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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

RAMP CALL 2026

Application Guide

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Documents to be provided when submitting the application for the pre-proposal stage:

- ☐ PRIMA Québec pre-proposal request form completed, dated and signed. All sections of the form must be completed.
- ☐ The requested RAMP pre-proposal form in English is uploaded to the RAMP submission tool until the submission deadline. Please refer to the RAMP [Guide](#) for the procedure and the pre-proposal form can be found on the [Web page](#) of RAMP.

Documents to be provided when submitting the application for the Full Proposal stage (if your pre-proposal is recommended):

- ☐ PRIMA Québec application form completed, dated and signed. All sections of the form must be completed.
- ☐ Letters of support signed by the industrial partners specifying their role, the benefits that the company expects to derive from the realization of this project and the amounts of money in cash and in kind allocated to direct research expenses and the management fees of PRIMA Québec.
- ☐ The complete RAMP proposal form requested is uploaded to the RAMP submission tool until the submission deadline.

Please note that:

- Funding will only be awarded upon proof that
 - complementary funding (NSERC, NRC-IRAP, or others) has been approved, a copy of the approval must be sent to PRIMA
 - the full RAMP proposal was recommended for funding
 - the other organisations in the RAMP consortium get their funding.
 - an intellectual property agreement drafted and signed between the different parties before the 1st payment of the grant
- **IT IS MANDATORY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE FULL PROPOSAL.**
- The partners of the Québec part of the consortium must be members of PRIMA Québec from the time of submission of the complete proposal until the end of the project if it is funded.

Contact person

For any additional information or assistance in writing the application file, do not hesitate to contact Michel Lefèvre at 514 241-3322.

PRIMA pre-proposal form must be sent before September 22, 2026, noon, Montreal time, in a single PDF file (Adobe Acrobat) by email to: lydie.chauvire@prima.ca

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INTRODUCTION

The Government of Québec considers innovation to be an important driver of economic growth. Over the years, the province has managed to position itself favourably on the international research and innovation scene, thanks to major investments by the Québec government. Despite fierce international competition, Québec has been able to build a solid research and innovation ecosystem supported by an enviable pool of high-calibre researchers from major international networks, a highly qualified workforce, high-performance companies, renowned higher education institutions and state-of-the-art research centres.

In order to remain in the group of advanced societies and to shine and open up to the world, Québec must ensure the participation of its researchers and organizations in collaborative industrial research projects that will generate the technologies of tomorrow. In addition, in Québec's International Vision, the Government of Québec demonstrates its desire to propel innovation into international markets. In a context of economic recovery, this vision implies an increased presence of Québec players in these markets.

Calls for international research and innovation projects are part of the tools available to the Government of Québec to support this international action by Québec players in the university, college, institutional and industrial sectors who work in the various sectors of research and innovation. To this end, the Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie (MEIE) is supporting PRIMA Québec in its participation in the RAMP 2026 call.

Forty donors from 27 countries are participating in the first 2026 joint transnational call of RAMP, the European Raw Materials Partnership under Horizon Europe. Their national and regional commitments total almost €41 million, intended to support transnational research and innovation projects along the entire raw materials value chain.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the call for projects are to:

1. Establish partnerships between universities, colleges, institutions and industry in Québec, outside Québec and internationally.
2. Increase university-business, international, intersectoral and inter-level research collaborations.
3. Increase the visibility of Québec researchers and their institutions at the national and international levels.
4. Promote the advancement of researchers capable of occupying a competitive position in the niches of the future for Québec around research and development projects.

RAMP expects proposals focused on improving access to raw materials, promoting the circular economy, sustainability and reducing social and environmental costs. These proposals must create value, innovate and contribute to industrial development. They are encouraged to make connections between different stages of the supply chain, to bridge the gap between multiple disciplines, to involve stakeholders and to be part of the relevant policy context.



ELIGIBLE CLIENTELE IN QUÉBEC

ELIGIBLE QUÉBEC APPLICANTS

Applications must be submitted by Québec research institutions. Universities, CCTTs or public research centres¹ are eligible (if the research centre is not listed, please contact a PRIMA advisor to verify its status [public or private] with the MEIE). They must allow for the training of highly qualified personnel (HQP).

ELIGIBLE QUÉBEC BUSINESSES

It is necessary to have at least one company (preferably an SME<250 employees) with a presence in Québec (production or R&D) among your partners. Businesses outside Québec are not eligible. The participation of partners must be confirmed by a signed letter of support.

Companies must provide a copy of their francization certificate (valid at all times, unless the company is registered on the List of companies not complying with the francization process).

A company or organization is subject if it has had 25 or more employees for more than 6 months. Cégeps and universities (except private colleges) do not have to provide proof of compliance with the francization requirements. If companies do not yet hold this certificate, one of the following valid documents issued by the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF) will be accepted:

- an attestation of registration with the OQLF;
- an acknowledgement of receipt of the linguistic situation analysis;
- an attestation of program application

If a company finds itself at [the following address](#), it does not comply with the francization process and is therefore ineligible for the program.

Companies doing business in Québec (companies (Québec or outside Québec) with a place of business in Québec), who already have a website, must have their website in French, regardless of the criteria and threshold for compliance with the francization process. Partners outside Québec, who do not do business in Québec, do not have this obligation. The consortium cannot include affiliates. As a result, the subsidiaries or parent company of a Québec company cannot participate in the project with the international partner.

Companies that are majority controlled by a government department or agency are not eligible as industrial partners. Their contributions will be considered public funding. The same applies to municipalities.

Startups are eligible, however the MEIE may request additional information to ensure the company's involvement in the project and its R&D and production capabilities and to be able to implement the benefits of the research project.

Hydro-Québec is considered, by default, to be a public research centre. However, it can be considered an industrial partner if certain criteria are met. See Appendix 1 for these criteria.

The MEIE, during its analysis of projects recommended for funding, can always request additional information from the promoters and companies involved in the project.

¹ The list of recognized eligible public research centres is available at [Next link](#).



INELIGIBLE CLIENTELE

Applicants who are in one or more of the following situations are not eligible:

- are registered, provisionally or permanently, in the Registre des entreprises non admissibles aux contrats publics ([RENA](#)). This situation also applies to subcontractors registered in the RENA who are supposed to carry out work as part of the project;
- are registered on [the list of companies not compliant with the Francization Process](#), published on the website of the Office québécois de la langue française;
- have failed to comply with their obligations during the two years preceding the application for financial assistance after having been duly served with formal notice in connection with the granting of previous financial assistance by a department or agency of the Gouvernement du Québec;
- are Crown corporations or corporations controlled directly or indirectly by a government (provincial or federal) or enterprises that are majority-owned by a Crown corporation;
- are under the protection of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-36) or the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3);
- have their main area of business relating to the following:
 - the production or distribution of weapons² ;
 - exploration, extraction, drilling, production and refining related to fossil fuels, such as oil and thermal coal, with the exception of activities aimed at transitioning to a low-carbon economy;
 - the operation of games of chance and gambling e.g. casinos, bingo halls, gaming terminals;
 - the exploitation of violent games, combat sports involving all living species, racing or other similar activities;
 - sexual exploitation, e.g. an erotic bar, an escort agency, an erotic massage parlour or a swingers' club, the production of pornographic material;
 - production, sale and services related to tobacco or drug use, with the exception of interventions related to cannabis and industrial hemp presented in section 4.1.3 of the 2024-2027 normative framework for the MEIE's PSO.

Financial assistance cannot be used to make a payment to any entity in any of the situations described above.

The Ministry reserves the right to refuse to grant financial assistance or to cease providing such financial assistance if the applicant or beneficiary does not meet the high standards of integrity that the public has the right to expect from a beneficiary of financial assistance provided from public funds.

² For the purposes of the program, a weapon is defined as a covered item in sections 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-7, 2-8, 2-12 and 2-19 of a Guide to Canada's Export Control List (online, 2022-02-09)



MEMBERSHIP IN PRIMA QUÉBEC

All industrial, academic or public research organizations in the Québec consortium participating in a project **must be members in good standing of PRIMA Québec at the time of submitting the project to the full proposal phase** and must remain so throughout the duration of the project if it is accepted for funding.

To become a member of PRIMA Québec: <https://www.prima.ca/produit/membership-prima-quebec/>

50 employees or less	325 CAD
51 to 249 employees	500 CAD
250 to 499 employees	750 CAD
500+ employees	1,100 CAD
Universities	2,200 CAD
College or public laboratory	1,100 CAD

STRUCTURE OF THE RAMP CALL 2026

The objective of the RAMP call 2026 is to enable transnational R&D projects between partners receiving funding from regional/national programmes.

The call is organised in the form of a 2-stage application (pre-proposal and full proposal). The eligibility of applicants for funding will be checked by the national/regional funding organizations according to the rules defined by their respective funding programs.

The centralized evaluation of pre-proposals and full proposals will be carried out by independent international evaluators and will result in a ranking list for each stage.

- In Stage 1, the RAMP consortium will agree on a list of pre-proposals invited to submit a full proposal. The decision is based on the ranking list of the pre-proposals evaluated and the available national/regional budgets.
- In Stage 2, the RAMP consortium will agree on a common selection list based on the ranking of the full proposals evaluated.

Final funding decisions will be made by the national/regional funding organizations.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

All research projects with Technology Readiness Levels³ (TRLs) 1 to 9 are eligible.

Projects are in collaboration with partners from countries participating in the RAMP call, there may be non-RAMP partners, **however the following main conditions must be met – see the RAMP guide for all the conditions**:

- Minimum requirements: Consortia must be composed of at least 3 partners (all applying for funding from a funding organization participating in RAMP) from at least 3 different countries (at least 2

³ See Appendix 2



EU Member States or associated countries⁴) participating in the RAMP call. In addition to the minimum consortium, the participation of other partners is possible, including applicants not applying for funding (self-financed).

- The coordinator must apply for funding from a funding organization participating in RMAP.
- Proposers (SMEs, large companies, academic research groups, universities, public research organisations or other research organisations) must be eligible for funding in accordance with their national/regional regulations. **If one or more partners responsible for more than 15% of the total project effort (measured in person-months) are deemed ineligible, the project will not be invited to a pre-or full evaluation of the proposal.**
- The total effort of a single applicant cannot exceed 50% of the total project effort (measured in person-months) in the proposal.
- **The total effort of a country's applicants cannot exceed 60% of the total project effort (measured in person-months) in the proposal.**
- Applicants must participate in activities that fall within the eligible Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of their respective funding organization for the relevant topic. The proposal must broadly address the appropriate TRLs for the topics selected under the RAMP call 2026 for proposals.
- Mandatory proposal forms must be used. The conditions for formatting these forms are intended to ensure the fairness of the assessment. Therefore, any change in formatting will result in the formal rejection of the proposal (this includes changing the font and its size, line spacing, spacing, margins, document format, tables, and any sections of the template).
- The proposal must be written in English.
- The maximum duration of the project is 36 months.
- Only proposals recommended for Phase 2 by RAMP after the pre-proposal phase will be allowed to submit a full proposal.

As a general rule, small to medium-sized consortia (3-5 partners on average per proposal) are expected. However, there is no upper limit, and consortia can involve as many partners as necessary for a compelling proposal, ensuring that all participants have a meaningful role. Each partner in the consortium must clearly add value to the objectives of the proposed project. Depending on the nature of the project, each consortium partner must demonstrate how it will exploit the expected results.

National/regional funding rules apply. Therefore, in some cases, only certain topics, TRLs or types of organisations are eligible (e.g. some national/regional programmes only fund industrial partners, but no academic partners, low/high TRLs). It is strongly recommended to contact the relevant national/regional funding body prior to submission of the proposal.

FOR QUÉBEC PARTICIPANTS:

- Projects must demonstrate a balanced participation of the Québec and foreign partners throughout their implementation; **a financial contribution in cash totalling at least 20% of eligible expenses in Québec is required from the Québec host organization and a contribution in cash or in-kind totaling at least 30% of the overall expenses of the RAMP consortium project is required for all foreign partners in the project.**

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf



- **The MEIE's financial assistance will take the form of a non-repayable and non-recurring contribution of up to 50% of the eligible expenses of the Québec part, up to a maximum of \$500,000 (including management fees and FIR) over three years per project.** Other contributions must be demonstrated (official signed letters specifying the amounts granted for the project).

A consortium agreement between the project partners is mandatory for projects funded under national/regional funding rules. However, the principles of the agreement should already be clear when the proposal is submitted. The purpose of the consortium agreement is to clarify:

- Internal organisation and management of the consortium
- Sharing risks and results
- Dissemination and exploitation of results
- Intellectual Property Agreements
- Internal dispute resolution

A model for the consortium agreement is available at: <https://www.desca-agreement.eu/desca-model-consortium-agreement/>

Project budget

No overall limits have been set at the level of RAMP, but national/regional limits on available funds may apply. The distribution of the budget within the project consortia must comply with the eligibility criteria.

Duration of projects

The maximum duration of the project must not exceed 36 months. National/regional limits on the duration of projects will apply.

Partner Finder

To facilitate the process of forming research consortia, a partner search tool is available here: <https://submission-ramp.ptj.de/partnering>



THEMES OF THE CALL

The call for proposals is open to the following six themes:

- Topic 1 – Ensuring a resilient supply of raw materials from primary sources
- Topic 2 – Targeting secondary sources to enhance access to raw materials
- Topic 3 – Efficient and effective use of raw materials in design and production
- Topic 4 – Overcoming technological barriers to circularity
- Topic 5 – Putting circular economy ambitions into action
- Topic 6 – Innovative approaches for analysing raw materials value chains

PRIMA DOES NOT SUPPORT THEMES 5 AND 6

General considerations

- Proposals must adopt the principles of safe and sustainable design and/or consider approaches to understand and/or mitigate the potential social and environmental impacts of their activities, as appropriate.
- Proposals must explicitly address social acceptance, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local democratic processes, and long-term impacts on local communities, where applicable.
- Finally, gender balance and other diversity considerations must be integrated into the project from its inception, both at the consortium level and as part of the planned research, as appropriate.

Consult the RAMP guide for more information on the topics and conditions

In accordance with its strategic plan, PRIMA Québec encourages the submission of applications for the development of advanced materials applied to Québec's key sectors, such as transportation and infrastructure, energy, the environment, textiles, electronics, health and chemistry.

The technologies targeted by this call for projects primarily include:

- **New materials:** Polymers, elastomers, biomaterials, metals, innovative fillers, cellulosic filaments, natural and synthetic fibers, nanomaterials, quantum materials, etc.
- **High-performance formulated materials or finished or semi-finished products:** Composites (TD or TP), rubbers, alloys, ceramics, smart textiles, flexible materials, membranes, thin films, coatings, biocompatible materials, encapsulation, sensors, printable electronics, quantum technologies, etc.
- **Implementation and scale-up processes and new characterization techniques:** Additive manufacturing and 3D printing, surface modification and treatment, micro/nanofabrication, tooling, new characterization instruments, modeling and simulation, shaping processes, quantum computing, etc.
- **Use of artificial intelligence with advanced materials** for production, integration or implementation processes or characterization technique.



- Innovations in **quantum technologies** for: quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum materials, quantum metrology and quantum sensing. Proposed projects should contribute to the development and commercialization of: quantum computer and quantum communication components; quantum technologies that fall into the following application areas: life sciences, sustainable development, transport and logistics.



PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN

Eligible expenses are those related to the research activities of the Québec team and cover the costs of carrying out the project in Québec. No additional financial assistance will be granted for cost overruns of approved projects.

The expenses described below are eligible provided they are justifiable and directly attributable to the completion of the project.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The following expenses are eligible, provided they are reasonable, justifiable and directly attributable to the carrying out of the project:

- Salaries, wages and benefits not subject to any other public financial support (students, postdoctoral fellows, research assistants and professionals, technicians, etc.).
 - Amounts related to the release of university professors to carry out activities within the framework of the projects cannot be included in this expenditure item, unless the institution confirms by letter the actual cost of the period of release of the researcher from his usual responsibilities.
 - Salaries including benefits for professors newly recruited by an academic institution based on recognized expertise can be covered for a maximum period of three years, as long as they are part of a research chair dedicated to answering the needs of an emerging industry in Québec. These chairs also ensure the generation of highly qualified personnel to integrate the workforce of these key industrial sectors.
 - It is the actual cost and not selling price that must be indicated.
- Student scholarships.
- Materials, consumables and supplies
 - Consumables cannot be the object of commercial transactions between stakeholders (for example, purchased from one of the industrial partners)
- Purchase and/or rental of equipment
 - Purchase: less \$25K per equipment before tax otherwise must be rented
 - Only the cost of renting the equipment, does not include the last amount to buy the equipment.
 - The purchase and rental of equipment represent a maximum of 25% of the total eligible expenses.
- Travel and living expenses for Québec researchers and students (airfare, local transportation, accommodation, meal expenses, visa fees). These expenses must not exceed **15%** of the total eligible expenses (up to a maximum of 5% of all eligible expenses in Québec). When calculating the grant, only amounts corresponding to the current Québec government rates will be taken into account (see Appendix 3).
- Animal and platform costs
- Costs related to subcontracting contracts
 - Subcontractors must be mentioned and must not be registered in the register of companies not eligible for public contracts ([RENA](#)).



- Subcontractors must be systematically identified in the application form. If the subcontractor is not known, please mention possible subcontractors.
- Professional fees
 - External services must be justified and represent a small portion of the budget.
- Intellectual property and management fees.
- Knowledge dissemination costs
 - Please mention the conferences and their relevance to the project.
- Costs related to the commercialization of research and innovation results and the protection of intellectual property (publication costs, costs of participating in scientific and technological communications, costs of organizing a workshop or seminar, costs of obtaining international patents, etc.). Costs of maintaining or commercializing IP are not eligible.
- Costs of translating and drafting legal documents for strengthening partnerships (up to a maximum of \$10,000).

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Ineligible expenses include, among others:

- Amounts related to the release of university professors to carry out project activities cannot be included in this in this expense category.
- Salaries of university researchers who are currently paid by their institution or by a government granting agency are not eligible expenses.
- Salaries of administrative support staff.
- Administrative costs are not eligible.
- Travel expenses for researchers and students from the Québec team for events not directly related to the project.
- Accommodation, travel and living expenses for foreign researchers and students.
- Expenses to support the implementation of a program of activities.
- Purchase of equipment with a purchase value greater than \$25,000 before taxes.
- Equipment maintenance costs.
- Expenses for the filing and maintenance of intellectual property.
- Recurring costs such as annual subscription fees and software update fees.
- Expenses associated with project planning activities or with commercial, economic, or technology transfer activities such as:
 - detailed market research;
 - detailed financial study;
 - technology demonstration;
 - testing and validation of the product or process;
 - product approval;
 - market expansion;
 - the marketing plan;
 - promotional activities;
 - regulatory matters other than intellectual property management and exploitation fees, etc. ;



- the sale of samples, products, equipment or technology;
 - the acquisition, sale or construction of buildings;
 - licensing;
 - a joint venture, merger, acquisition, etc.
- Any expenses not directly related to the project.
- Establishing a web presence and web hosting.
- Expenses to support the delivery of a program of activities.
- Grant funds already received from:
 - the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) (with the exception of the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IEF) which is eligible);
 - other financial assistance programs of the MEIE.
- Refundable amounts of federal and provincial taxes;
- Land acquisition expenses;
- Expenses for the acquisition, construction or expansion of buildings;
- Depreciation expenses.

INDIRECT COSTS OF RESEARCH

For **university institutions, CCTTs and affiliated hospitals**, additional operating expenses are eligible. A maximum rate of **27%, calculated proportionally to the MEIE contribution**, is applied to the following five eligible expense items included in the direct costs of the projects:

- Salaries and benefits.
- Student scholarships.
- Materials, consumables and supplies
- Purchase and/or rental of equipment (maximum of \$25,000 before taxes per piece of equipment in the case of a purchase).
- Travel and living expenses

Note: Other financial contributors to the project must pay an indirect research expenses rate on their contribution at least equivalent to that of the MEIE for the project (27%). In other words, all funders must assume the full costs of research, by paying the indirect research expenses.

COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

PSO-International will accept additional funding for eligible cash expenditures from several sources (please contact a PRIMA advisor to confirm eligibility for additional funding), including, but not limited to:

- Federal departments and agencies, including federal granting councils.
- Provincial and municipal ministries and agencies, as well as Québec research funds.

Financial assistance under the PSO program cannot be combined with contributions from any other MEIE program, including MITACS scholarships, which are not accepted as co-financing in the financial package.

Sources of co-financing must be presented in the financial package. **A copy of the request for complementary funding must be provided before the submission of the full proposal on February**



15, 2027. The acceptance copy of the complementary funding must be sent to PRIMA before MAY 2027.

It is necessary to specify in the application for complementary funding that an application to PRIMA has been made and the complementary funding budget must include funding from PRIMA.

Complementary funding already obtained that does not specify PRIMA Québec and the current project cannot be used.

Combined funding from the municipal, provincial and federal governments, as well as partners with intervention funds funded by these levels of government, cannot exceed **80%** of the total expenditures of the initiative. The aid considered in this calculation concerns subsidies, loans and tax aid related to the project.

A minimum cash contribution of **20%** of eligible expenses is required from companies.

MANAGEMENT FEES

PRIMA's management fees are shared between industry partners and the MEIE. It is the funding applicant's responsibility to inform industry partners of PRIMA Québec's management fees. The combined management fee (5%) of the MEIE and the industry partner are capped at \$50,000. **The industrial portion of the management fee + taxes will be invoiced to the project promoter.**

- Industry partners involved in the project must contribute to PRIMA Québec's management fees for a total amount of 3% of the research mandate amount or a maximum of \$30,000 (excluding taxes).
- MEIE's management fee is 2% or a maximum of \$20,000.

THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS

Preparation of funding applications

PRIMA Québec recognizes that applicants to its calls for projects may use these new tools at various stages of preparing a funding application (e.g., structuring ideas, conducting literature reviews, revising, summarizing, or translating texts). However, **applicants remain ultimately responsible for the entire content of their funding application.** By submitting a funding application, they assume full responsibility for its content. One of the best practices outlined in the Politique sur la conduite responsable en recherche calls for “promoting a climate of integrity, accountability, and public trust in research”. Applicants using generative AI tools in preparing a funding application should therefore do so responsibly, notably by referring to relevant guidelines. Particular attention should be paid to the proper recognition of contributions and the risk of plagiarism.

Evaluation of funding applications

Members of evaluation committees **are not permitted to insert the content of a funding application, in whole or in part, into a generative AI tool** (e.g., ChatGPT, DeepL, Bard, etc.). This prohibition is based on the need to protect the intellectual property rights of applicants, their privacy and the confidentiality of their data.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

An agreement governing the conditions for the management of intellectual property must be concluded between all partners (companies, universities, research centres) before funding is allocated.

Applications will be accepted for evaluation even if an intellectual property agreement is not available at the time of submission of the proposal. **Nevertheless, the application must outline the proposed intellectual property sharing.**

Please note that the agreement must be signed no later than one year after the announcement of the results; otherwise, the application will be closed and must be resubmitted for a new evaluation round.

COMMUNICATION

Please note that the information provided in the identification sheet section as well as the amount of the grant are public data and may be used by the MEIE and PRIMA Québec for promotional purposes.

If your project is approved for funding, the Ministry may reserve the right to initial communication. **Please contact PRIMA prior to any initial communication** about the project.

PROJECT SELECTION

RAMP's selection process will be a two-stage process: pre-proposal and full proposal. RAMP aims to provide a transparent, rapid and straightforward evaluation of submitted proposals. Consult the RAMP guide for evaluation criteria.

Pre-proposal

Pre-proposals will be evaluated by a jury selected by RAMP according to the rules specified in the RAMP guide.

Following the pre-proposal selection meeting with the participating funding agencies, the selection process will result in one of the following recommendations, which will be communicated to the applicants:

- Recommended to submit full proposal
- Not recommended

The results of the pre-proposal stage will be provided via emails feedback sent by the call secretariat after the pre-proposal selection meeting to the project coordinators and all applicants.

Full proposal

Full proposals will be evaluated by a jury selected by RAMP according to the rules specified in the RAMP guide. At the 2026 call coordination meeting, all full proposals will be discussed and unanimously recommended or not recommended for funding based on the evaluation results and the available budget of all funding agencies.

Following the RAMP central evaluation, full proposals will be either:

- Recommended for funding or
- Not recommended for funding



The results of the full proposal stage, including a compiled peer review report (anonymized results of the international central peer review process, excluding the scoring), will be provided by the call secretariat via feedback emails to project coordinators and all applicants.

PROJECT APPROVAL

Funding recommendations and evaluation reports are submitted to the Minister in accordance with the agreement. The Minister may then approve the projects and grant co-financing according to the established parameters, or refuse co-financing to certain projects, specifying the problematic elements that led to this refusal.

Approval of project funding will be confirmed in a grant letter that will specify the reporting requirements.

PROJECT MONITORING

Upon submission of the annual activity report, a project progress report (scientific and financial) containing up-to-date data for each active project must be submitted.

CONTACT

For more information or assistance in preparing your application, please do not hesitate to contact: Michel Lefèvre: 514 241-3322, michel.lefevre@prima.ca

Applications must be sent in a single PDF file (Adobe Acrobat) by email to: lydie.chauvire@prima.ca, 514 834-2052



CALL FOR PROJECTS TIMETABLE

Dates	Steps
June 23, 2026	Call for proposals launch
July 2, 2026	RAMP Webinar
September 22, 2026 (15:00 CEST)	Deadline for submission of: a) Pre-proposals and b) National/regional funding requests, if necessary
December 2026	Feedback to applicants
February 15, 2027 (15:00 CET)	Deadline for submission of: a) Full proposals and b) National/regional funding requests, if necessary
May 2027	Notification of the selection of recommended full proposals for funding
June 2027	Contract negotiations for selected proposals at the national/regional level
June - September 2027	Start of funded projects



APPENDIX 1 – HYDRO-QUÉBEC

Hydro-Québec is considered, by default, to be a public research centre.

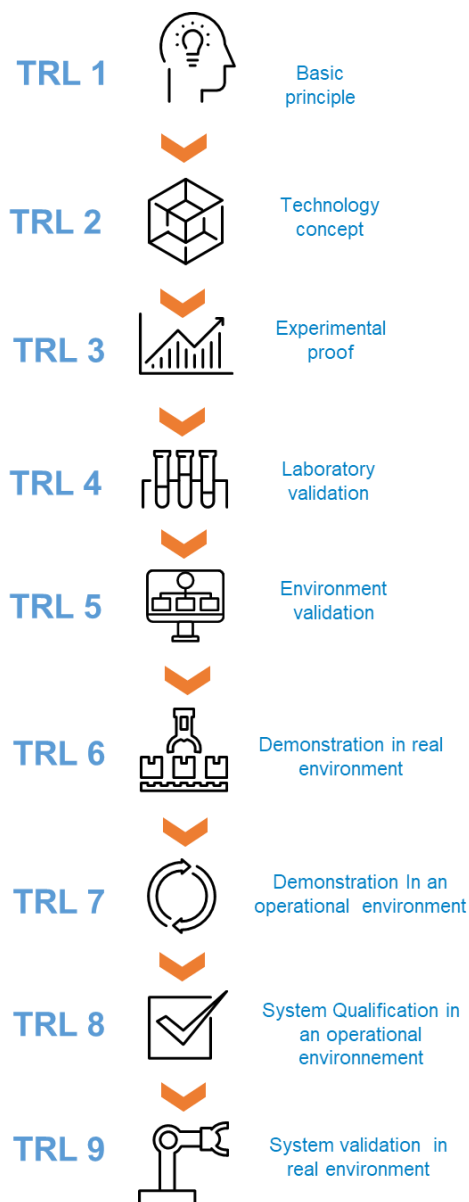
However, Hydro-Québec plays an extremely structuring role in the innovation ecosystem in electricity generation and distribution, a sector in which it is a major contractor in a monopoly context. Because of this unique situation, the MEIE authorizes Hydro-Québec to be considered as an industrial partner in InnovÉÉ, PRIMA and PROMPT's partnership research projects, if the following criteria are met:

1. Themes:
 - Electricity generation, transmission and distribution
2. Partnership:
 - At least one Quebec company other than Hydro-Québec must be involved in the project.
 - The Québec company must reap significant benefits from the partnership, including an equitable sharing of intellectual property.
3. Structuring and strategic nature of the projects:
 - To be eligible, projects involving Hydro-Québec must be "structuring" and aim to "solve problems of a strategic nature for Québec." In this sense, projects whose spinoffs will mainly allow the continuous improvement of Hydro-Québec's operations are not eligible.

These project eligibility criteria must be analysed by the evaluation committee and appear in the report submitted to the MEIE.



APPENDIX 2 – TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVELS (TRLs)



Graphic inspired by the document: Space Systems - Definition of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) and their evaluation criteria, ISO 16290.

The ISO16290 standard is available for consultation at the PRIMA Québec offices



APPENDIX 3 – TRAVEL EXPENSES

TRAVEL EXPENSES IN QUEBEC

Travel expenses refer to expenses incurred when a person travels outside his or her usual work territory.

This appendix covers travel expenses related to certain modes of transportation, hotel accommodation, and restaurant expenses. Other travel expenses or reimbursements in excess of those established may also be authorized, if necessary, but they must be documented. In all cases, except in exceptional circumstances, the approach chosen must demonstrate a concern for economy.

The BENEFICIARY must comply with the "DIRECTIVE RESPECTING REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES" available on the Treasury Board website at the following address: <http://www.tresor.gouv.qc.ca/publications/secretariat/>.

On the date of signature of the agreement, the scale in force in this directive was as follows:

Transport

The use of public transport should be encouraged insofar as it is more economical than the use of a personal vehicle.

When using a personal vehicle, the following rates are eligible according to the mileage applicable during the BENEFICIARY's fiscal year.

Annual mileage	Rate
1st tranche: 1 to 8,000 km	\$0.650/km
2nd phase: more than 8,000 km	\$0.575/km

If an appropriate means of public transportation is available and a personal vehicle is used, the eligible rate is reduced to \$0.161 per kilometre so travelled.



Accommodation in hotels

The maximum per diems are as follows for accommodation in a hotel establishment.

City	Maximum benefits	
	Low season ⁵	High season ⁶
Territory of the City of Montreal	\$161	\$177
Territory of Quebec City	\$135	
Cities of Laval, Gatineau, Longueuil, Lac-Beauport and Lac-Delage	\$130	\$140
Establishments located elsewhere in Quebec	\$106	\$111
Any other establishment	\$101	

This scale comes from the directives of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor and may vary.

These maximum amounts do not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Quebec Sales Tax (QST) and the Lodging Tax, which, when applied, must be refunded in addition.

Restaurant Fees

The maximum per diems are as follows for restaurant expenses.

	Applicable rates
Lunch	CA\$ 15.40
Dinner	CA\$ 21.20
Dinner	CA\$ 32.05
Total	CA\$ 68.65

This scale comes from the directives of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor and may vary.

The rates listed above include taxes and gratuities.

TRAVEL EXPENSES OUTSIDE QUEBEC

This section applies to expenses incurred outside Québec for programs in which this type of fee applies.

City/Country	Maximum benefits	
	Accommodation per day	Meals per day
CANADA (OUTSIDE QUEBEC)	In Canadian \$	In Canadian \$
Calgary	166 \$	50 \$
Charlottetown	148 \$	50 \$
Edmonton	115 \$	50 \$
Halifax	136 \$	50 \$
Moncton	148 \$	50 \$
Ottawa	148 \$	50 \$
Regina	108 \$	50 \$
Saskatoon	102 \$	50 \$

9. From November 1st to May 31st.

10. From June 1st to October 31st.



City/Country	Maximum benefits	
	Accommodation per day	Meals per day
St-Jean (T.N.)	159 \$	50 \$
Toronto	184 \$	60 \$
Vancouver	184 \$	55 \$
Victoria	184 \$	50 \$
Winnipeg	102 \$	50 \$
Other cities	102 \$	50 \$
AMERICA	In \$ US	In \$ US
Atlanta	120 \$	50 \$
Boston	192 \$	50 \$
Chicago	130 \$	50 \$
Dallas	120 \$	50 \$
Detroit	120 \$	50 \$
Los Angeles	120 \$	50 \$
Miami	120 \$	50 \$
New York	192 \$	60 \$
Philadelphia	120 \$	50 \$
San Francisco	160 \$	50 \$
Seattle	120 \$	50 \$
Washington	120 \$	50 \$
Other cities	120 \$	50 \$
Brazil	123 \$	40 \$
Mexico	177 \$	43 \$
EUROPE	Local currency	Local currency
Germany	137 €	60 €
Belgium	137 €	54 €
Spain	161 €	59 €
France	174 €	62 €
Italy	218 €	52 €
Luxembourg	125 €	52 €
Netherlands	111 €	61 €
United Kingdom	139 £	51 £
Switzerland	209 francs	92 francs



City/Country	Maximum benefits	
	Accommodation per day	Meals per day
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES	In \$ US	In \$ US
Denmark	105 \$	65 \$
Iceland	153 \$	69 \$
Norway	114 \$	\$78
Sweden	\$127	\$55
Finland	Local currency 125 €	Local currency 71 €
MIDDLE EAST		
Israel	US\$ \$219	\$80
ASIA	US\$	US\$
China	\$145	\$48
South Korea	\$159	\$57
India	\$190	\$38
Japan	\$164	\$89

This scale comes from the directives of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor and may vary.

These maximum amounts do not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Quebec Sales Tax (QST) and the Lodging Tax, nor the taxes in effect in the countries concerned, which, when applied, must be refunded in addition.

Pricing is based on the U.S. dollar, excluding Canada and countries whose currency is the euro. The local currency is for information purposes only.

For other destinations, please contact us.

As supporting documentation, the invoice and proof of payment are required and must be retained by the applicant in the event of an audit.