

Meetings between CONACYT and Canada are technical gatherings, at the level of international relations offices only, to report on progress made in each area of scientific and technical cooperation.

Meetings of agency heads are organized approximately once a year at the express invitation of either party, to review cooperative efforts to date and, if so decided, to plan future activities.

The basic features of a "First North American Research Fellowship Program" were established in February 1994 with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States is involved in the program as well.

NSERC, NSF and CONACYT have recently stepped up cooperation. In 1995 they organized a Materials Workshop, the fruit of which was the implementation of Pan-American Institutes for Advanced Studies. The object of these institutes is to disseminate state-of-the-art knowledge about the topic in question, develop international cooperation ties, and foster relations between scientists and engineers in the international community.

CONACYT has signed a Joint Declaration with Industry Canada and the NSF to strengthen trilateral cooperation, particularly in the framework of the National Science and Technology Week to be celebrated each year in the three countries.

CONACYT takes part in the trilateral "Task Force on Higher Education Collaboration", in which agencies responsible for science, technology, and education in the three countries are involved.