

## ***Funding Organisation Rules***

**2023-2024 Joint Call:  
Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and  
transformative change (BiodivNBS)**

### **[Canada – Québec] – [FRQNT]**

#### **CONTACT**

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| <b>Country / Region</b>                      | <b>Canada / Québec</b>   |
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#### **FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS**

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| <b>Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)</b>                             | Up to €600,000 EUR approximately<br>(or \$900,000 CAD)  |
| <b>Minimum and/or maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)</b> | Up to €200,000 EUR approximately per project<br>(or up to \$300,000 CAD per project, up to \$100,000 CAD per year over 3 years) |

#### **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES**

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| <b>Eligible environment(s)</b>                               | All  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b> | Only researchers affiliated with Quebec university establishments recognized by the FRQ are eligible to apply for funding (see “Additional specific eligibility rules” below for more details regarding eligibility requirements). |

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| <p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>             | <p>The Québec part of the project budget may only be used as described in section 8 of the FRQ's <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>. Successful applicants from Québec may receive up to \$100,000 CAD per year per project for three years. Indirect costs of research (ICR) will also be paid to managing institutions. The ICR will equal 27% of the grant awarded and will be in addition to the grant amount.</p>  |
| <p><b>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</b></p> | <p>Yes</p>  |
| <p><b>Additional specific eligibility rules</b></p>                  | <p><u>Principal Investigator</u><br/> The principal investigator (PI) from Québec will be in charge of managing the funding provided by the FRQNT. To be eligible, the Québec PI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet Research Status 1(i) (university researcher), as defined in the FRQ's <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>, AND</li> <li>• Be from a <a href="#">research area covered by the FRQNT</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Team composition</u><br/> The Québec team must include at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One eligible PI</li> <li>• One eligible co-investigator that is a university researcher (Status 1(i), as defined in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>.)</li> </ul> <p>These two researchers must be from a <a href="#">research area covered by the FRQNT</a>.</p> <p><u>Co-investigators (CI)</u><br/> To be eligible as a co-investigator (CI), the researcher must meet Status 1, 2 or 3, as defined in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>. A CI can be from a research area covered by the FRQNT, FRQSC, and FRQS.</p> <p><u>Collaborators</u><br/> Any person meeting Status 1 to 4 as defined in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> may join the team as a collaborator.</p> |

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:**[Frg.gouv.qc.ca](http://Frg.gouv.qc.ca)**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

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| <b>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level</b> | <p>Quebec Principal Investigators and Co-investigators must create and/or update their user profile in the <a href="#">FRQnet Electronic Portfolio</a>. For each project, the PI must create and complete a simplified pre-proposal form available in the FRQnet Electronic Portfolio and submit it before 16:00 am Eastern Time on November 10, 2023. In this form, Québec applicants will be asked to provide information, in French, such as the project's title, abstract, team members, and budget.</p> <p>Applicants selected for the full proposal stage will also be requested to submit a simplified application form in the FRQnet Electronic Portfolio.</p> <p>For more details on the submission of the simplified FRQnet pre-proposal form, please see the specific FRQNT web page for the program.</p> |
| <b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>   | <p>Annual financial reports must be completed in the FRQnet Electronic Portfolio, as set out and described in the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a>.</p>  |
| <b>Other important information</b>   | <p>All funding grants awarded by the FRQ are subject to the FRQ's <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> as well as to the FRQ's <a href="#">Open Access Policy for the Dissemination of Research, Policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research</a> and <a href="#">Knowledge Mobilization Strategy</a>.</p> <p>Personal and confidential information collected through FRQnet will be handled in accordance with the <a href="#">Statement regarding the protection of personal and confidential information</a>.</p>   |