

Clinical Research Scholars (CC) 2026-2027

Fonds de recherche du Québec

Sector : Health

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Competition year :

2026-2027

Deadline (pre-request) :

August 21st, 2025 at 16:00 (EST)

Deadline (application) :

October 14th, 2025 at 16:00 (EST)

Announcement of results :

April 2026

Amount :

\$18 005 to \$53 082

Duration :

Junior 1: 4 years ; Junior 2 and Senior: 4 years or less, depending on years of experience

Important

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It is the applicant's responsibility to choose the right program and the right form for his or her career scholarship application. No program transfers will be made once the eligibility of the file has been reviewed.

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1. OBJECTIVES

This program aims to facilitate the recruitment of qualified clinical researchers who wish to undertake or pursue an independent career in human health research. In this way, the FRQ aims to promote continuity in health research activities in Quebec and ensure the availability of a high-calibre scientific workforce tailored to the needs of the university, hospital and industrial sectors.

Candidates are clinical researchers who hold a professional university degree in human health, and who carry out their research activities on a part-time basis (at least 50% of their professional activities).

The program is divided into four research areas, and applicants must submit their application in one of them :

Basic science

This area includes the basic biological mechanisms of health at the molecular, cellular, tissue and integrative levels, including all research that uses intact animal organisms or their cellular components, cell lines, or human cells and tissues. Research that involves the participation of human subjects is included under this heading as long as it involves basic mechanisms.

Clinical and epidemiological science

In general, this area includes all biological, medical and epidemiological research that involves the participation of human subjects.

Health and society

This area includes research on individual, social and cultural factors and interactions among them that are linked to health status or behaviors. There are many social and cultural factors that are relevant to health : the organization and provision of health care, social and health-care policy, education, economics and employment, the media, ethical issues, the environment in which we live, and so on.

Health and technologies

The health and technologies research area focuses on research whose main objective is to create, develop or evaluate innovative technologies applicable to human health such as biomaterials, biomechanics, tissue engineering, biomedical imaging, artificial intelligence, nanomedicine, nanotechnologies, regenerative medicine, electrophysiology, radiobiology, telemedicine and health information sciences, rehabilitation engineering, etc. Please note that projects using new technologies to meet other objectives should be submitted to the other research areas, according to the objectives and the corresponding methodologies.

It is possible to combine two research areas; for example, basic science and clinical and epidemiological science may intersect in research projects that involve human subjects.

After reviewing the pre-request, the FRQ may ask the applicant to redirect his or her application to the research area in which the Review Committee possesses the most appropriate expertise for reviewing the file. Applicants are invited to contact the FRQ for questions.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements :

- hold a professional university degree in health sciences at the doctoral level (MD, DDS, etc.), a valid license to practice, and at least two continuous years of additional research training, with at least 50% of time devoted to research. The license must remain valid throughout the duration of the award.
- be employed by a managing institution and reside in Quebec at the inception of the award. The managing institution must confirm, each award year, that the person is employed continuously (including the maintenance of appropriate visas, if applicable).
- meet the criteria relating to research status “University clinician researcher” (see the Definition section of the Common General Rules).
- devote at least 50% of their working hours to research while carrying on clinical activities at a level satisfactory to the FRQ (at least 25%).
- Meet the definition of clinical researcher (see Definitions section of the CGR) for clinical researchers.
- Be employed by a managing establishment in the network of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) du Québec at the start of the fellowship. The managing establishment must confirm that the person is employed for the entire duration of the fellowship (including maintenance of appropriate visas, where applicable).
- Be authorized by the clinical director and research director of a FRQ recognized institution to carry out research activities.
- Obtain the university approval requested by the FRQ. This approval is made in the institutional portal by a deadline set by the university, which precedes the FRQ deadline (see Application for funding).
- Obtain a commitment from the university of affiliation to appoint the candidate to an academic title as soon as the fellowship begins.
- Comply with the provisions of the Quebec Health Insurance Act (section XII, articles 95 to 104) concerning the granting of research scholarships, in particular article 96.

“No one shall be entitled to a research scholarship if, in the opinion of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé under the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation.” (chapter M-30.01):

- *He/she is not domiciled in Québec;*
- *He/she does not have a working knowledge of the official language of Québec;*
- *He/she is not pursuing, for a university body or for an institution, research in connection with one of the health sciences.”*

Health-care professionals who hold a valid license to practice in Québec and spend at least 75% or more on their working hours on research may apply for the following program: Research Scholars – Junior 1 and Junior 2, Senior.

Candidates may apply:

- A maximum of three times within the four years during which they are classified as Junior 1 (0 to 3 years' experience).
- A maximum of two times within the four years during which they are classified as Junior 2 (4 to 7 years' experience).
- A maximum of two times within the four years during which they are classified as Senior (8 to 11 years' experience). See the Research experience section.

The following individuals are not eligible :

- Directors or associate scientific directors of research centres funded by the FRQ or senior managers in university-level teaching institutions (unless permission in writing has been obtained from the FRQ)
- Holders of a scholarship with a remaining period of more than 12 months at the end of the current competition
- Holders of a Canada Research Chair

3. FUNDING APPLICATION

The procedure for submitting applications is described in section 3.2 of the RGC.

Applications are submitted in two separate, mandatory phases :

1. transmission of the pre-application

2. submission of the funding application

To complete a pre-application or funding request, you must first create an FRQnet user account on the Fund's website, if you have not already done so.

The only font accepted is Times New Roman, size 12 (on the website, a light bulb would be added).

Regarding the language of forms and documents submitted, please refer to article 3.6 of the GCRs.

Important : It is the applicant's responsibility to duly complete the pre-application form and submit it to the FRQ by the deadline set by his or her institution (university), which precedes the FRQ submission date, in order to obtain university approval. This automatically triggers transmission of the form to the FRQ. Specific instructions are provided in the pre-application and application forms.

Pre-application

The pre-application stage enables applicants to obtain university approval. For the FRQ, the purpose of the pre-application stage is to establish the applicant's eligibility, and to verify the type of program and component chosen by the applicant, to classify him or her appropriately according to his or her research experience. It is also used to gather the information needed to set up the peer review committees responsible for evaluating applications. Please note that no scientific evaluation is based on this pre-application.

Research experience

The FRQ will classify the applicants as a Junior 1, Junior 2 or Senior Clinical Researcher and will notify them of their classification. On receiving such notice, applicants have 7 business days to request a review of their classification, specifying the reasons for the claim.

Classification is based on a given reference year as of which applicants demonstrate their capacity for independent research. As defined by the FRQ, this capacity is demonstrated or should have been demonstrated:

- At the time when an application for the Junior 1 Clinical Research Scholars or the Career Transition award National Institute of Health NIH-FRQ (Phase 2) is filed;
- When applicants obtain a career award comparable to a Junior 1 Research Scholar award or a grant awarded by an organization recognized by the FRQ for a project in which they were the principal investigator;
- Or, at the latest, 6 years after obtaining the last university degree (Ph.D., MD, M.Sc., D.D.S.,), or after certification as a medical specialist (C.S.P.Q., FRCPC or any other clinical fellowship)

When one of these conditions is met, applicants are classified Junior 1 with 0 years of experience, and, as of this point, the number of years of experience is updated annually. Applicants with 4 to 7 years' experience are classified Junior 2, and those with 8 to 11 years' experience are classified as Senior. For the FRQ, each year of experience is calculated on July 1st, at the effective starting date of the award.

Once the counting of years of experience has started, there is no going back. However, during the calculation of the number of years of experience, the FRQ does consider situations that may cause applicants to temporarily put their research on hold (e.g. parental leave, sick leaves, professional activities not involving research: clinical, treatment, management, etc.) and may subtract such years when counting years of experience.

For more information, please consult the document **Calculation of research experience** and particular situations, available in the **Toolbox**.

As soon as one of these conditions is met, the applicant is classified as Junior 1 with 0 years of experience, and the years of experience count is then updated annually. Applicants with 4 to 7 years' experience are classified as Junior 2, and those with 8 to 11 years' experience are classified as Senior. For the FRQ, the year of experience is calculated at the time the scholarship takes effect (July 1).

Once the calculation of years of experience begins, there is no going back. However, when calculating years of experience, the FRQ considers special situations that have caused a candidate to interrupt his/her research temporarily (parental leave, sick leave, disability and family obligations, professional activities with no research content: clinical, care, management, etc.) and excludes these years from the years of experience count.

For further information, please refer to the document **Calculation of research experience** and special situations available in the **Toolbox**.

The [pre-application form](#) available in the FRQnet electronic Portfolio under the heading "Available competitions", must be sent before **August 21st 2025, at 4 pm**.

The following documents must be attached to the pre-application form, where indicated :

- Canadian Common CV version of the FRQ Funding CV – updated within the last year of the competition end date
- detailed contributions updated within the last year of the competition closing date (to be attached to the FRQ e-Portfolio on the Canadian Common CV page); see Guidelines for detailed contributions and the Canadian Common CV in the **Toolbox**.
- PDF copies of the candidate's qualifying degrees (Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., etc.), except for those already FRQ clinical fellows.
- copy of most recent specialist certificate (C.S.P.Q., FRCPC, etc.) and second degree (M.Sc.), if applicable

The FRQ-secteur Santé will confirm by e-mail whether applicants can submit a full application in September.

Full application

The [funding application form](#) will be available in the FRQnet electronic portfolio, under "Available competitions", in September, according to the date indicated in the e-mail.

In addition to the application form, the following documents are required :

- Canadian Common CV version of the FRQ funding CV – updated within the last year of the competition closing date

- Detailed contributions updated within the last year of the competition end date (to be attached to the FRQ e-Portfolio on the Canadian Common CV page), see Instructions for detailed contributions and the Canadian Common CV for career researchers in the Toolbox.
- Copies of awards and grants received in the last 5 years, except for FRQ awards and grants.

Directors of university research centers or departments

[Electronic form](#)

Two respondents (for Junior 1 applicants only)

[Electronic form](#) to be completed by each respondent including a letter of recommendation. The respondents must be familiar with the applicant's works. One of them must have been involved in the applicant's most recent research training.

The application will be rejected if one of the two respondents is missing.

Under no circumstances may the applicant create an account in the name of another person (respondent, manager, etc.) to submit documents him/herself. In this case, the applicant will be considered ineligible.

Mentor (For Junior 1 applicants only)

[Electronic form](#) including the applicant's mentorship plan. The letter must include the mentorship plan for the first fellowship year, and a 4-year perspective (maximum 2 pages). The plan should detail the support offered by an experienced researcher in terms of preparing applications, planning and carrying out the research program or any other aspect of the candidate's career.

Resubmission

In the case of a resubmission in the same category, the applicant must indicate this on the application form and answer any questions from previous reviewers. The application will be rejected if the resubmission is not indicated.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail, no later than November, whether their application has been accepted for peer review.

4. EVALUATION

Procedure

All applications are reviewed:

- by peer review committees whose members represent the various disciplines and methodologies of health research
- according to research focus (fundamental, clinical and epidemiological, health and society or health and technology) and research experience (Junior 1, Junior 2 or Senior)

The FRQ has set up 4 evaluation committees for clinical fellows:

- **Committee 1 – Clinical and epidemiological component; health and society component: Junior 1**
- **Committee 2 – Clinical and epidemiological component; health and society component: Junior 2 and Senior**
- **Committee 3 – Fundamentals: Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior**
- **Committee 4 – Health and technology: Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior**

Criteria

In addition to the specific evaluation criteria, the candidate must demonstrate the ability or potential :

- be a nationally and internationally competitive clinical researcher
- collaborate with clinical researchers from other disciplines

The criteria are used according to the field of research, and their relative weight in the overall evaluation by the peer review committees varies according to classification as Junior 1, Junior 2 or Senior:

- the evaluation of the applicant's research training and proposed research program is relatively more important at the Junior 1 level
- the evaluation of the candidate's outreach and productivity in terms of training students and obtaining grants becomes increasingly important at the Junior 2 and Senior levels

The evaluation criteria specific to each level are detailed in the **Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior** grids (see **Toolbox**).

5. AWARDS AND FOLLOW-UP

Open access

“During the funded period, a portfolio of 2-5 peer-reviewed publications, made available through immediate open access (without embargo) and under an open license, must be produced in accordance with the [Open Access Dissemination Policy](#) (revised in 2022).”

Effective date : July 1 to October 1, 2026

The salary range for the clinical researcher-fellow is determined by the Quebec government and published in Section XVI, Article 52 of the Quebec Health Insurance Act regulations, from **\$18,005 to \$53,082**, including **12% fringe benefits**, depending on years of experience.

The amount of the bursary must be used exclusively as a salary for the recipient and may not, under any circumstances, be converted into research funds.

Junior 1 : 4 years for all applicants

The duration of the Junior 1 fellowship will be four years, regardless of the level of experience calculated at the time the candidate is awarded the fellowship. At the end of the four years of Junior 1 scholarship, the candidate's experience will be nominally set at Junior 2 level, with 4 years of research experience, and the years of experience will be updated annually from this new reference year.

Junior 2: 4 years maximum, depending on years of experience

At the Junior 2 level, the duration of the scholarship is a maximum of four years, decreasing with increasing years of experience. For example, the duration of a Junior 2 scholarship will be four years if the classification is at the level of 4 years' experience, three years for 5 years' experience, two years for 6 years' experience and one year at the Junior 2 level (with a second year brought forward to the Senior level) for a person who obtains the scholarship with 7 years' experience.

Senior: 4 years maximum depending on years of experience

For the Senior category, the **FRQ** is committed to remunerating the award holder on a decreasing basis, as indicated below. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the host establishment is committed to supplementing the grant-holder's remuneration and integrating him or her into its ranks.

8 years of experience	100 %
9 years of experience	100 %

10 years of experience	75 %
11 years of experience	50 %

The conditions governing the announcement and management of grants are set out in the RGC (parental leave, sick leave, accumulation of grants, various reports: sections 5 to 8).

Sabbatical leave

Award recipients will receive their full stipend during a sabbatical year as long as they meet the following requirements :

- Be a Senior or Junior 2 clinical researcher-scholar who has completed 6 years of experience according to the **FRQ** classification. Exceptionally, Junior 1, Junior 2 – 4 years and Junior 2 – 5 years may also benefit from this sabbatical leave
- Send the **FRQ** a request for a sabbatical of up to 12 months, at least 3 months before the leave, as well as the description of the complementary training program, or of the activities that will help advance the awardees research project
- The **FRQ** must give his written approval of the program at least 60 days before the starting date of the sabbatical
- Send the **FRQ** a copy of the sabbatical approval signed by the university authorities or by the administrators of the institution where he/she works
- If applicable, send the **FRQ** official notice that a laboratory has agreed to host the awardee

Starting grant for young clinician investigators – Junior 1

Individuals who apply to the FRQ competition for Junior 1 clinical research scholars will also receive a Starting Grant for young clinician investigators – Junior 1 from the FRQ valued at \$15,000/year for four (4) years, non-renewable.

Restriction

When a person receives this Starting Grant but also receives an Starting Grant from another research funding organization, the **FRQ** will deduct from his or her grant the amount received from the other research funding organization. Grant holders and managers administering grants are jointly responsible for notifying the FRQ of a double award.

Eligible expenses

Expenses directly related to research activities:

- Purchase research material or carry out the research project
- Purchase or rent equipment (only individuals who have not received a Leaders Opportunity Fund grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation)
- Pay out salaries to technical and clinical research staff
- Take part in conferences (presentations, posters), up to \$15,000 for the duration of the Grant

Non-eligible expenses

- Rent or renovate premises, or cover heating or electricity costs, or any other indirect costs related to the research activities for a researcher working in an institution of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) or a Québec university
- Pay student and postdoctoral awards

Unspent funds may be carried forward as described in **section 6.10** of the [Common General Rules](#). In addition, any unspent balance at the end of the budget year may be transferred to the following year. Any balance remaining at the end of the grant must be repaid to the FRQ.

University authorities' agreement

Approval

The university approves applications and assumes the responsibilities listed below jointly with the head of the department with which the applicant is affiliated, and the research centre where the research will be conducted (if applicable).

This approval is done in the Institutions portal at a date that is determined by the university, and which is before the FRQ deadline (see Required Documents section).

Salary supplement

University authorities supporting an application for a Clinical Research Scholar must ensure that the applicant will receive a salary supplement equal to the difference between the award and the remuneration that the individual would receive from the university as a full-time professor, to the satisfaction of the FRQ.

Should the applicant have a mixed affiliation involving a company, the university and the partner must jointly endorse the Clinical Research Scholar's application.

Under such circumstances, the partners must ensure that the applicant will receive a salary supplement equal to the difference between the award and the remuneration that the applicant would receive from the university, or from the partner as a full-time professor or employee. A protocol of agreement must be signed with the FRQ to cover this partnership.

Confirmation of position – Senior Clinical Research Scholars

For applications in the Senior Clinical Research Scholar competition:

The university must agree to integrate the researcher on completion of the award and offer the applicant a full-time permanent position or a contract position for at least five years after the end of the award (at a salary commensurate with the applicant's university rank).

Benefits and laboratory or research premises

The awardee must be eligible to join the pension plan and enjoy other benefits available to full-time staff working at the university. These obligations imply that the researcher's salary will be administered by the university even if he or she works at a research centre.

The host institution agrees to provide the functional laboratory or research premises and basic equipment the awardee requires for research purposes.

Protected time for research

University and host institution administrators must jointly ensure that the awardee is released from his/her administrative, clinical and teaching duties so that he/she may fulfill the obligation to devote at least half (50%) of his/her professional activities to research.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules apply to fiscal year 2026-2027.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Search location

Choice of research location

- **A research center funded by the FRQ, an establishment of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) or a Quebec university.**
 - Candidates may carry out their research program outside an establishment in the MSSS network or outside the FRQ network of research centers, provided they are part of a team or laboratory whose health research concerns are recognized by the FRQ.
- **An industrial setting**
 - An agreement must be signed between the FRQ, the host company and a university, according to terms specific to each candidate. This agreement must enable the candidate to carry out an innovative research program and take on graduate student training activities.

Change of research location

The FRQ expects that, for the entire duration of the award, the grantee will work at the institution or university that endorsed his/her application.

Grant holders wishing to change their place of research must first submit a written request to the FRQ (**change request form** – see **Toolbox**). This request must state the reasons for the change and describe any possible consequences on the research program.

Any change to a grant holder's situation must also be declared in the Manage my funding module of the electronic Portfolio, as specified in **section 6.5** of the [Common General Rules](#).

The university authorities must notify the FRQ in writing that they approve the change.

The management of the new research center or university department must then notify the FRQ in writing that it accepts to host the grant holder, and that it will provide him/her with conditions equivalent to those specified in the form submitted by the management of the previous center.

Research ethics training

Basic training in research ethics is mandatory for all FRQ Career Award holders when their research project or program involves human beings.

Research involving human beings involves :

- the participation of human beings
- the use of human biological material (parts, products, tissues, cells, genetic material from the human body, from a living or deceased person)
- assisted procreation activities or the use of embryos derived therefrom, within the meaning of the Act respecting clinical and research activities related to assisted procreation (RLRQ chapter A-5.01)
- the use of administrative, scientific or descriptive data derived from human beings.

This training consists of completing **levels 1 and 3** of the [online tutorial](#) developed by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux as a training program in research ethics.

Award holders must have completed this basic training within one year of receiving a positive response from the FRQ concerning their award.

In addition, all career award holders must participate, as an observer, in a meeting of a research ethics board (REC) attached to a university or an establishment in the health and social services network. This participation must take place within two years of the FRQ's positive response to their grant.

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Important changes since the last competition

Starting with this competition, the format of the program rules has been modified.

SANTÉ DURABLE (in French only)

Principe-clé de santé durable	Toute proposition est susceptible de s'inscrire en cohérence avec le principe clé de santé durable, tel que décrit ci-dessous.
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Santé durable

Plusieurs grandes perturbations à l'échelle mondiale – la pandémie, les changements climatiques, l'évolution démographique – font vivre des mutations importantes à la recherche en santé. Ainsi, cohabitent par exemple les concepts de « Une seule santé » (interrelations entre les santés humaine, animale et environnementale) avec les concepts de « Systèmes de santé apprenants » (amélioration continue et incrémentale de la qualité des soins et services). La « Santé durable » est à l'intersection de ces concepts, en se concentrant sur des stratégies de promotion de la santé, de prévention et d'interventions précoces des maladies, pour des résultats sanitaires optimaux tout en limitant les surcoûts et ce, avec au moins 3 niveaux de déclinaison :

- Une meilleure **prise en compte des déterminants** de santé / prévention – promotion;
- La **transformation** des corridors de services / nouveaux acteurs et nouvelles actrices;
- La **santé planétaire** – la transformation de la santé publique en intégrant les écosystèmes naturels environnants.

Une telle entreprise nécessite d'intégrer tous les déterminants de santé, incluant les interactions avec les environnements. Elle redonne une place importante à la santé publique, entre autres. Elle est notamment soutenue par des thématiques de pointe telles que l'intelligence artificielle et la santé numérique, l'intégration massive de données massives et la médecine de précision. Appliquées autant à la santé physique qu'à la santé mentale, ces thématiques sont essentielles au développement des objets connectés qui faciliteront la gestion de notre propre santé, l'optimisation des corridors de services avec une meilleure gestion de l'accès « bon patient, au bon moment, au bon endroit » et l'amélioration des services publics (p. ex. transport, aménagement du territoire en fonction de critères de santé de la population), pour ne nommer que ceux-ci.

En d'autres termes, la santé durable est une approche globale alliant la santé physique et psychologique des personnes avec l'environnement dans lequel elles évoluent. Elle engage les individus et la collectivité à déployer, à toutes les étapes de la vie, différentes interventions qui permettront un état optimal de la santé pour chaque individu, incluant les populations vulnérables et les générations futures.

La recherche a un rôle-clé à jouer pour l'atteinte d'une santé durable.

Contribution de la recherche à la santé durable	La recherche peut contribuer significativement à l'atteinte d'une santé durable, et ce, en mobilisant la communauté scientifique et d'autres parties prenantes autour d'objets de recherche, ceux-ci s'appuyant sur des champs d'action ainsi que sur des domaines ou
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moyens privilégiés. En lien avec sa planification stratégique, le FRQ priorise actuellement ce qui suit :

Objets de recherche :

- Promotion de la santé;
- Prévention des maladies;
- Interventions précoces et adaptées.

Champs d'action :

- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des facteurs socioéconomiques;
- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des facteurs individuels;
- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des interactions avec les environnements naturels et physiques;
- Optimisation ou développement des corridors de services permettant la prise en charge de la santé;
- Efficience du système de santé;
- Vigie ou adaptation accrue face aux menaces ou risques ayant un impact sur la santé (p.ex. changements climatiques, pandémies, etc.).

Domaines ou moyens privilégiés :

- Santé numérique, intelligence artificielle en santé;
- Intégration de données massives;
- Recherche en contexte réel;
- Santé personnalisée, incluant la santé publique ou la santé des populations;
- Santé mentale;
- Engagement des personnes et des citoyens;
- Engagement des partenaires et des nouveaux acteurs en santé (p.ex. organismes communautaires).

Les personnes candidates sont invitées à indiquer, dans la section « Contribution santé durable » de leur formulaire électronique de demande, la contribution de leur recherche à l'atteinte d'une santé durable. Pour ce faire, un ou plusieurs de ces objets de recherche, champs d'action et domaines ou moyens privilégiés pourront être sélectionnés à l'aide de menus déroulants. De plus, les personnes candidates sont invitées à décrire, en quelques lignes, la contribution de leur recherche à la santé durable (voir le formulaire Santé durable, dans la **Boîte à outils**). **Ni la section « Contribution santé durable », ni le formulaire Santé durable ne seront transmis aux comités d'évaluation.**

Par ailleurs, si la communauté scientifique peut contribuer à l'atteinte d'une santé durable par le biais de la recherche, le FRQ reconnaît qu'elle peut aussi contribuer à la réflexion en matière de santé durable. À titre d'exemple, dans la section « Contribution santé durable » du formulaire électronique de demande, les personnes candidates pourront sélectionner l'option « Autre » pour les champs d'action et les domaines ou moyens privilégiés. Auquel cas, ce ou ces champs, domaines ou moyens autres devront être précisés dans le formulaire Santé durable.

8.IMPORTANT CHANGES SINCE THE LAST COMPETITION

Addition of open access section in additional information

9. AWARDS IN PARTNERSHIP

The FRQ offers a number of awards in collaboration with partners. The share of funding from the FRQ and the partner may vary according to the agreements in effect.

Eligible applicants are selected through a three-step process :

1. The applicant selects, in the Partnership section of the application form, one or more partners whose targeted research areas correspond to the theme of their application.
2. The FRQ sends to the partners a list of candidates and useful information for them to assess the relevance of the request according to their research priorities and strategy.
3. After evaluation of the applications by a committee of experts or peers, applications having obtained the scientific excellence rating of 70 % and which have been deemed relevant by one or more partners, may receive a partnership award offer.

As with all the awards offered by FRQ, the awards granted in partnership are based on merit following a scientific evaluation by a committee of experts or peers.

Note that by choosing to be considered for an award in partnership, and that you obtain such an award, you agree that the partner communicates with you for activities related to the award.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec

Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular health

Career awards in the Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Health research field. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.



Parkinson Quebec

Parkinson's disease

Career awards in the Parkinson's Disease research field. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.



Société québécoise de néphrologie

Kidney health

Career awards in the Kidney health research. **Only nephrologists** are eligible. Junior 1 only.



L'Unité de soutien au système de santé apprenant (SSA) Québec (l'Entité nationale de formation de la SRAP)

Research with and for patients in a learning health system approach

The Unité de soutien au système de santé apprenant (SSA) Québec is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR).

The Unit works to continuously improve Quebec's healthcare system and make it a learning system. It mobilizes and equips the network to do things differently and achieve the quintuple objective by promoting partnership work, the integration of science and innovation, and the facilitation of change. Its pan-Quebec team deploys its expertise in training, consulting, tools, facilitation and networking:

- Building scientific and experiential knowledge
- Offering à la carte support to project leaders in the network
- Orchestrating continuous quality improvement

The National Training Entity (NTE), also part of CIHR's PRAS, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on partnering with and for patients. ENF provides answers to changing healthcare questions, helping to improve the patient experience.

The fellowships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the National Training Entity enable award holders to hone their skills and gain experience in research with and for patients, to network and to work interdisciplinarily with people and organizations working in healthcare in a learning health system approach.



Fondation de l'Association des radiologistes du Québec (FARQ)

Radiology

Career awards in the Diagnostic Radiology research field (including therapeutic and intervention components). **Only radiologists** (physicians) are eligible to apply. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.



Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation

Breast cancer

Career awards in the Breast Cancer research field. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.



Kidney Foundation of Canada and Canadian Society of Nephrology – KRESCENT program

Kidney health

Candidates must also submit an application to the KRESCENT Program (Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training). Junior 1 only.



Société québécoise d'hypertension artérielle (SQHA) – Jacques de Champlain award

Hypertension and cardiovascular health

The Jacques de Champlain Award in Cardiovascular Health and Hypertension fields includes a research support supplement (maximum of \$10,000 per year). Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.

