a view to strengthening the international exchange of ideas and increasing international mobility and co-operation.

The Programme pays transportation and subsistence costs to research scientists who should have 4 years of postdoctoral training, have a long-term renewable position, and are from member countries to conduct research in a laboratory in another member country. Fellowships may be from 6 to 26 weeks.

Conferences: sponsorship or co-sponsorship of international conferences, workshops, symposia, congresses, (organised by, for example, research institutions, international associations), with a view to informing policy makers, industry and the academic world of current and future research, scientific developments and opportunities on issues relevant to the CRP and the OECD's policy priorities. The sponsorship is in the form of funding certain invited speakers by paying for their transportation and subsistence costs, or a lump sum towards enabling an online event.

CRP Research Themes

THEME 1: MANAGING NATURAL CAPITAL

Managing natural capital by making secure the availability and managing the quality of natural resources

Topics:

- Management of landscapes and ecosystems
- Soil, water, biodiversity
- Aquaculture and fisheries
- Integrated agricultural production systems
- Forests

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THEME 2: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF MULTIPLE RISKS IN A CONNECTED WORLD

Research with anticipating, pre-empting, coping with and managing risks that impact on the potential of agricultural systems to achieve food security

Topics:

- Invasive species and biosecurity
- Food safety
- Emerging diseases
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Climate risks to production
- Risk assessment

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THEME 3: TRANSFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION

Novel and innovative technologies that achieve a step change

Topics:

- Precision agriculture
- Advanced breeding tools – genetics and genomic technologies
- Novel waste reduction technologies
- Biofuels, bioproducts and bioprocesses
- Innovations in social science, economics and education

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CRP Objectives

The Co-operative Research Programme's main objective is to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information and advice that will inform future policy decisions related to the sustainable use of natural resources, in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries.

The objective and work of the Programme are anchored in both a policy and scientific environment in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, which, more than ever, are developed in a multidisciplinary environment. This happens so as to respond to the varied demands from a range of stakeholder groups with interests in these fields, and to take into account that the world is globalised and food production systems are interlinked.

OECD brings together the governments of countries committed to democracy and the market economy from around the world. It provides a setting where governments compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice and coordinate domestic and international policies.

For more information see: www.oecd.org

The Co-operative Research Programme comprises:

- **The Governing Body**, composed of a representative from each Member country. It agrees the programme of work, the budget, the orientation of the Programme and the selection of applications for funding.
- **The Scientific Advisory Body**, composed of 6 eminent scientists with agricultural research administration experience, nominated by the Governing Body. It ensures the scientific quality of the applications for funding and recommends the fellowships and conferences to be funded to the Governing Body.
- **The Secretariat** is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Programme and provides a central contact point.
- **The National Correspondents** (one for each Member country) are responsible for promoting the Programme to interested scientists and institutions in their country and distributing information.

