



Canada-Italy Innovation Award 2014

Call for Proposals

Overview

The Embassy of Canada to Italy is pleased to accept applications for the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award 2014*. This award provides funding to Italian researchers, scientists and innovation experts to undertake a trip to Canada to develop collaborative projects.

Mission

The *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* aims to develop new and existing relationships between Canadian and Italian experts into long-term collaborations. Applications are open to Italian researchers and science and innovation experts connected with Canadian counterparts. Ideal outcomes include joint publications and research projects; student/researcher exchange programmes; sharing of equipment, materials and facilities; exchange of skills and techniques; institutional linkages; applied technology development; 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 and Ocean Technology Research*
- *Green Technologies*
- *Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*
- *Nanotechnology*
- *Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Development*
- *Advanced manufacturing*

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 (EUR). Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement include economy class airfare (not premium economy), accommodation, local transportation and a €60 (EUR) per diem. No other costs will be considered.

Eligibility and Funding Criteria

The *Canada-Italy Innovation Award* is available to Italian researchers, scientists and innovation experts collaborating with Canadian partners. 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 activities and outcomes 6 and 12 months after the visit.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Degree of innovation of the proposed project
- 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 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 to 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 summaries must be returned together with a **final report** before payment will be issued. Disbursement of funds is contingent upon return of all requested documentation

Important Dates

April 1, 2014 (11:59 pm, Rome time)	Deadline for applications
May 15, 2014	Announcement of Award winner(s)
November 15, 2014	Deadline for completion of Award travel to Canada
Within 2 weeks of return	Final report and expenditure records due

Completed applications should be sent to Rome-PA@international.gc.ca

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