

Canada Partnering Awards

BBSRC's support for facilitating international collaboration with Canada

BBSRC's International Relations Unit (IRU) seeks to enhance BBSRC's influence and involvement at the forefront of international science, through taking advantage of international funding opportunities in the interests of BBSRC's scientific community and capitalising on international links, both at policy and scientific levels.

The Canada Partnering Awards have been established by BBSRC to specifically support UK-Canada collaborative activity. Canada Partnering Awards provide resources to leading BBSRC-funded researchers and groups, so that they are able to establish long-term relationships with Canadian scientists in areas of research that are of direct relevance to BBSRC's current scientific strategy.

The first annual call for the Canada Partnering Awards scheme was announced by BBSRC in 2019. Awards of up to £50,000, covering a four-year period, have been awarded. This year, BBSRC has funded 3 Canada Partnering Awards, providing a financial contribution of approximately £124K.

Funding from Canada Partnering Awards can be used to support exchanges of personnel and to access facilities and workshops, although no prescribed mechanisms have been set concerning how the award should be used. However, priority is given to proposals that aim to provide exchange opportunities to early career researchers and access facilities and expertise not currently available in the UK.

The expectation is that Canada Partnering Awards will enable researchers to establish collaborations that will lead to the submission of joint research proposals, either through UKRI or other funding organisations in the future.

A list of proposals that have been awarded by BBSRC in 2019 are shown below.

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PREVIOUS AWARDS 2019**2019 Call****Canada Partnering Award in support of wheat pre-breeding strategies for disease control**

£44,500

UK lead partner	Dr Keith Gardner, National Inst of Agricultural Botany
Canadian partner	Silvia Rosa, Centre de recherche sur les grains; Colin Hiebert, Agriculture & Agri-food Canada; Curtis Pozniak, University of Saskatchewan

Canada Partnering Award: "Development of Genomic Approaches to Antimicrobial Resistance in a One Health Framework"

£50,000

UK lead partner	Dr Alison Mather, Quadram Institute Bioscience
Canadian partner	Ed Topp, Agriculture & Agri-food Canada

Canada Partnering Award: Combining new epidemiological and molecular tools to manage nematode infections of grazing ruminants under climate change

£30,000

UK lead partner	Professor Eric Morgan, Queen's University of Belfast
Canadian partner	John Gilleard, University of Calgary