

OECD's CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMME CRITERIA AND EVALUATION OF FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

The objectives of the OECD's Co-operative Research Programme are:

- to strengthen scientific knowledge in its field of competence and to 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 objectives are anchored in both a policy and scientific environment in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries. For the OECD's Committee for Agriculture (and Committee for Fisheries) to be able to deliver on their respective mandates, they need to be informed about scientific developments that are likely to have a medium and longer term impact on policy settings.

Consequently, the CRP is expected:

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

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- The extent to which the proposed visit and project provides a significant and relevant contribution to the achievement of the aims of the CRP and to the Theme objectives
- Scientific excellence – the need for clearly defined and focussed objectives, and the promise of innovative outcomes which can be achieved within the planned study
- Compatibility of Fellow and Host – the proposal demonstrates that the capabilities of the Fellow and the Host are compatible and that the infrastructure available in the host location will support success with the work proposed.
- The feasibility of achieving the goals set in the proposed work – the extent to which the proposal demonstrates that the outcomes of the proposal are achievable within the timeframe requested.
- The scientific record and achievements of the proposer – judged for example by contributions to science and the scientific literature published
- 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
- Dissemination – the project's plans for appropriate dissemination of the accomplishments to optimise the benefits to society
- Potential impact – what practical outcome the research project will result in and how it will influence or advance the field or work
- Policy relevance – how and the degree to which the research proposal will inform policy makers in the development of their national and international agro-food, fisheries or forestry policies

All Applicants are strongly encouraged to liaise directly with the relevant Scientific Advisory Body member (Theme Co-ordinator) prior to submitting an Application.

Candidates should address all the selection criteria in their applications to increase their chances of success.

The final decision of the Awarding of Fellowships is the responsibility of the Governing Body of the Co-operative Research Programme which meets every year in December. All applicants will be informed by the CRP's Secretariat by e-mail and post early in January following the decision of the Governing Body for that year's awards.