

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE COMMON GENERAL RULES (June 2024)

NOTICE – The Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) was established on June 1, 2024, in accordance with the *Act to amend mainly the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation with respect to research*. The Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies (FRQNT), the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS) and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) have since been regrouped into the new FRQ, which continues their existence. The rights and obligations of the FRQNT, the FRQS and the FRQSC have become those of the FRQ.

Please note that if you come across an old name of one of the Fonds de recherche du Québec in the Common General Rules (CGR), it should now read as follows:

- The FRQNT becomes the Nature et technologies sector
- The FRQS becomes the Santé sector
- The FRQSC becomes the Société et culture sector

The following changes were made during the latest update of the CGR of the FRQ.

- **Definitions:** Clarification of several definitions, including managing institution, program, funding, indirect costs of research, and research project.
- **Section 2.1 on citizenship and domicile:** Clarification of the eligibility rules for a person who is not a Canadian citizen or Canadian permanent resident, and/or does not have a Régie d'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card.
- **Sections 5.2 and 5.3 on acceptance or refusal of the funding offer, funding conditions and payments:**
 - Inversion of Sections 5.2 and 5.3 and changes to section titles.
 - The new Section 5.2 is entitled "Acceptance or Refusal of the Funding Offer".
 - The new Section 5.3 is entitled "Funding and Payments". The section stipulates that the conditions set out in the funding letter must be met, failing which the funding will be cancelled. It also states that payments may be suspended if the funding holder does not have an account in good standing.
- **Section 5.4 on responsible conduct of research:** Addition of co-investigators to the list of persons who agree to adopt a responsible conduct of research.
- **Section 5.5 on responsible research:** Funding holders are now invited to consider the environmental impact of their expenses.
- **Section 7.2 on follow-up reports:** Addition of research reports to the list of follow-up reports. If a research report is not submitted within the prescribed time, the funding holder's payments may be suspended or deferred.
- **Section 8.1 on general principles governing expenses:** Addition of the stipulation that funding must be used in Québec, with certain exceptions.
- **Section 8.5 on travel and subsistence costs:** Clarification that subsistence expenses for researchers on sabbatical leave or leave without pay are not eligible.