

The Québec/United States University Grant Program

Grants for professors and researchers (competitive)

This grant is aimed at encouraging research on Québec at U.S. universities, in the humanities and social sciences. The main purpose of this research will be to promote better understanding of Québec and/or its relations with the United States. The ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie (MRIF) is particularly interested in research in the following priority areas:

- Bilateral relations between Québec and the United States
- Economy and bilateral trade (interdependence, supply chains, etc.)
- The role of federated states in the fight against climate change
- Environmental, energy and natural resource issues
- Sustainable transportation issues (electric vehicles)
- Nordic development (Plan Nord) and the Maritime Strategy
- Border security issues
- Québec's culture and identity
- Québec's international relations and diplomacy

Eligibility

This section of the program is intended for faculty members at accredited U.S. four year colleges and universities, as well as researchers at U.S. research institutions. Recent Ph.D. recipients who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States are also eligible to apply.

Terms and Conditions

The grant defrays expenses incurred to produce an article-length manuscript of publishable quality for a university publication or a chapter of a book intended for publication.

The maximum amount of the grant is US\$ 7,000 for a faculty member and US\$ 10,000 for the director of a team of researchers. The grant is provided to defray only costs incurred for travel in the United States and/or Canada in order to carry out research, living expenses, the time devoted to the project by a research assistant, the purchase of specialized books and eventual publication costs. No provision is made for equipment acquisition, release time stipends, salaries, overhead costs or any other direct or indirect costs.

Half (50%) of the total grant will be paid upon the signing of the grant agreement. The other half (50%) will be paid upon submission of a report along with two copies of the article-length manuscript of publishable quality for a university publication or two copies of the chapter of a book intended for publication. Failure to provide these documents **by December 31, 2017** may lead to the cancellation of the second payment.

The rights to the manuscript remain the exclusive property of the researcher.

Research in highly specialized areas (pure sciences, health sciences, methodology) will not be considered.

Requirements

Applicants must complete the [online application form](#), available on the [Québec international portal](#), and send their application by **December 2, 2016**, including all required documents, to the Québec Government Office in the United States that serves their territory (New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, Atlanta et Houston).

The application must include:

- a project abstract (maximum of 250 words);
- a detailed description of the project specifying:
 - the project goals;
 - the project's relevance to the development of Québec studies in the United States;
 - the research hypothesis and proposed methodology;
 - the schedule of activities, including anticipated travel in the United States and/or Québec, the research contacts to be met and the institutions to be visited;
 - the planned means for distributing the results.
- a detailed budget describing the anticipated expenditures and the sources of funding;
- the applicant's full contact information and curriculum vitae (maximum of five pages) and a list of the main project contributors;
- at least one reference letter from the applicant's home university.

Evaluation

Upon receipt of the application:

- the Québec government office in the United States will send the applicant a notice of receipt;
- a selection committee established by the MRIF will analyse the application;
- the main selection criteria will be as follows:
 - the project's originality and relevance to Québec and/or its relations with the United States;
 - the researcher's interest in Québec and his academic profile;
 - the quality of the theoretical approach and the objectives;
 - the project's impact;
 - the support for the project by the applicant's home university;
 - the presence of Québec academics within the project team.
- all applicants will be notified about the results of their applications by the
 - Québec government office, normally within 60 days following the application deadline.