



New international collaborations with Galactinnov Fall 2026

To foster the development of new Québec–France collaborations, this grant is offered to members of the Op+lait research group specifically for research projects involving collaboration with members of the Galactinnov network in France. The research funds will be awarded to the Québec-based team, and a “travel expenses” component is included to support travel from Québec to France.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The research team must include at least two members of the Op+lait group, including at least one regular member, from at least two different institutions, **AND** one member of the Galactinnov network in France.
2. The project must align with the research themes of the Galactinnov network (see www.oplait.org/galactinnov):
 - **Theme 1:** More sustainable dairy production
 - **Theme 2:** Toward more sustainable animal health and welfare management
 - **Theme 3:** High-quality milk and processed dairy products
3. Please note that a researcher may submit only one application as the principal applicant per competition.

Grant Value and Duration:

The grant provides up to \$15,000, combined with an \$8,000 student scholarship, and \$2,000 in travel expenses to support the Québec team's travel to France.

Eligible expenses for the \$15,000 grant include: laboratory supplies, use of technological platforms, and salaries for research personnel and technicians (excluding salaries for researchers). The maximum duration of the grant is one year.

Selection Criteria:

Innovative aspect of the new initiative (25 %), relevance of the initiative to Galactinnov's research themes (25 %), complementarity of the research team, new collaboration, and use of a technological platform (25 %), feasibility (15 %), and anticipated impacts (10 %).

The Op+lait Scientific Committee is responsible for evaluating the applications and awarding the grants. In case of a conflict of interest, the concerned committee member will not participate in the evaluation.

Documents to Submit:

1. The application form
2. A report must be submitted three months after the end of the grant (a report template will be provided), and the new initiative project must be presented at the annual Op+lait Scientific Meeting.

Complete applications must be submitted to Josée Labrie by email (josee.labrie@umontreal.ca) **no later than November 12, 2026.**