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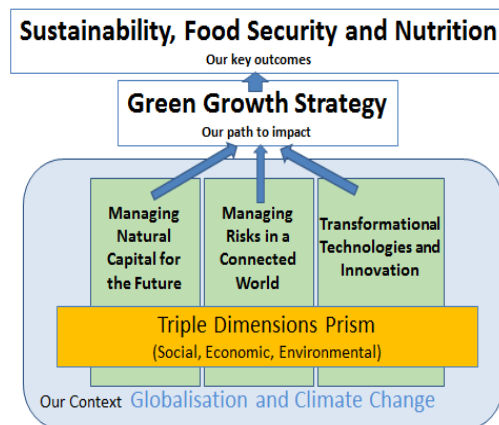
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Objectives

The Co-operative Research Programme's main objective is to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information and advice that will inform future policy decisions related to the sustainable use of natural resources, in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries.

The objective and work of the Programme are anchored in both a policy and scientific environment in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, which, more than ever, are developed in a multidisciplinary environment. This happens so as to respond to the varied demands from a range of stakeholder groups with interests in these fields, and to take into account that the world is globalised and food production systems are interlinked.



Activities

The Programme achieves its objectives through two types of activities:

- **Research Fellowships:** sponsorship of scientists to conduct research projects in a different Member country with a view to strengthening the international exchange of ideas and increasing international mobility and co-operation.

The Programme pays transportation and subsistence costs to research scientists who should have 4 years of postdoctoral training, have a long-term renewable position, and are from member countries to conduct research in a laboratory in another member country. Fellowships may be from 6 to 26 weeks.

- **Conferences:** sponsorship or co-sponsorship of international conferences, workshops, symposia, congresses, (organised by, for example, research institutions, international associations), with a view to informing policy makers, industry and the academic world of current and future research, scientific developments and opportunities on issues relevant to the CRP and the OECD's policy priorities.

The sponsorship is in the form of funding certain invited speakers by paying for their transportation and subsistence costs.

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How the Programme is Organised

The Programme comprises:

- **The Governing Body**, composed of a representative from each Member country. It agrees the programme of work, the budget, the orientation of the Programme and the selection of applications for funding.
- **The Scientific Advisory Body**, composed of 6 eminent scientists with agricultural research administration experience, nominated by the Governing Body. It ensures the scientific quality of the applications for funding and recommends the fellowships and conferences to be funded to the Governing Body.
- **The Secretariat** is responsible for the day to day operation of the Programme and provides a central contact point.
- **The National Correspondents** (one for each Member country) are responsible for promoting the Programme to interested scientists and institutions in their country and distributing information.

Member Countries

Australia	Finland	New Zealand
Austria	Germany	Norway
Belgium	Hungary	Slovak Republic
Canada	Ireland	Spain
Chile	Italy	Sweden
Czech Republic	Japan	Switzerland
Denmark	Korea	United Kingdom
Estonia	Netherlands	United States

Co-operative Research Programme Research Themes:

THEME 1: MANAGING NATURAL CAPITAL FOR THE FUTURE

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Managing natural capital by making secure the availability and managing the quality of natural resources

Topics:

- Management of landscapes and ecosystems
- Soil, water, biodiversity
- Aquaculture and fisheries
- Integrated agricultural production systems
- Forests

THEME 2: MANAGING RISKS IN A CONNECTED WORLD

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Research with anticipating, pre-empting, coping with and managing risks that impact on the potential of agricultural systems to achieve food security

Topics:

- Invasive species and biosecurity
- Food safety
- Emerging diseases
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Climate risks to production
- Risk assessment

THEME 3: TRANSFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION

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Novel and innovative technologies that achieve a step change

Topics:

- Precision agriculture
- Advanced breeding tools – genetics and genomic technologies
- Novel waste reduction technologies
- Biofuels, bioproducts and bioprocesses
- Innovations in social science, economics and education

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Scientists who are nationals or permanent residents of a country participating in the Co-operative Research Programme, who have 4 years of postdoctoral training and who have a long-term renewable position may apply for a Research Fellowship.

Applications must be relevant to one of the Research Themes of the Programme.

The deadline for applications is 10 September of the year before the fellowships are to take place (for example: applicants applying for a fellowship to take place in 2018 must apply before 10 September 2017).

All applications must be submitted to the Secretariat through the online procedure. Full details, online application and Guidelines can be found on the Programme's website: <http://www.oecd.org/agriculture/crp> or by contacting the Secretariat at TAD.Prog@oecd.org

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Conference Organisers wishing to apply for sponsorship of a conference should complete the application form which is available on the Programme's website, together with the Guidelines.

All applications must be submitted to the Secretariat and received by e-mail by 10 September of the year before the conference is to take place (*i.e.* applications for sponsorship of a conference to take place in 2018 must be submitted before 10 September 2017).

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