



## Postdoctoral Training

Program category: Training Awards

Application deadline: **October 17, 2016, 4:30 pm**

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**This postdoctoral training program is aimed at Canadian citizens and permanent residents domiciled in Québec.** Citizens of other countries and Canadian citizens who are not domiciled in Québec (applicants from other Canadian provinces) must select a postdoctoral training program for non-residents of Québec).

The purpose of this program is to help doctorate (Ph.D.) holders to enhance their training and broaden their fields of interest. It is also aimed at encouraging these researchers to experience new scientific environments, to acquire new research methodologies and management and communication skills, and to supervise students. The FRQS assumes that the internship supervisor will mentor applicants in developing their university career.

**All documents referred in blue are available on the internet (link) or in the toolbox of the program web page on the FRQS website.**

**Important note:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to choose the right program and the right form for the award application. No program transfer will be made following the file eligibility review.



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

<b>Eligible applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants with a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) Applicants must have obtained their doctorate no more than two years before <b>October 15, 2016</b> (except for renewal applications).  This period could be extended by a maximum of one year if the candidate has been on a parental leave after the doctorate.</li> <li>Canadian citizens or permanent residents domiciled in Québec (as defined in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>, art. 2.1)  This status must remain in effect for the duration of the award</li> </ul> <p><b>Not eligible:</b> Those who hold an academic position, unless they take unpaid leave for the duration of the training award. An official letter confirming their employment status for the period and stating that they will resume their position once the training is completed should be provided by the employer.</p>
<b>Terms and conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must pursue full-time postdoctoral training in human health sciences research</li> <li>Must be supervised by an independent researcher (as defined in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>, annex 1c)</li> <li>Choose a different host university from the university at which the applicant earned his/her Ph.D. (preferably outside Québec)</li> <li>The supervisor and co-supervisor must be different than those who supervised the applicant during his/her PhD studies and should not be affiliated to the university at which the applicant earned his/her Ph.D.</li> <li>Applicants unable to submit their doctoral thesis at the time of applying must provide, no later than <b>September 30, 2017</b>, an attestation that the thesis has been submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Basic research ethics training</b>	<p>Basic research ethics training is compulsory for all FRQS awardees conducting research projects that involve human subjects.</p> <p>Research that involves human subjects includes work on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>living human subjects</li> <li>cadavers, human remains, tissues, biological fluids, gametes, embryos or fetuses, cells or genetic materials</li> <li>personal information from files that enables a person to be identified.</li> </ul> <p>Awardees must therefore successfully complete levels 1 and 3 of the <a href="#">Online Tutorial in Research Ethics</a> developed by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux.</p> <p>This training must be completed in the year following the receipt of a confirmation from the FRQS that the award was granted.</p> <p>The FRQS encourages awardees to follow a one-credit research ethics training course in addition to the compulsory basic research ethics training, whenever possible.</p>



## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**Before October 17, 2016, 4:30 pm**

**Documents sent via mail or e-mail will not be accepted**

**Letters of recommendation will not be accepted**

**Transmission via the FRQS Web site only**

**Any missing document or document that is not in conformity with the program rules and forms may result in the ineligibility of the funding application.**

### Applicants

- **Canadian Common CV , Funding CV version**, for the FRQS (updated since June 2014);
- detailed contributions updated since June 2014 (attachment required through the FRQS **Electronic Portfolio** on the Canadian Common CV page) , consult the document entitled **Guidelines for the CV attachment** in the Toolbox
- **Electronic application form** (e-forms) : *Formation postdoctorale (citoyens canadiens ou résidents permanents)*
- Official doctoral transcripts (except for renewal applications)
- Copies of all award, honours and distinction notices, including FRQS awards
- Acknowledgements from publishers for articles that are submitted or accepted for publication
- Copy of a valid Quebec health insurance card or other official document confirming residency in Quebec (except for renewal application)
- Copy of the applicant's permanent resident card or proof of its request(if applicable)
- Copy of the applicant's Québec Selection Certificate, if applicable

### Research supervisor (and co-supervisor, if applicable)

- **Canadian Common CV , Funding CV version**, for the FRQS (updated since June 2014);
- detailed contributions updated since June 2014 (attachment required through the FRQS **Electronic Portfolio** on the Canadian Common CV page) , consult the document entitled **Guidelines for the CV attachment** in the Toolbox
- **Supervisor's electronic form** (and co-supervisor, if applicable)



<b>After October 17, 2016</b> <b>E-mail transmission (PDF documents only)</b> The e-mail transmission date will attest to the date on which the documents were submitted	
<b>Application update</b>	Articles in journals with peer-review committees may be updated until <b>November 30, 2016</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include confirmation from publishers regarding articles submitted or accepted for publication.</li> <li>• All documents must be sent in a single PDF file to the program officer. The name of the PDF file must include the applicant's name and application number.</li> </ul>
<b>Confirmation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant will receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of application, including notice of eligibility, by the end of November.</li> </ul>
<b>At the starting date of the award and annually thereafter</b>	When the award comes into effect and annually thereafter, the awardee must submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of membership to a professional corporation certifying that the applicant will be entitled to practice en Québec, if applicable (by email, PDF document)</li> <li>• A written confirmation of the beginning or the continuation of your project from your research supervisor by email to the program officer</li> </ul>
<b>Before the start of the second year of the award</b>	To start the second year of the award , the awardee will have to provide (by email in a single PDF document): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics training certificates (levels 1 and 3) , if necessary</li> </ul>

## TRAINING LOCATION

<b>Choice of training location</b>	Must be an internationally-recognized research environment  Awardees must complete their research training in the physical location of the host institution. Distance learning is not allowed.
<b>Change of training location</b>	Awardees who wish to change their research project, supervisor, program or training institution must submit the FRQS request form <a href="#">Change of research project, supervisor or training location</a> (see Toolbox) and the required documents in a single PDF file to the program officer by email.

## DURATION OF THE AWARD

<b>Effective date</b>	Between <b>May and October, 2017, first day of the month</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>2 years</b> and possibly <b>3 years</b> , conditional upon the evaluation of a renewal application. (renewal may be requested only once)



<b>Parental leave</b>	<p>In accordance to section 6.13 of the <b>Common General Rules</b>, the awardee may benefit from an award payment deferral during parental leave (maternity, paternity or adoption) for a maximum period of 12 months. In addition, during this deferral period, the awardee may obtain an award supplement for the parental leave for up to six months, provided that the awardee held the FRQS award for at least 4 months, unless that the awardee is already holding another FRQS award.</p> <p>The awardee must inform by email the FRQS of his/her intention to take advantage of such deferral for parental leave. Statements from the research supervisor confirming the training interruption for parental leave and a doctor's confirmation of the approximate date of birth have to be joined to the email.</p> <p>Paternity leave cannot begin until a week after the child's birth. The award holder must attach the birth certificate to his or her request.</p>
<b>Sick leave or other reasons</b>	<p>The awardee may defer his/her award due to illness or other reasons provided by the <i>Loi sur les normes du travail</i> as described in section 6.14 of the <b>Common General Rules</b>. The awardee has to inform by email the FRQS of his/her intention to take advantage of such deferral. Payments will be suspended during this period.</p>

## AMOUNT OF THE AWARD

<b>Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants with a Ph.D.: <b>\$30,000/year*</b></li> <li>Applicants with a professional degree in human health: <b>\$30,000 - \$39,323/year*</b>, depending on the year the degree was earned</li> </ul> <p>*except in some cases (see section on Awards offered in partnerships)</p> <p>A <b>\$15,000</b> supplement is added for postdoctoral training outside of Canada.</p>
<b>Administration</b>	<p>The award will be paid to the awardee by installments sent to the address of his/her institution.</p>
<b>Income Tax</b>	<p>The awardee is responsible for paying the income tax due on amounts received from the FRQS. No taxes are withheld at source by the FRQS on amounts disbursed during the tax year in question.</p> <p>The date the amount is granted determines the year in which the awardee must declare the amounts received as income for personal tax calculations.</p> <p>Revenu Canada's T4A form and Revenu Québec's form 1 are sent to the awardee's mailing address (the one shown in the Module My funding (Gérer mon financement) in the FRQS Electronic Portfolio) in February of the following year of taxation.</p> <p>The details provided in this form are for information purposes only. The FRQS is not responsible for the validity of the information given about income tax.</p>
<b>Indirect costs of research</b>	<p>This program does not benefit from the amount paid out by FRQS to cover indirect costs of research of the institutions.</p>



## OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

<b>Authorized paid work</b>	<p><b>Maximum of 250 hours per 6-month period</b></p> <p>Requires the research supervisor's permission and the work must not interfere with the awardee's research activities.</p>
<b>Institution or supervisor</b>	<p>The awardee may accept additional funding from the institution or his/her research supervisor.</p>
<b>Concurrent funding</b>	<p>Holding several scholarships is not allowed. Applicants who obtained an award from another public agency or a foundation recognized by the FRQS must notify the FRQS and decline the FRQS funding as soon as the award is offered. However, if the amount of the other award is lower than the FRQS' one, the awardee is eligible to receive the difference.</p>
<b>Research internship</b>	<p>Holding a FRQS training award concurrently with a research internship to be done in another organization and that is not part of the training program of the awardee, is allowed under certain conditions.</p> <p>For internships of \$ 5,000 or less, awardees must notify the FRQS by email before the beginning of the internship.</p> <p>For internships of \$ 5,000 and more, awardees must ask the FRQS for authorization by completing the <b>Internship authorization</b> form (see Toolbox) before the internship begins. If the internship is approved, it will be allowed either to 1) combine the training award and internships amounts or 2) defer the amount of the FRQS award for a period equal to the duration of the internship or a maximum of 6 months.</p>
<b>Travel expenses</b>	<p>The travel expenses (one return economy airline ticket) of awardees carrying out their projects in institutions located outside Québec may be reimbursed upon the presentation of supporting documents.</p>



## EVALUATION

<b>Process</b>	All applications are reviewed by committees of experts representing various health research disciplines and methodologies.	
<b>Criteria and Weighting First application</b>	<b>Quality of the research project</b>	<b>30</b>
	• Clarity and conciseness of the research topic	6
	• Clarity and consistency between hypotheses and objectives	6
	• Relevance of the methods and analyses	6
	• Feasibility	6
	• Originality of the project and contribution to the advancement of knowledge	6
	<b>Skills and experience</b>	<b>40</b>
	• Publications	30
	• Lectures, presentations and internships	10
	<b>Quality of the training environment</b>	<b>15</b>
• Justification of the candidate's choice	5	
• Quality of supervisor's publication record related to student training record	10	
<b>Excellence of the academic record</b>	<b>15</b>	
• Awards, honours and distinctions	15	
<b>Criteria and Weighting Renewal application</b>	<b>Research project's state of advancement since the start of postdoctoral training</b>	<b>60</b>
	• Level of completion of the project in view of the methodology	20
	• Justification for renewal and potential for successful outcome	20
	• Research supervisor's evaluation	20
	<b>Achievements since the start of postdoctoral training</b>	<b>40</b>
• Lectures and presentations	20	
• Publications	20	



## APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT

In submitting an application, the applicant must:

- Comply with the obligations outlined in the [Common General Rules](#) of the three Fonds and in the [Policy Regarding Open Access to Published Research Outputs](#) as well as with the conditions and requirements outlined in the electronic form and program rules.
- Comply with the ethics and integrity standards outlined in the FRQS document [Standards en éthique de la recherche et d'intégrité scientifique](#) and in the [Policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec.
- Authorize the FRQS to retain and use the personal and scientific information included in the application documents, in keeping with the terms outlined in the document [Accès aux documents et protection des renseignements personnels](#) and provided that the people who are granted access to the information respect its confidentiality.

## SUPERVISOR'S AND CO-SUPERVISOR'S AGREEMENT

The supervisor and co-supervisor must:

- Oversee the awardee's work and provide the awardee with the material and financial means necessary to carry out the research project.
- Comply with the ethics and integrity standards outlined in the FRQS document [Standards en éthique de la recherche et d'intégrité scientifique](#) and in the [Policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec.
- Ensure that the awardee also complies with them.

## KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

The FRQS encourages awardees to conduct and participate in knowledge mobilization activities (transfer, sharing, development, enhancement and dissemination) with practice settings and the general public, where such activities are relevant. Please read the document [Knowledge Mobilization](#) in the toolbox. "

## IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST COMPETITION

- Eligibility requirements
- Required documents
- Duration of the award
- Other sources of funding
- Knowledge Mobilization



## AWARDS OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP

	<p>The FRQS offers a number of awards in collaboration with partners. The financial contribution of FRQS and the partner as well as other funding conditions (i.e. funding period and renewal option) may vary according to the agreements in effect.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are selected through a three-step process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicants must select, by priority order, one or more partners whose research domains are in line with the themes of their application (see section Partenariats [partnerships] on the form).</li> <li>2. The FRQS sends the partners a list of applications for relevancy review based on their interests and research priorities.</li> <li>3. Applications are then reviewed by the regular FRQS committees of experts or peers. Following evaluation, applications with a scientific excellence score of at least 70% and also relevant to one or more partners may be considered for funding in partnership.</li> </ol> <p>Like all other FRQS awards, the awards in partnership are granted based on merit following a scientific evaluation by a committee of experts or peers.</p>
<b>Aging</b> (biology and social impact of ageing)	<p><b>Quebec Network for Research on Aging (RQRV)</b></p> <p>Prestigious postdoctoral awards for research in aging for applicants who will be carrying out their work at the National Institute on Aging (NIA)/National Institutes of Health, or an affiliated centre, or an NIA-funded extramural laboratory. This award includes a \$10,000 research support supplement.</p>
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	<p><b>Alzheimer Society of Canada</b></p> <p>All candidates must also <b>submit an application to the Alzheimer Society of Canada</b>. Amount of the award: \$41,500 per year.</p>
<b>Child Health</b>	<p><b>Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP)</b></p> <p>All candidates must also <b>submit an application to the CCHCSP</b>.</p>
<b>Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis</b>	<p><b>Crohn's and Colitis Canada (CCC)</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis research fields.</p>
<b>Diabetes</b>	<p><b>Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA)</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Diabetes research field. All candidates must also <b>submit an application to the CDA</b>.</p>
<b>Early childhood diseases (diagnosis)</b>	<p><b>Foundation of Stars</b></p> <p>Training awards in the Pediatric research field, primarily in the area of early childhood diseases diagnosis.</p>
<b>Hypertension</b>	<p><b>Société québécoise d'hypertension artérielle (SQHA) - Jacques de Champlain Award</b></p> <p>The Jacques de Champlain Award in Cardiovascular health and Hypertension fields includes a research support supplement (maximum of \$10,000 per year).</p>



<b>Kidney Health</b>	<p><b>The Kidney Foundation of Canada</b></p> <p>All candidates must also <b>submit an application to the KRESCENT Program</b> (Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training). Amount of the award: \$55,000 per year.</p>
<b>Macular Degeneration</b>	<p><b>Fondation Antoine-Turmel</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Macular Degeneration research field. Priority will be given to doctoral and postdoctoral training awards.</p>
<b>Multiple Sclerosis</b>	<p><b>Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Multiple Sclerosis research field. All candidates must also <b>submit an application to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada</b>. Amount of the award: \$30,000 to \$41,000 per year.</p>
<b>Optimal Drug Use</b>	<p><b>Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS)</b></p> <p>Training awards in the research field of medication: pharmacology, pharmacoepidemiology, clinical pharmacology, and evaluative research on drug use.</p>
<b>Osteoporosis</b>	<p><b>Fondation Antoine-Turmel</b></p> <p>Career Awards in the Osteoporosis research field. Priority will be given to doctoral and postdoctoral training awards.</p>
<b>Parkinson's Disease</b>	<p><b>Parkinson Canada</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Parkinson's Disease research field. All candidates must also <b>submit an application to Parkinson Canada</b>. Amount of the award: maximum of \$40,000 per year.</p>
<b>Parkinson's Disease</b>	<p><b>Parkinson Quebec</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Parkinson's Disease research field.</p>
<b>Patient-Oriented Research</b>	<p><b>Quebec SUPPORT Unit (Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research)</b></p> <p>Training Awards in patient-oriented research, which includes: facilitating access to data, their matching and analysis, research methods in real context, research with mixed methods, research on the application of knowledge as well as the involvement of the patients and the public in the research process. Primary-care services and integration of the care and services paths are priority themes. Web site: <a href="http://unitesoutiensrapqc.ca/composantes/perfectionnement-professionnel/">http://unitesoutiensrapqc.ca/composantes/perfectionnement-professionnel/</a></p>
<b>Suicide</b>	<p><b>Réseau québécois sur le suicide, les troubles de l'humeur et les troubles associés (RQSHA)</b></p> <p>Training Awards in the Suicide, Mood Disorders and Related Disorders research fields.</p>



**Traumatology**

**Traumatology Research Consortium**

Training Awards in the Traumatology research field.

Consortium partners:

- Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)
- Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ)
- FRQS Provincial Rehabilitation Research Network (REPAR)
- Comité directeur pour la recherche en traumatologie (formerly AERDPQ - AQESSS)