

OECD'S CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMME CRITERIA AND EVALUATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS

The objectives of the OECD's Co-operative Research Programme for the period 2005-2009 can be summarised as follows:

- To contribute to a sound knowledge base for agricultural policy making
- To assist and inform and assist public debate on current and emerging agri-food and agri-environmental matters
- To contribute to scientific advance
- To promote international scientific understanding among OECD Member Countries and others (cooperating in its programmes)

THE GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA RELATING TO THE CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- The promise of a relevant contribution to the achievement of the aims of the programme
- The feasibility of achieving the goals set in the proposed work
- The scientific record of the applicant

SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMME'S RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Relevance to the Theme objective – the extent to which the proposed project addresses the objectives of the work programme and its relevance to the theme objective
- Scientific excellence – the need for clearly defined and focussed objectives, and the promise of innovative outcomes which can be achieved within the planned study
- Crossing disciplines – the extent to which the proposed study involves interactions *between* scientific disciplines, and a readiness to engage with those beyond the research community to explore wider societal implications
- The scientific record and achievements of the proposer – judged for example by contributions to science and the scientific literature
- Dissemination – the project's plans for appropriate dissemination of the accomplishments to optimize the benefits to society
- Potential impact – the extent to which the proposal demonstrates the value of carrying out the work collaboratively and at international level

SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPONSORSHIP OF CONGRESSES AND WORKSHOPS

- Relevance – the extent to which the proposal addresses the objectives of the work programme and its relevance to the theme objective
- Scientific excellence – the need for defined and well focussed objectives and the promise provided for both innovation and for increasing the level of debate and understanding of the underlying issues
- Crossing disciplines – the plans for the engagement and interaction of a range of relevant scientific disciplines, and the extent to which the congress or workshop demonstrates a readiness to engage others beyond the research community in attempt to explore wider societal and policy-formation aspects
- Potential impact – the way in which the workshop and the dissemination of its results could contribute to public debate
- Organisation and planned participation – the need for the plans for the congress or workshop to illustrate how these will contribute to achieving the objectives of the programme

All Applicants are strongly encouraged to liaise directly with the relevant Theme Coordinator prior to submitting an Application.

The final decision of the Awarding of Fellowship and Conference Sponsorships is the responsibility of the Management Committee of the Co-operative Research Programme which meets every year in December. All applicants will be informed by email and mail by the Programme's Secretariat in early January of the following year of the decision of the Management Committee for that years awards.