



Concours Étudiants-chercheurs étoiles

Application deadline :

March 1st and September 1st of each year, 4:00 pm.

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1. OBJECTIVES

- Recognize the exceptional research contributions of university students (master's, doctorate), postdoctoral fellows and members of professional bodies who are enrolled in advanced research training programs in the areas covered by the three Fonds de recherche du Québec¹;
- Promote research careers in Québec;
- Develop strong ties between the Fonds de recherche du Québec and the province's student researcher community.

Note :

1. For the purpose of this competition, the term "student researcher" will be used to describe students, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The term is not a new designation for any of the three Fonds' programs.

2. AWARD

- \$1,000 awarded every month by each Fonds;
- An overview of the recipient's work (article, book or chapter, patent, creation or performance) and a photo of the recipient will be featured on the website of the awarding Fonds.

3. COMPETITIONS

- Two competitions per year;
- Every month, each Fonds will select a recipient from the winners of the competitions.



4. APPLICATIONS

Applications may only be submitted by student researchers.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- Student researchers whose projects have been released to the public for **less than seven months** at the competition deadline are eligible. The project must be in the form of an article (in a journal with an editorial review board), a book or book chapter, a patent, a creation or a performance of which the applicant is the author. Oral presentations and posters are not eligible;
 - Articles that are in press or submitted for review are not eligible;
 - Articles published electronically are eligible. Eligibility will be determined based on the electronic publication date; in the case of publication in paper form following publication of the electronic version, eligibility will be determined on the online publication date;
 - All applicants must fill out the attestation form (formulaire d'engagement) included with the application.
 - For publications with several authors, the following rules apply:
 - If several student researchers collaborated on a project in the same capacity and the published article explicitly states that the authors all equally contributed to the work, the student researchers shall share the award;
 - If several student researchers collaborated on a project in the same capacity (without being mentioned in the article) and their contributions are explicitly stated by the applicant on the application form, the student researchers shall share the award.
 - When submitting an application, the student researcher must be enrolled in an educational institution, affiliated university centre or research centre in Québec. Québec students enrolled in an institution outside Québec are also eligible. In this case, proof of citizenship or resident status is required (see section 8 - Application Process);
 - One application per student researcher per competition. A project may only be submitted once;
 - A student researcher may receive the award only once.
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6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Demonstration of the project's contribution to the advancement of knowledge in a sector covered by one of the three FRQ;
- Demonstration of the project's social relevance and/or benefits;
- Demonstration of the ability to explain the subject matter in plain language.

The quality of the written language, the applicant's actual contribution to the project and, in the case of an article, the quality of the journal, will be taken into consideration.



7. EVALUATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted to the Fonds that oversees the research sector specified on the application form by the applicant or proposer. All applications will be assessed based on program criteria by an evaluation committee assembled by the Fonds.

8. APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadlines for submitting required documents

- March 1st and September 1st of each year, 4:00 p.m.

Documents to be sent electronically

- The online form available in the Toolbox. Applicants may fill out the form in French or in English. However, the project summary must be in French.
- A copy of the project.
- Documents for assessing the eligibility of the submitted project, clearly indicating¹:
 - the exact publication date of the project;
 - its review by a review board (in the case of a journal article).
- A document attesting that the applicant is enrolled as a student at a Québec educational institution **on the date of submission of the application** or, in the case of a postdoctoral fellow, an attestation from the applicant's host organization.
- Québec applicants enrolled in an institution outside Québec must provide the following documents:
 - Proof of Canadian citizenship or resident status;
 - A photocopy of a valid Québec health insurance card or other official document issued by the Régie de l'assurance maladie demonstrating that the applicant is a resident of Québec within the meaning of the Québec Health Insurance Act.

Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible.

Note:

1. Copy of an e-mail or letter from the publisher, screen capture of the journal's website on which the article is presented and/or the peer review report, or any other relevant supporting document.

To receive the award, winning student researchers must provide the following documents

- A photograph;
- Certain administrative information.



9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Award recipients will be contacted by the FRQ. A monthly announcement will also be made by news release.

10. ADDITONNAL INFORMATION

Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS)

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Applications that do not include all required documents by the competition deadline will be deemed **ineligible**. The evaluation committee will not receive any appendices or documents other than those required.

11. APPENDIX 1 – RESEARCH DISCIPLINES

- Consult the [list of research disciplines](#)

12. APPENDIX 2 – RESEARCH AREAS FOR EACH FONDS

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS)

- Aging
- Cancer
- Child, Youth and Maternal Health
- Circulatory and Respiratory Health
- Gender and Health
- Health Services
- Human Genetics
- Infection and Immunity
- Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis
- Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction
- Nutrition and Metabolism
- Population Health

Source : [FRQS website](#)



Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies (FRQNT)

- Abstract structures
- Energy
- Environment
- Information and communications technologies
- Living organisms
- Manufacturing and construction
- Materials
- Natural resources
- Nature and interaction of matter
- Techniques, measurement and systems

Source : [FRQNT website](#)

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)

- Arts, Literature and Society
- Writing and Fine Arts
- Cultures, Religions and Civilizations
- The Development and Functioning of Individuals, Communities and Social Living
- The Economy, Employment and Markets
- Education, Knowledge and Skills
- Fundamental Issues and Meaning of Life
- Organizational Management
- Language and Languages
- Media, Communication and Information
- Living Environments, Planning and Appropriation of Human Spaces
- The Nature, Transformation and Governance of Society and Institutions
- International Relations and Development

Source : [FRQSC website](#)