



## ***Canada-Italy Innovation Award 2013***

### **Call for Proposals**

#### **Overview**

The Embassy of Canada in Italy is pleased to accept applications for the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award 2013*. This award provides funding to Italian researchers, scientists and innovation experts to travel to Canada for short visits to lay the groundwork for collaborative efforts.

#### **Mission**

The *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* aims to develop relationships initiated through networking activities into long-term collaborations. Applications are open to Italian researchers and science and innovation experts who have connected with Canadian counterparts. Ideal outcomes include joint publications; joint or complementary funding applications; student / researcher exchange programmes; sharing of equipment, materials and facilities; exchange of skills and techniques; institutional linkages; and technology transfer. The development of innovative models of collaboration is strongly encouraged. Initial outcomes should be delivered over the first 6 to 12 months following the visit and lead to the development of long-term relationships.

#### **Scope & Priority Areas**

The Embassy of Canada to Italy aims to support the development of strong, targeted relationships between leading individuals, researchers and institutions in Italy and their counterparts in Canada.

Projects in the following priority areas will be considered for funding:

- *Energy/Environment*
- *Arctic/Polar Research*
- *International Security*
- *Health & Life Sciences*
- *Green Technologies*
- *Nanotechnology & ICT*
- *New Materials for Transportation*
- *Agri-food*
- *Ocean Technologies*

### **Funding Scope**

Awards are to support the applicant's travel to Canada. The value of an award will be up to a maximum of \$3,000 (CAD). Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement include economy class airfare (not premium economy), accommodation, local transportation and a \$90 (CAD) per diem. No other costs will be considered.

### **Eligibility and Funding Criteria**

The *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* is available to Italian researchers or academic leaders from universities and non-profit research institutions. Applications from academic researchers for collaborations in private/public partnerships are encouraged.

Funding through the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* is to support a short visit to Canada by the **Italian awardee**.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a report immediately following the visit and must commit to providing brief updates on follow-up activity and outcomes 6 and 12 months after the visit.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of proposed outcomes and expected ability to deliver them
- Relevance to Canada's priorities described above
- Potential for significant, long-term collaboration
- Potential to broaden the collaboration to a wider, institutional level
- Use of creative / innovative collaboration models
- Innovative use of key research infrastructures

Special consideration will be given to applications that demonstrate why the proposed research would particularly benefit from an international collaboration.

Applications will be reviewed by the Embassy of Canada in Italy in collaboration with relevant experts.

## **How to Apply**

Applications should be made on the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* application form and submitted according to the instructions.

## **Disbursement of the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award***

*Canada-Italy Innovation Award* funds will be provided as reimbursement for incurred expenses. Receipts, invoices, and expense forms must be returned together with a report before payment will be issued. Disbursement of funds is contingent upon return of all requested materials including the final report.

## **Important Dates**

April 1, 2013 (11:59 pm, Rome time)	Deadline for applications
May 15, 2013	Announcement of Award winner(s)
November 15, 2013	<b>Deadline for completion of Award travel to Canada</b>
Within 2 weeks of return	Final report and expenditure records due

**Completed applications should be sent to [Rome-PA@international.gc.ca](mailto:Rome-PA@international.gc.ca)**

Please write "*Canada-Italy Innovation Award*" in the subject line of your message.