

Associate Teams with FRQNT - Québec (2017 - 2019) 2017 Specific Call for proposals

1. Program goals

In the framework of the scientific cooperation agreement signed between Inria and the FRQNT (Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies), and in order to promote and develop collaborations between France and Québec by supporting research projects of high scientific quality, the European and International Partnerships Department (EIPD) of Inria and the FRQNT launch a specific call for the support of joint projects.

The two partners jointly define a scientific objective with a clear added value for each of them, a research plan and a program for bilateral exchanges.

2. Proposal of a new Associate Team and selection process

Submission

Each project must be submitted to Inria.

An "Associate Team with Québec" proposal must be submitted by the French PI via the dedicated Web site at: <https://drisi.inria.fr/eaEquipeAssociee/new>

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated by the COST-GTRI¹ according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence of the project (motivation of the general problems, identification of the main challenges, intended approaches/methodologies/ techniques)
- Balanced participation of researchers from various carrier stages and contribution to fostering young researchers' participation.
- Relevance and consistency of the mobility and work program
- Expected results and impact of the joint project for each partner (mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise)

Based on the evaluation by the COST-GTRI and an evaluation committee at FRQNT, given the program goals and priorities, the EIPD in collaboration with FRQNT propose a selection of "Associate Teams with Québec" to Inria executive management, which makes the final selection

3. Funding

An "Associate teams with Québec" is created for a period of three years and is awarded a grant of maximum 20 000 €/year for three years (10 000€ provided by Inria and the same amount granted by the FRQNT).

The Associate Team budget is dedicated to:

- exchanges of researchers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, PhD students and interns between France and Québec;
- the organization of joint workshops/ working meetings

¹ Scientific Committee in charge of project evaluations.

4. Year to year continuation

An Associate Team is created for a period of 3 years and progress is monitored on a yearly basis by Inria's EIPD. For that purpose, each Associate Team's French coordinator must to create and update a dedicated website, properly referenced from his Inria Project-team website. The Associate Team's web site presents the partners, scientific objectives, work program and accounts for the activities, exchanges, technological developments, joint publications and co-supervised PhD students and researcher generated by the team. A short report must be submitted annually that describes the progress of the work and requests a budget for the following year.

5. Evaluation

At the end of the third year, the coordinator writes the final report of the Associate Team's activities and results.

The French coordinator of an "Associate Team" wishing to continue its activities can submit a declaration of "Inria International Partner". This declaration identifies the collaboration as a quality partnership. There is no specific timetable for the submission of an "Inria International Partner." Declarations can be made throughout the year following International Relations Liaison Officers' recommendations in each research center. Such declaration has to be sent to the EIPD (angelica.biard@inria.fr).

6. Important dates

For the 2017 call, submission deadline is **September 30, 2016**.

The general timetable is as follows:

- **July 1st, 2016:** publication of the call
- **September 30th, 2016:** deadline for submission of joint proposals
- **November-December, 2016:** evaluations and selection Committee
- **End of January, 2017:** notification of grants and publication of results