



Postdoctoral Training for Applicants Living Outside of Québec

Program category: Training Awards

Application deadline : October 15, 2015, 4:30 pm

This postdoctoral training program is aimed at citizens of other countries and Canadian citizens (applicants from other Canadian provinces and permanent residents of Canada) **who are not domiciled in Québec** and who wish to pursue their postdoctoral training in the province.

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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.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants with a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) Applicants must have obtained their doctorate no more than two years before October 15, 2015 (except for applications for renewal). Citizens of other countries and Canadian citizens (or permanent residents) who are not domiciled in Québec (applicants from other Canadian provinces) who seek to pursue their postdoctoral training in Québec <p>Not eligible: incumbents of a university position</p>
Terms and conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must pursue full-time postdoctoral training in human health sciences research Must be supervised by an independent investigator (as defined in the Common General Rules, Annex 1c) Choose a host university different from the one which awarded the Doctorate



- 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 or her Ph.D.
- Applicants who have not submitted their doctoral thesis when applying for the award must provide proof of submission by September 30, 2016.

Basic research ethics training

Basic research ethics training is compulsory for all FRQS awardees conducting research projects that involve human subjects.

Research that involves human subjects includes work on :

- living human subjects
- cadavers, human remains, tissues, biological fluids, gametes, embryos or fetuses, cells or genetic materials
- personal information from files that enables a person to be identified.

Awardees must therefore successfully complete levels 1 and 3 of the [Online Tutorial in Research Ethics](#) developed by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux.

This training must be completed in the year following the receipt of a confirmation from the FRQS that the award was granted.

In addition, all career researchers must attend a Research Ethics Board (REB) meeting as observers. The REB must be affiliated with a university or with an institution within the health and social services network. Participation must occur within two years of receipt of a positive response concerning the FRQS award.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Before October 15, 2015, 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

Applicants

- **Canadian Common CV** , **Funding CV** version, for the FRQS (updated);
- Detailed contributions (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**) : *Bourses de formation*
- 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



Research supervisor (and co-supervisors, if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Common CV , Funding CV version, for the FRQS (updated); • Detailed contributions (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 (e-forms)
After October 15, 2015	
The e-mail transmission date will attest to the date on which the documents were submitted.	
Application update	<p>Articles in journals with peer-review committees may be updated until November 30, 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include confirmation from publishers regarding articles submitted or accepted for publication. • 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.
Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant will receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of application, including notice of eligibility, by latest November.
At the starting date of the award	<p>When the award comes into effect, the awardee must submit (via e-mail, in PDF format):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written confirmation of the beginning of your project from your research supervisor (and annually thereafter).

TRAINING LOCATION

Choice of training location	<p>Must be a Quebec-recognized research environment</p> <p>Awardees must complete their research training in the physical location of the host institution. Distance learning is not allowed.</p>
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DURATION OF THE AWARD

Effective starting date	Between May 1 and October 31, 2016
Duration	2 years and possibly 3 years , conditional upon the assessment of a renewal application.



AMOUNT OF THE AWARD

Amount	\$30,000/year
Administration	The award will be paid to the applicant by installments send to the address of his or her institution.
Indirect costs of research	This program does not benefit from the amount paid out by FRQS to cover indirect costs of research of the institutions.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

Authorized paid work	Maximum of 250 hours per 6-month period Requires the research supervisor's permission and the work must not interfere with the awardee's research activities.
Institution or supervisor	The awardee may accept additional funding from the institution or his/her research supervisor.
Concurrent funding	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.
Research internship	Cumulative funding of an FRQS training award and a research internship from another organization is permitted under certain conditions. For internships in the amount of \$5,000 or less, applicants must advise the FRQS prior to the start date of the internship. For internships in the amount of \$5,000 or more, candidates must request, prior to the start date of the internship, FRQS authorization to 1) cumulate the amounts of the training award and the internship or 2) defer FRQS award for a period equal to the duration of the internship or a maximum of 6 months.

EVALUATION

Process	All applications are reviewed by committees of experts representing various health research disciplines and methodologies.
Criteria First application	Academic record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards • Honours • Distinctions



Aptitudes and experience

- Lectures and presentations
- Publications
- Internship

Research project

- Clarity and conciseness of the research topic
- Clarity and consistency between hypotheses and objectives
- Relevance of the methods and analyses
- Feasibility
- Originality of the project and contribution to the advancement of knowledge

Training environment

- Justification of the candidate's choice
- Quality of supervisor's publication record related to student training

The weighting of the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria is detailed in the [evaluation grid](#).

**Criteria
Renewal application**

Research project's state of advancement since the start of postdoctoral training

- Level of completion of the project in view of the methodology
- Justification for renewal and potential for successful outcome
- Research supervisor's evaluation

Achievements since the start of postdoctoral training

- Lectures and presentations
- Publications

The weighting of the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria is detailed in the [evaluation grid](#).

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 online program description.
- 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 AGREEMENT AND CO-SUPERVISOR'S

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.

IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST COMPETITION

- Deadline (4:30 pm)
- Eligibility requirements
- Training location
- Other sources of funding
- Applicant's Agreement and Supervisor's and co-supervisor's Agreement

AWARDS OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP

The FRQS offers a number of awards in collaboration with partners. The amounts of funding provided by the 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.

Eligible applicants are selected through a three-step process:

1. Applicants must select, by priority order, one or more partners whose research domains are in line with the themes of the application (see section **Partenariats** [partnerships] on the form).
2. The FRQS will send the partners a list of applications. The partners will assess the relevance of the applications based on their interests and research priorities.
3. The applications will be assessed by a committee of experts or peers. Applications that obtain a score of at least 70% for scientific excellence and which are relevant



	<p>to one or more partners may be offered partnership funding. Like all other FRQS awards, the partnership awards are attributed based on merit following a scientific assessment by a committee of experts or peers.</p>
Alzheimer's Disease	<p>Alzheimer Society of Canada Applicant must also submit an application to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.</p>
Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis	<p>Crohn's and Colitis Canada (CCC)</p>
Early childhood diseases (diagnosis)	<p>Foundation of Stars Training awards in pediatric research, primarily in the area of early childhood diseases diagnosis.</p>
Hypertension	<p>Société québécoise d'hypertension artérielle (SQHA) - Jacques de Champlain Award The Jacques de Champlain Award in cardiovascular health and hypertension areas includes a research support supplement.</p>
Multiple Sclerosis	<p>Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada Applicant must also submit an application to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.</p>
Parkinson's Disease	<p>Parkinson Society Canada (PSC) Applicant must also submit an application to the Parkinson Society of Canada.</p>
Suicide	<p>Réseau québécois sur le suicide, les troubles de l'humeur et les troubles associés (RQSHA)</p>