

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE COMMON GENERAL RULES (June 2023)

The following changes were made during the latest update of the Common General Rules (CGR) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ).

- **Section 1.6 - Confidentiality and Protection of Personal Information:** Adjustment of the vocabulary used to reflect amendments to the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR c. A-2.1).
- **Section 2.1 – Citizenship and Domicile:**
 - Modification of the eligibility requirements for persons who are not Canadian citizens or Canadian permanent residents and do not have a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card.
 - Persons who are permanent residents of Québec are now allowed to use their training award outside Québec, under the same conditions as for Canadian citizens.
 - Addition of the possibility for travel outside Québec, under certain conditions, for persons who are not eligible to use their award outside Québec.
- **Section 3.6 - Language of Application and Attachments:** Adjustments in line with the *Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec* (CQLR c.14), which amends the *Charter of the French language* (CQLR c.11) and confirms French as the language of the State. Pre-application and application forms must now be written in French, while attached documents may be written in French or English.
- **Section 5.4 - Responsible Conduct of Research:** Adjustments in line with changes to the *FRQ Policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research*, regarding the allegation management process.
- **Section 5.5 – Responsible Research:**
 - Reminder of a condition for the payment of the award when the proposed project presents a greater than minimal level of risk for the environment.
 - Applicants must only indicate, and no longer justify, whether gender- or sex-based analysis is planned as part of their project.
- **Section 8.9 - Dissemination and Knowledge Transfer Costs:** Addition of clarifications relating to the eligibility of expenses for open access publication in certain scholarly journals.