

Doctoral Research Scholarships for People with a Professional Health Degree 2026-2027 (B2DP) - Regular Component and Research Re-Entering Component

Competition year: 2026-2027	Annual amount: \$25,024 to \$39,323	Deadline (application): Wednesday October 1, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (EST)
Announcement of results: April 2026	Duration of funding: Maximum 12 sessions	

In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions of this program, the French version prevails.

Important reminders

It is the applicant's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the rules of this program and the [general common rules](#) (GCR) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ). The program rules provide clarification and additional information to the GCR. In the event of any discrepancy with the GCR, the program rules shall prevail.

A PDF version and a Word version of the program rules are available in their entirety in the toolbox [in French only].

Applications for doctoral research scholarships for individuals with a professional degree must be submitted through the Application space [of the FRQnet portal](#), the transactional interface used by the FRQ for the submission of funding applications and the management of grants. To submit an application, applicants must first create an FRQnet account. **By the competition deadline, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., the status of the application in the Application Space of the FRQnet portal must be "submitted to the Fonds."** Any application with a different status will be inadmissible. It is not possible to submit an application or add a document to the application after the competition deadline.

The FRQ has been a signatory to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) since 2020 and to the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) since 2023. This dual membership marked the starting point for a strategic project: the Evolution of Research Excellence Assessment (E3R). Through this project, the FRQ promotes a qualitative approach to research assessment supported by the responsible use of quantitative indicators. By aligning its policies with these principles, the FRQ is committed to a gradual process of adapting and transforming its assessment practices.

Questions about the program rules?

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Technical questions about the application form?

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Overview of the application evaluation process

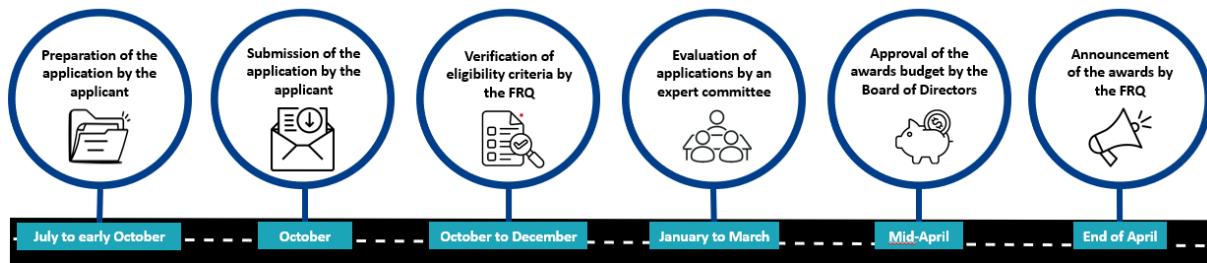


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1. Objectives

The objective of the Fonds de recherche du Québec's training grants is to help ensure a new generation of students in all research sectors: natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering (Nature and Technology), human health (Health), humanities and social sciences, arts and letters (Society and Culture).

More specifically, the objectives of the doctoral scholarship are to:

- Stimulate the interest of the next generation of students in research
- Support excellence in research by providing financial assistance to the best candidates to undertake or continue a doctoral research program

2. Features

2.1 Value and duration of the scholarship

The annual value of the doctoral scholarship ranges from \$25,024 to \$39,323 per year, depending on the year of professional degree completion.

The maximum amount that can be allocated is between \$100,096 and \$157,292, which corresponds to 12 funding periods (12 payments).

2.2 Supplement for studies outside Québec

The supplement for training outside Quebec is intended to help candidates undertake or pursue a graduate program outside Quebec.

This supplement is intended **only** for applicants who indicated a training location outside Quebec at the time of application. It is awarded by each FRQ sector to the ten applicants who received the highest ranking across all evaluation committees. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and have a valid RAMQ card (see section 3.5). Any application indicating a training location outside Quebec is automatically considered. Joint supervision programs are not eligible.

The maximum annual value of this supplement is **\$1,500**, or **\$500** per semester.

3. Eligibility requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements. If awarded, the conditions described in sections 3.1 and 3.5 must be met throughout the duration of the scholarship.

3.1 Basic conditions

In accordance with section 2.1 of the GCR, to be eligible to apply for a doctoral research scholarship for individuals with a professional degree, applicants must have:

- Canadian citizenship or permanent residence in Canada, and
- a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card that is valid on the competition deadline date, or proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid on the competition deadline date, or if the applicant is in the process

of renewing their RAMQ card on the competition deadline date, proof that a new card has been requested from the RAMQ and a copy of their expired card.

If either or both of the above conditions are not met, the applicant remains eligible provided they submit proof of admission to a program of study at a Quebec university or the consent form from their research supervisor (see section 4.2.1). In addition, they must complete their training in Quebec (see section 3.5).

3.2 Target group

This program is intended for candidates who:

- hold or plan to obtain a professional university degree in human health and a valid license to practice in Quebec at the time of entry into force and for the entire duration of the scholarship (the professional university degree must be one that allows the holder to obtain a license to practice) or
- are resident physicians recognized by the Collège des médecins du Québec and wish to interrupt their clinical training in order to acquire research training (with a valid internship card at the time of the program's entry into force and for the entire duration of the scholarship).

Doctoral research fellowships for individuals with a professional degree – regular component : the regular component is intended for candidates who wish to undertake or continue a third-cycle university program in research in one of the fields covered by the Fonds.

Doctoral research fellowships for individuals with a professional degree – Re-Entering Research component : The research reintegration component is intended for candidates who wish to reenter the research community by pursuing graduate research studies in one of the fields covered by the Fonds.

To be considered "research-based," a doctoral program must lead to the writing of a thesis. Essays, research reports, dissertations, and articles, for example, are not accepted. Professional doctoral programs are not eligible.

Important note for applicants : Health professionals who do not hold a valid license to practice in Quebec should apply for one of the following scholarship programs, if they are eligible:

- [Doctoral Research Scholarships \(B2\)](#)

3.3 Eligibility period

3.3.1 Doctoral Research Scholarships for Professional Degree Holders – Regular Stream

To apply for the regular component, applicants **must have been enrolled in a doctoral program for a maximum of 14 full-time semesters prior to May 1, 2026.**

If awarded, they may receive a maximum of 12 payments within the first 15 sessions of doctoral studies (or equivalent). To determine the maximum number of eligible payments, the

FRQ subtracts the sessions already completed in the doctoral program at the time the scholarship takes effect from the number of sessions within which the scholarship can be paid (15 sessions).

The following factors **are considered** in calculating the eligibility period and the maximum number of eligible payments:

- Semesters completed on a full-time basis at the time the scholarship takes effect
- Semesters completed part-time, as specified in the [equivalency table for part-time semesters](#)
- The number of semesters during which the applicant received financial support from any recognized federal or Quebec provincial funding agency (NSERC, CIHR, SSHRC, FRQ, CAC, CALQ, CORPAQ), so that the total financial support received does not exceed 12 semesters

The following **are not taken into account**:

- Unregistered semesters
- Semesters completed as part of a professional doctorate
- Semesters completed as part of a research doctorate in another discipline

If the candidate is not enrolled in a doctoral program but is considering undertaking such studies, they are eligible to apply on the condition that they begin their program between May 1, 2026, and January 15, 2027.

Applicants who have obtained a first research doctorate but wish to undertake a second one in another discipline may apply if their first doctorate was not funded by the FRQ through its training scholarship competitions. Applicants must demonstrate that the doctoral project covered by their application is in a different discipline, i.e., that it will be evaluated by a different evaluation committee than the one that would have evaluated the previous project. This demonstration must be included in the "Title and field of research" section of the form. The list of evaluation committees is available in the toolbox. In the absence of this demonstration, the Fonds reserves the right to refuse an application if it considers that there are too many similarities between the two doctoral projects.

Direct transition from bachelor's to doctoral degree or accelerated transition from master's to doctoral degree: Applicants who are making a direct transition from a bachelor's to a doctoral degree or who are making an accelerated transition to a doctoral degree without obtaining a master's degree must have been enrolled for a maximum of 20 full-time semesters in the relevant graduate programs affected by the direct or accelerated transition before May 1, 2026. **They must first apply for the [research master's scholarship competition for individuals with a professional degree](#), if they are eligible.**

3.3.2 Doctoral Research Scholarships for Holders of Professional Degrees - Research Reintegration Component

To apply for the research reintegration component, applicants must, by the competition deadline, have held a ^{first}or second-cycle university degree for five years or more.

Therefore, they **must not**:

- have been enrolled in a graduate program for at least five years. However, the person may be enrolled in their first semester of study on the closing date of the competition;

- have earned university credits for at least five years.

3.3.3 Exceptions

- **Extension.** A candidate who has interrupted or delayed their studies due to parental leave, major family obligations, or health reasons may have their eligibility period extended. The Fonds determines the extension to be granted based on the supporting documents provided with the application.
- **Exemption.** A person may be exempted from the rules relating to the eligibility period if they have interrupted or delayed their studies due to a disability that meets the definition contained in the [Act to secure the rights of persons with disabilities with a view to their educational, professional, and social integration](#) (RLRQ, c. E-20.1). The maximum duration of the scholarship remains 12 semesters at the doctoral level.

The request for an exception, along with supporting documents attesting to the date, duration of the interruption, and rate of slowdown in activities, if applicable, must be submitted with the application (see section 4.2.5). If such an exception is requested, it is recommended that you contact the program coordinator before submitting the application form. The Fonds reserves the right to refuse any request for the application of exception measures that is insufficiently justified.

3.4 Restrictions

Individuals enrolled in certain psychology programs are not eligible (see the [Eligibility of Psychology Programs](#) for FRQ Training Scholarships page to verify eligibility).

During the same year, it is **only** possible to submit **one scholarship application to one of the following programs, regardless of the targeted sector:**

- Master's Research Scholarships (B1)
- Master's Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B1M)
- Master's Research Scholarships for Individuals with a Professional Degree in Health (B1DP)
- Master's Research Scholarships in Partnership (B1P)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships (B2)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B2M)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for Health Professionals (B2DP)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships in Partnership (B2P)
- Postdoctoral fellowships (B3)
- Postdoctoral fellowships in research-creation (B5)
- Post-professional degree research training (fellowship) (B10)

In accordance with section 3.1 of the GCR, it is not possible to combine several FRQ training fellowships.

Applicants who have received or are currently receiving a research scholarship from a Quebec or Canadian funding agency (e.g., FRQ, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, CORPAQ, CAC, CALQ) for the program covered by the application and whose total value is equal to or greater than the total value of the Fonds scholarship are not eligible for this competition.

Applicants requesting a scholarship to undertake preparatory studies are not eligible.

3.5 Conditions for using the scholarship outside Quebec

In accordance with section 2.1 of the GCR, to use a training scholarship outside Quebec, the awardees must have:

- Canadian citizenship or permanent Canadian residency, and
- a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card that is valid on the competition deadline date, or proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid on the competition deadline date, or if the applicant is in the process of renewing their RAMQ card on the competition deadline date, proof that a new card has been requested from the RAMQ and a copy of their expired card.

If either or both of the above conditions are not met, the awardee must complete their training in Québec. Continuous physical presence in Quebec is required throughout the duration of the funding, excluding breaks scheduled in the academic calendar. However, travel outside Quebec may be authorized if it is deemed essential to the proper conduct of training-related activities and does not exceed 180 days per year or 180 consecutive days. To avail themselves of this option, awardees must submit a [declaration of stay outside Quebec](#) endorsed by the research director to the FRQ for approval.

Stays outside Quebec as part of a joint supervision arrangement are only permitted for candidates who can complete their training outside Quebec.

Candidates who are not eligible to use their scholarship outside Quebec at the time of application will not be eligible to do so during the award period, even if their citizenship or residency status changes during the award period.

4. Application

The electronic application form for doctoral research scholarships for individuals with a professional degree is available in the Application Area of [the FRQnet portal](#) at least one month before the competition deadline. Applicants can also consult the various guides about FRQnet available in the Documentation tab at the top right of the FRQnet portal.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to choose:

- the correct funding program
- the correct form
- within that form, the correct program component, the appropriate FRQ sector, and the committee they deem relevant for the evaluation of their application, if applicable.

In the event of an error, the Fonds will not transfer an application from one program, form, program component, sector, or evaluation committee to another.

Applicants must prepare their files well in advance in order to obtain all the required documents and submit the form within the required time frame. They must also take into account the high volume of applications submitted to the Fonds at the end of the competition, if applicable.

In accordance with section 3.6 of the GTC, the funding application form must be completed in French. However, the documents attached to the form may be in French or English and must comply with the [standards for presenting attached files](#).

Any official document submitted in a language other than French or English must be accompanied by a certified professional translation. Any other document submitted in a language other than French or English must be accompanied by a simple translation.

Applicants are entirely responsible for their applications. Applications must be complete and meet all program requirements. If any of the required documents are missing, the application will be deemed ineligible. No documents received after the competition deadline will be considered. No documents that are not required will be submitted to the evaluation committee.

Submission of a funding application implies a commitment to read and comply with the [standards of ethics and integrity](#), the [Open Access Policy](#), and the [Policy on Responsible Conduct in Research](#).

4.1 Choice of evaluation committee

The candidate chooses the evaluation committee that will evaluate their application ([see list of evaluation committees for the Health sector](#)).

4.2 Documents required from the applicant

A checklist of documents to be included can be found in the toolkit.

4.2.1 RAMQ card, proof of admission, or consent form

Applicants who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents must attach the following to their application form:

- a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card valid on the competition deadline date, or
- proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid by the competition deadline, or
- if they are in the process of renewing their RAMQ card by the competition deadline, proof that a new card has been requested from the RAMQ and a copy of their expired card.

In accordance with section 3.5 of these rules, applicants who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, or who do not have one of the above documents, remain eligible for this contest but must complete their training at a Quebec university. They must then submit one of the following two documents:

- proof of admission to a program of study at a Quebec university, or
- a consent form from the person supervising the research at a Quebec university, in accordance with the procedure described in section 4.3

4.2.2 Transcripts

Any transcript that is missing, incomplete, illegible, unofficial, does not include a statement of compliance, or is not up to date will render the application inadmissible.

A copy of all transcripts is required for all university studies completed by the applicant, whether completed or not. This includes transcripts obtained through exchange programs or

courses that led to equivalencies, if applicable. Transcripts must show all results obtained in university courses and training programs.

For a **program of study currently in progress**, the transcript must:

- be up to date, i.e., it must have been issued no earlier than July of the year the competition opens, and
- show all results obtained in the last semester completed before the competition deadline, including the summer semester, if applicable.

The elements that make a transcript official may differ from one university to another.

However, in order to be considered official by the Fonds, each transcript must:

- be issued by the academic institution concerned, and
- include information indicating that it is an official transcript for that academic institution. This may include the academic institution's seal or the registrar's signature, or a statement such as "Official Transcript," etc.

A watermark does not render a transcript unofficial as long as the above requirements are met. A transcript delivered in an envelope sealed by the registrar's office may be opened and its contents scanned. Transcripts that can be viewed online must be converted to PDF format and attached to the application in the appropriate section of the form. If there is any doubt about the authenticity of a transcript, the Fonds reserves the right to verify it with the applicant and, if necessary, with the institution concerned.

Other documents to be attached, if applicable, to the file with the transcripts:

- In the case of transcripts obtained outside North America, a document explaining the grading system in use. The document attached to the file must clearly explain the grading system used, to enable the evaluation committee to properly understand the transcripts.
- If no transcripts are issued, an explanatory document from the institution (registrar's office or equivalent administrative body) specifying the reasons why these transcripts are missing. The Fonds reserves the right to verify the validity of the reasons given.
- If no transcripts are issued and the applicant is unable to obtain an explanatory document from the university, an explanatory document from the applicant, endorsed by a competent authority at the host institution, justifying the absence of transcripts. The Fonds reserves the right to verify the validity of the reasons given.

4.2.3 List of part-time and unregistered semesters

Applicants who have been enrolled part-time or have not been enrolled in one or more semesters since the start of the training program for which the scholarship is requested must provide:

- An official notice from the registrar's office listing all semesters or other official document issued by an appropriate authority at the university specifying the semesters completed on a part-time basis or without registration.

4.2.4 Other documents to be attached to the form

Applicants must also attach the following documents in the appropriate sections of the application form:

- **Honours** (1 page maximum): a list of any scholarships, prizes and distinctions received, and how they were awarded.
- **Integrated background presentation** (maximum 1 page): a description of the links between the applicant's experiences and interests on the one hand, and career choices, training, and academic and professional background on the other. While there are no evaluation criteria for this, the integrated background presentation can help the review committee to better understand, contextualize and assess the applicant's academic record, background and contributions. Applicants are not expected to disclose any sensitive personal information.
- **Relevant experience and achievements** (maximum 4 pages): a presentation and description of experience and achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) relevant to the research project and the applicant's background. This document should also highlight the applicant's capacity for engagement and leadership (in and out of academia) and ability to facilitate dialogue between science and society.
- **Research project** (maximum 2 pages): description of the research project demonstrating the originality of the project and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge, the clarity and coherence of the research problem, the appropriateness of the conceptual framework and methodology, the feasibility of the project, and the realism of the time frame.
- **Bibliography** (maximum 1 page): list of the full references of the works used in the description of the proposed research. In accordance with Section 3.2 of the CGR, links to web pages may be included as bibliographic references where relevant.
- **Document for a second doctorate in a different discipline** (maximum 1 page): Applicants who obtained a first doctoral research degree in another discipline must demonstrate that the project presented in the application will be evaluated by a different review committee than the one that would have evaluated the previous project, in accordance with Section 3.3.1. This demonstration must be attached in the "Titre et domaine de recherche [Title and research field]" section of the form.

4.2.5 Documents for eligibility period exception

Applicants seeking **an exception to the eligibility period** (see section 3.3.3) must provide:

- **Justification for the request for an extension or exemption from the eligibility period** (maximum 1 page): the applicant must explain the request for an exception and, in the case of a request for an extension, provide the dates and duration of the interruptions, as well as the rate of slowdown in activities, if applicable. This document must be attached to the "Préadmissibilité [Pre-eligibility]" section of the form and **will not be forwarded to the evaluation committee**.
- **Supporting documents for the exception request** (maximum 5 pages): e.g., medical certificate, disability recognition, child's birth certificate, caregiver tax credit application, official document or letter from the employer, etc. These documents allow the Fonds to determine the length of the extension to be granted. They must be attached to the "Préadmissibilité [Pre-eligibility]" section of the form and **will not be forwarded to the evaluation committee**.

4.3 Documents required from the research supervisor

This section is only for applicants who are required to complete their training at a Quebec university and are unable to provide proof of admission to a university program. For all other individuals, this document is not mandatory. If the scholarship is awarded, however, the scholarship awardee will be required to identify the person supervising their research in their FRQnet portal (see section 8.4.2).

The applicant must identify the research supervisor in the “Encadrement [Supervision]” section of the form and send them a consent request by clicking on the “Envoyer une demande de consentement [Send consent request]” button (the supervisor must first create an FRQnet account, if this has not already been done). An email is then sent to the identified supervisor, and a consent form is automatically added in the Application space of the supervisor’s FRQnet portal.

The consent of the person responsible for supervising the research must be submitted in advance, **before the applicant submits the scholarship application form**. You can check the status of your application at any time in the Application Area of the FRQnet portal, in the Funding section, by clicking on the "Consent" button for the relevant scholarship application. The consent status in the FRQnet portal must indicate "Yes" and be accompanied by a date of consent. Otherwise, the applicant will not be able to submit their form and their application will be inadmissible. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the research supervisor with the necessary instructions for creating an FRQnet account and to ensure that consent is submitted within the prescribed time frame.

Once consent has been submitted by the research supervisor, it will no longer be possible to make changes.

4.4 Eligibility notice

After receiving the applications, the Fonds will verify their eligibility. A notice will be sent by email, no later than December following the competition deadline, to inform the applicant of the outcome of the eligibility review of their application and, if applicable, its submission to the evaluation committee. However, an application submitted to the evaluation committee may be declared ineligible at any time.

5. Evaluation

The evaluation process for funding applications is described in Section 4 of the CGR.

Evaluation criteria, sub-criteria and weighting:

Academic record and achievements (45 points)

- Transcripts
- Honours (awards, distinctions, scholarships)
- Achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) and relevant experience (related to the project or the applicant's background)
- Capacity for engagement and leadership (in and out of academia)
- Ability to facilitate dialogue between science and society

Research project (55 points)

- Originality of the project and potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge
- Clarity and coherence of the research problem
- Appropriateness of the conceptual framework and methodology
- Feasibility of the project and realism of the time frame

Total (100 points)

6. Partnership scholarships

The scholarship may be offered in partnership. To do so, applicants must select one or more partners whose research areas correspond to their research topic in the "Partnerships" section of the application form. If the scholarship is awarded, the Fonds will send the selected partners information enabling them to assess the relevance of the partnership in relation to their strategic and research priorities (project title, summary, and research areas). If the applicant's research project is deemed relevant by one or more partners, the scholarship will be offered in partnership.

Partner	Description
Pediatric Research Foundation	Childhood diseases Scholarships for excellence in pediatric research, primarily in the field of childhood disease diagnosis. Scholarship amount: \$29,024 to \$43,323 per year, depending on the year of professional degree completion.
Parkinson Québec	Parkinson's Disease Training fellowships focusing on research related to Parkinson's disease.
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Multiple sclerosis Applicants must also submit an application to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Partner	Description
SSA Québec Support Unit	<p>Research focused on and for patients using a learning health system approach</p>
(SPOR National Training Entity)	<p>The Learning Health System Support Unit (LSSU) Quebec is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Patient-Oriented Research Strategy (PORS).</p>
	<p>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 fivefold objective by promoting partnership, integrating science and innovation, and facilitating change. Its Quebec-wide team deploys its expertise by offering training, consultation, tools, facilitation, and networking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It builds scientific and experiential knowledge • It offers à la carte support to project managers in the network • It orchestrates continuous quality improvement <p>The National Training Entity (NTE), also part of CIHR's SRAP, is a Canada-wide organization that aims to increase, support, and maintain the capacity for a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on partnerships with and for patients. The NTE provides answers to changing healthcare questions, thereby helping to improve the patient experience.</p> <p>The fellowships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the National Training Entity allow awardees to hone their skills and gain experience in research with and for patients, network, and work in an interdisciplinary manner with individuals and organizations working in health care using a learning health system approach.</p>

7. Announcement of results

The results of the competition will be announced at the end of April. In accordance with section 5.2 of the GCR, individuals who receive a funding offer must indicate their acceptance or refusal no later than 30 days after the notice is posted on the FRQnet portal. A scholarship offer that is refused by the applicant cannot be reactivated.

8. Rules for using the scholarship

The rules presented in section 8 apply in the event of a grant. However, applicants are encouraged to read them when applying for the scholarship and to keep them for future reference in the event of a grant. **Technical details can be found in a scholarship usage guide**, which will be made available when the results are announced.

To retain the scholarship, the awardee must comply fully with the eligibility requirements and rules in effect at the time of application. In addition, the awardee must comply with the following conditions throughout the duration of the funding:

- Be enrolled full-time in the training program for which the scholarship is awarded, subject to the exceptions described in section 8.2
- Comply with the rules on combining awards described in section 8.3.

The scholarship awardee must notify the Fonds as soon as any of these conditions are no longer met and of any change in their situation that may affect their compliance with the conditions for awarding the scholarship. Failure to comply with these conditions (or failure to inform the Fonds) could result in the cancellation of the scholarship and a request for reimbursement of the amounts received.

8.1 Scholarship start date

The scholarship must take effect **between May 1 of the year of the offer and January 15 of the following year** (see section 8.4.1 for more information). The duration of the funding is determined based on the information provided in the scholarship application. No increase in the duration of the funding is permitted.

8.2 Part-time enrollment

Part-time training is permitted only in the cases mentioned below, provided that the person supervising the research authorizes it and supporting documents are provided.

Family obligations or medical condition: family obligations (e.g., caregiving, primary caregiver for a young child) or medical condition preventing the scholarship awardee from continuing their training on a full-time basis. During periods of part-time study, the scholarship awardee may receive 50% of the value of their scholarship payments.

Disability: disability as defined in the [Act to secure the rights of persons with disabilities with a view to their educational, professional, and social integration](#) (RLRQ, c. E-20.1) preventing the scholarship awardee from continuing their full-time education. The scholarship awardee may receive the full amount of their scholarship payments.

In both cases, the total value of the scholarship will not be affected.

8.3 Rules for concurrent funding (scholarships, employment and internships)

8.3.1 Concurrent scholarships

The following table shows permitted combinations, partial combinations, and prohibited combinations.

Type of scholarships / Scholarship program	Rule
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Training scholarships (master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral) from federal government funding agencies: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	Concurrent funding prohibited or partial* concurrent funding allowed**, under certain conditions
Training grants (master's, doctoral, postdoctoral, in partnership) from Quebec government funding agencies such as the Fonds de recherche du Québec, the Conseil de recherches en pêche et agroalimentaire du Québec (CORPAQ)	Concurrent funding prohibited
Scholarships from Canadian and Quebec government departments and agencies other than those mentioned above	Concurrent funding allowed
Scholarships supporting international mobility in joint supervision or for internships in Quebec or outside Quebec	Concurrent funding allowed
Scholarships from the Canada Council for the Arts (CCA) or the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ)	Concurrent funding prohibited if the scholarships are for the same project
Private sector scholarships, internal scholarships from universities and affiliated centers, and additional scholarships from the person supervising the research	Concurrent funding allowed

***Partial combination with a scholarship from one of the federal councils**

Applicants who receive a scholarship offer from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), or the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) **must accept it, as soon as it is offered**. However, they are invited to simultaneously accept the FRQ scholarship when

partial accumulation is permitted, i.e., when the Fonds offers a scholarship with an **annual value or duration** greater than those of the federal councils, under the following terms:

- When the **annual value** of the Fonds's scholarship is greater than that of the other scholarship offered, its amount is adjusted to make up the difference between the two awards.
- When the **duration** of the Fonds's scholarship is greater than that of the other scholarship offered, the Fonds extends the duration of the funding by the same amount once the other scholarship has ended, unless the total value of the other organization's scholarship is greater than or equal to the total value of that offered by the Fonds.

Payments cannot be deferred or the effective date of the scholarship delayed in order to receive a scholarship that cannot be combined with another scholarship.

A refund will be required for any payment received in a situation where cumulation is prohibited.

**** Concurrent funding for studies outside Quebec**

Cumulation is permitted with scholarships from federal and provincial funding agencies if, at the time the Fonds's scholarship takes effect, the awardee is attending an educational institution outside Quebec and the annual tuition fees are equal to or greater than the annual value of the scholarship offered by the Fonds. The annual value of tuition fees does not include registration fees, student association dues, etc. Tuition fees must not be reimbursed by other organizations.

8.3.2 Paid work and internships

Any paid work or internship undertaken in addition to the training **that does not interfere with research activities** is permitted, without time limits, provided that it is approved by the person supervising or co-supervising the research.

In addition, the person supervising or co-supervising the research may pay the candidate a salary in addition to the scholarship to work on the research project funded by the Fonds. The scholarship paid by the Fonds does not constitute a salary.

8.4 Payments and management

8.4.1 Payment schedule

The annual amount of the fellowship is paid to the awardee in three installments. Each installment covers a period of four months.

The first installment of the scholarship must be claimed **between May 1 of the year of the offer and March 1 of the following year**, otherwise the scholarship will be immediately canceled (see section 8.4.3).

For individuals whose training program is ongoing at the time the award letter is issued, the first installment will be made on or after:

- May 30 following the award (summer session)

For individuals whose training program has not begun when the award letter is issued, the first payment will be made at the first session of enrollment in the program, on one of the following dates:

- May 30 following the scholarship (summer session)
- September 30 following the scholarship (fall session)
- January 30 following the award (winter session)

The detailed payment schedule, including the periods during which payments can be claimed, can be found in the scholarship user guide. If awarded, scholarship awardees can view their payment schedule on their FRQnet portal.

8.4.2 Conditions for payments

The scholarship awardee must meet all the conditions associated with their payments, which are described in the following table.

Payments	Conditions for payments
All payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of enrollment (provided by the university)• Declaration of status and any scholarships
1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current and valid license to practice for the entire duration of the funding
3^e	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declaration of the name of the research director
4^e	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificates of completion for Levels 1 and 3 of the Ministry of Health and Social Services research ethics tutorial, if applicable

8.4.3 Cancellation of a payment or the scholarship

The first installment of the scholarship must be claimed no later than March 1 following the year of award, otherwise the scholarship will be immediately canceled. Starting with the second installment, an installment will be canceled, after prior notice, if it is not claimed or deferred, or if the required documents are not received within two months of the start of the semester.

The Fonds will terminate the scholarship, after prior notice, if the awardee takes no action in their FRQnet portal for two consecutive payment periods.

The Fonds will also terminate the scholarship, after giving notice, if two consecutive payments must be canceled due to non-compliance with eligibility requirements or the absence of required documents at the end of the two-month period following the start of the periods concerned.

In addition, the Fonds reserves the right to cancel one or more payments, or the scholarship, in accordance with the [Policy on Responsible Conduct in Research](#).

8.5 Deferral of payments

8.5.1 Gaining relevant experience

The Fonds may authorize the suspension of training for the acquisition of relevant experience (experience within a research team, teaching experience related to the field of training, language study abroad, etc.) for a period of four months **for each full year of funding granted**. The payment of the scholarship for this period is then deferred to the end of the funding period. The Fonds reserves the right to reject any request that is insufficiently justified or irrelevant.

The deferral periods authorized for the entire duration of the scholarship may be consecutive if approved by the research supervisor.

This provision cannot be used for the first payment. In addition, the scholarship awardee cannot take advantage of this provision to accept another scholarship that cannot be combined with this one or to return to paid employment.

8.5.2 Sick leave or family obligations

In accordance with section 6.14 of the GCR, the scholarship awardee may obtain a deferral of payment when training is suspended due to illness or family obligations, for as long as the university allows.

8.5.3 Parental leave

In accordance with section 6.13 of the GCR, scholarship awardees may obtain a deferral of payment for the birth or adoption of a child for a **maximum period of 12 months**.

8.6 Scholarship supplement for parental leave

In accordance with section 6.13 of the GCR, during the authorized suspension of research training for parental leave (see section 8.5.3), the awardee may request a **scholarship supplement for a continuous period of eight months** (i.e., for a maximum of two payments).

To be eligible for this supplement, the awardee must have already received a first scholarship payment and must not be enrolled in their research training program. In addition, they must not be in paid employment for the entire duration of the suspension.

In the case of partial accumulation with a scholarship received from a federal agency, the awardee must take the parental leave allowance offered by the federal government.

8.7 Changes during the funding period

8.7.1 Request for changes

Any change in the scholarship recipient's situation must be reported. In accordance with section 6.5 of the GTC, the Fonds will ensure that the requested change does not call into question the initial evaluation of the application and that it complies with the eligibility requirements and program rules. The request for modification is reviewed by the Fonds for approval. The Fonds may decide to continue, reduce, suspend, or terminate payments. The Fonds may also require reimbursement of amounts paid.

The decision to accept or reject the requested change is communicated by email.

8.7.2 Change in the start date of the scholarship

This type of change must be made before the first payment. It is strongly recommended that you submit your change request at the same time as you accept the scholarship offer.

8.7.3 Change in level of study

Holders of a master's research scholarship who plan to pursue a doctorate may use the remaining payments of the master's scholarship to begin a doctoral program, provided that the program begins in the following semester. These payments must fall within the duration of the scholarship initially offered. In addition, the person must have received at least one payment of the master's scholarship for at least one full-time semester in the program for which the scholarship was awarded, except in the case of a direct or accelerated transition to a doctoral program.

8.7.4 Change in the program of study

Any change of program during the award period must comply with the research areas of the sector concerned and the choice of the initial application evaluation committee, in particular. However, if the awardee plans to change programs for administrative reasons only and thereby retains the same field of study and research, the Fonds will conduct an analysis and the scholarship may be maintained.

8.7.5 Change of training and research location

A change of training and research location is permitted provided that it complies with Article 2.1 "Citizenship and Residence" of the GCR.

8.7.6 Change in the research supervisor

If the scholarship awardee is still studying in the same training program and the research project remains the same, a change in the person supervising the research is automatically permitted.

8.7.7 Change in research project

To change the research project, the scholarship awardee must:

- demonstrate that the new project remains in the same field of research, i.e., that it would be evaluated by the same evaluation committee that evaluated the initial project;
- demonstrate that the scientific quality of the new project is equivalent to that of the initial project.

They must also specify whether they will remain with the same research supervisor, at the same university and in the same department.

The person supervising the research must also give their approval, justifying the proposed change.

The Fonds's analysis will take into account the evaluation criteria used for the initial project.

8.7.8 Withdrawal or part-time studies

A scholarship awardee who abandons their studies during the semester or decides to continue their training on a part-time basis, except in the cases described in section 8.2, is no longer eligible for the scholarship and must notify the Fonds in order to terminate it. Depending on the case, a refund of the current payment may be required.

8.7.9 Completion of studies and graduation

Scholarship awardees are eligible to receive payments until the final thesis submission. No registration is required after the initial submission.

8.8 Final report

In accordance with section 7.2 of the GTC, a final report is required within three months after the end of the semester covered by the last payment. The final report allows the Fonds to document the impact of the scholarship. The awarding of further FRQ funding in another program will be conditional upon receipt of this report.

9. Open access policy

The doctoral thesis resulting from this scholarship must be made available in open access, without embargo, in an institutional or disciplinary repository, in accordance with the [Open Access Policy](#) (revised in 2022). In addition, peer-reviewed publications resulting from research made possible by this scholarship must be made available in immediate open access (without embargo) and under an open license.

10. Promotion of FRQ-funded research

Scholarship awardees must mention the FRQ's financial support in any report, article, work, peer-reviewed publication, master's thesis, doctoral thesis, written communication, or any other achievement resulting from the grant, in accordance with the models established by the FRQ.

Scholarship awardees are solely responsible for the content of their work. The fact that FRQ financial support is acknowledged in a production resulting from an FRQ scholarship does not mean that the FRQ endorses the statements made therein.

11. Effective date of the rules

These rules apply to the 2026-2027 fiscal year.