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The Canadian Institute of Ecology and Evolution (CIEE) and the Centre for the Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity (FRB-CESAB) are pleased to announce a competition to enable Canadian-based researchers to join working group meetings held at the CESAB synthesis centre in Montpellier, France. Funding for this initiative is kindly provided by the French Embassy in Canada.

1. Each competition is for one researcher based in Canada, excluding the province of Quebec (hereafter “Canadian-based researcher”), to attend one meeting at CESAB. Researchers wanting to attend multiple meetings should apply to separate annual competitions for each meeting.
2. The working group meeting must occur at CESAB in Montpellier France, but could be funded by any agency, including but not limited to the FRB (Foundation for Research on Biodiversity) and Biodiversa+.
3. Working groups must have already received meeting funding before applying for this special competition for an additional Canadian-based participant.
4. Funding can only be used to cover air and ground transportation, accommodation, and meals. CESAB will arrange all bookings related to the workshop (flight tickets, hotel and restaurants), .
5. To be eligible, the Canadian-based researcher must hold a PhD and be actively employed as a research scientist in the field of ecology, evolution, environmental science or biodiversity. The program is neutral with regard to the nationality of this individual.
6. Selection will be based on the demonstrated additional value of adding the Canadian-based researcher to the working group in terms of complementary skills, expertise and background. New research collaborations will also be favoured. Evidence suggests that teams that are more demographically diverse (e.g. gender, origin) are also more productive. Selection will be made jointly by CIEE and CESAB.
7. To apply, please submit: (1) the attached application form to be signed by both the Canadian-based researcher and the leader(s) of the CESAB working group; (2) a one-page cv for the Canadian-based researcher; (3) the original, funded proposal for the working group. Applications should be sent to Kelly Haller, CIEE Program Coordinator, no later than February 14, 2024 for meetings taking place from April 2024 to March 2025. This competition is expected to be repeated annually for the next two years.



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Application for CIEE-CESAB collaboration program

In this application, “Canadian-based researcher” refers to the individual who wishes to join the CESAB working group. “Working group leader(s)” refers to the individual(s) who has(have) already received funding to lead the CESAB working group. We anticipate that these two sets of individuals will collaborate on completing this form.

Information on Canadian-based researcher

Name: _____

Employer (organization name): _____

Position at organization: _____

Estimated cost in euros of economy air and ground transportation for a single round trip to participate in working group (Canadian workplace to CESAB, Montpellier, France and return). Please provide source of estimate (e.g. airline website):

Briefly describe any prior collaborations between the Canadian-based researcher and other members of working group (max 50 words):

Describe how the expertise, skills and background of the Canadian-based researcher will complement that of other members of the working group and increase the productivity or scope of working group. (max 250 words)



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Information on working group

Title of working group: _____

Leader(s) of working group: _____

Meeting date for which funds are requested: _____

Signatures

Canadian-based researcher: _____

Working group leader(s): _____