

# LA FRANCOPHONIE AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL

## Scholarship Program for Francophone Countries

Canada's Scholarship Program for Francophone countries is intended to contribute to the development of the 46 member countries of La Francophonie in keeping with the priorities of the Development Assistance Program.

This program awards scholarships to particularly deserving and motivated students. Emphasis is placed on CIDA's priority sectors in the countries in question, including forestry, agriculture, the applied sciences, engineering, administration, education, the social sciences and the economy. The program's aim will be to train trainers, strengthen qualifications in the university environment, increase skills in private enterprise, consolidate abilities in public administration and promote a greater presence of women in all spheres of activity.

The program, which has a budget of \$7 million in 1996-1997, can accept some 275 students, 90% of whom are enrolled in educational institutions in Quebec and 10% elsewhere in Canada in institutions offering programs in French.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, applicants must submit an application to their government (maximum of 16 applicants per country). Students may attend courses at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels.