

Master's Research Scholarships for Holders of a Professional Degree 2027–2028 (B1DP) — Regular stream and research reintegration stream

<u>Competition launch date:</u> July 2026	<u>Results announcement:</u> April 2027	<u>Amount:</u> from \$25,024 to \$39,323
<u>Deadline (application):</u> October 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (EST)	<u>Award start year:</u> 2027–2028	<u>Funding duration:</u> Maximum 6 terms

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 become familiar with the rules of this program and the [Common General Rules \(CGR\)](#) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ). The program rules provide clarifications and additional information to the CGR. In the event of a discrepancy with the CGR, the program rules prevail.

A PDF version and an accessible version of the rules for this program are available in full in the toolbox.

The application for the Master's Research Scholarship for holders of a professional degree must be submitted in the Applications area of the [FRQnet portal](#), the transactional interface used by the FRQ for submitting funding applications and managing awards. To submit an application, the applicant must first create an FRQnet account. **By the competition deadline, October 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the status of the application in the Applications area of the FRQnet portal must be "submitted to the Fonds." Any application showing any other status will be deemed inadmissible.** It is impossible to submit an application or add a document to the application after the competition deadline.

Questions?

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Technical questions about the application form?

FRQnet IT Help Centre: centre.assistance@frq.gouv.qc.ca

In the weeks leading up to the competition deadline, the FRQ receives a very high volume of emails and calls. This may result in longer-than-usual delays in processing support requests. Our teams are making every effort to handle each request with care. Thank you for your understanding.

The FRQ is a signatory to the [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment](#) (DORA) and the [Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment](#) (CoARA). This dual membership marked the starting point of a strategic initiative: the Evolution of the Evaluation of Research Excellence (E3R). Through this initiative, the FRQ promotes, in particular, a qualitative approach to research assessment supported by the responsible use of quantitative indicators in order to recognize the diversity of research contributions, including the diversity of knowledge systems, such as [Indigenous knowledge](#). By aligning its directions with these principles, the FRQ is engaging in a gradual process of adapting and transforming assessment practices.

Overview of the application assessment process

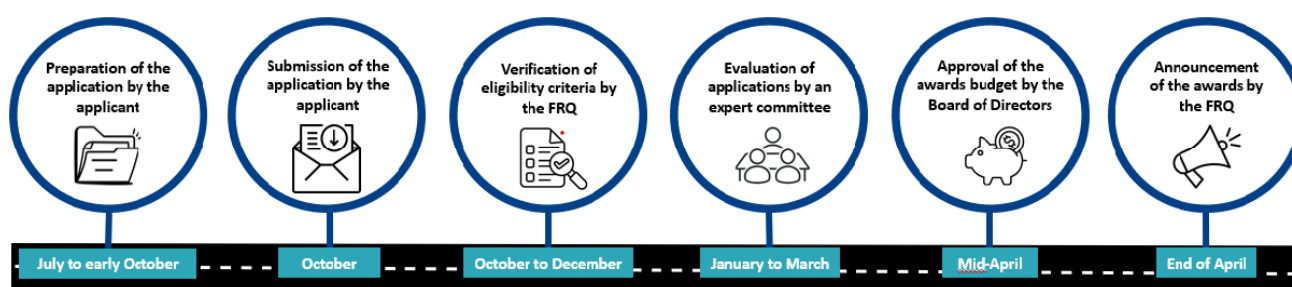


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1. Objectives

The scholarships offered by the Fonds de recherche du Québec aim to help ensure a strong student pipeline in all research sectors: natural sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering (Nature and Technologies), human health (Health), and social sciences and humanities, arts and literature (Society and Culture).

More specifically, the master's scholarship aims to:

- Stimulate student interest in research
 - Support research excellence by providing financial assistance to the strongest applicants who are beginning or continuing a research master's program
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2. Funding characteristics

2.1 Scholarship value and duration

The annual value of the master's scholarship is **\$25,024 to \$39,323** (based on the year the degree was obtained).

The maximum amount that may be awarded is **\$50,048 to \$78,646**, corresponding to 6 terms of funding (6 payments).

2.2 Supplement for training outside Québec

The supplement for training outside Québec is intended to help applicants begin or continue graduate studies outside Québec.

This supplement is intended **only** for applicants who indicated a training location outside Québec when submitting the application. It is awarded by each FRQ sector to the ten applicants who obtained the highest ranking across all evaluation committees. Applicants must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency **and** have a valid RAMQ card (see section 3.6). Any application indicating a training location outside Québec is automatically considered. Joint supervision programs are not eligible.

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

3. Eligibility requirements

The applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements. If an award is granted, the conditions described in sections 3.1 and 3.5 must be met throughout the duration of the scholarship.

3.1 Basic requirements

In accordance with section 2.1 of the CGR, to be eligible to submit an application for a Master's Research Scholarship for holders of a professional degree, the applicant must have:

- Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency, **and**
- a valid Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card by the competition deadline, or proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid by the competition deadline, or, if the applicant is 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 the expired card.

If either or both of the above conditions are not met, the applicant remains eligible provided that they submit proof of admission to a program of study at a Québec university institution or the consent form from their research supervisor (see section 4.3). In addition, they must complete their training in Québec and are not eligible to apply for or use the scholarship to undertake joint supervision training with a university outside Québec (see section 3.5).

3.2 Target applicants

This program is intended for applicants who:

- Hold or expect to obtain a university-level professional degree in human health and are members of a Québec order, association or professional federation related to human health when the scholarship takes effect and throughout the duration of the scholarship.

or

- Are resident physicians recognized by the Collège des médecins du Québec who wish to partially interrupt their clinical training to acquire research training and who hold a valid training card when the scholarship takes effect and throughout the duration of the scholarship.

Master's Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree – regular stream: for applicants who wish to begin or continue a graduate-level research program* in one of the fields covered by the FRQ.

Master's Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree – research reintegration stream: the research reintegration stream is intended for applicants who wish to return to the research environment by pursuing graduate-level research studies* in one of the fields covered by the FRQ.

To be considered a “research” program, a master's program must lead to the writing of a research thesis. The following are not accepted: an essay, research report, dissertation or article, for example. Professional master's programs and master's programs offered only on a part-time basis are not eligible.

* In the case of a direct transition from bachelor's to doctoral studies or an accelerated transition from master's to doctoral studies, the program begun or continued may be a graduate-level research doctoral program (see section 3.3.1).

Important note for applicants in the Health sector: Health professionals who do not hold a valid licence to practise in Québec are encouraged to apply to the following scholarship program:

- [Master's Research Scholarship B1](#)

3.3 Eligibility period

3.3.1 Master's Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree – regular stream

To apply to the regular stream, the applicant **must have been enrolled in the master's program for a maximum of 3 full-time terms before May 1, 2027.**

Direct transition from bachelor's to doctoral studies or accelerated transition from master's to doctoral studies: A person admitted to a doctoral program directly after bachelor's studies, or a person making an accelerated transition to a doctoral program without having submitted a thesis, may first apply to the Master's Research Scholarship competition if eligible. In particular, the applicant must have been enrolled for a maximum of 3 full-time terms in the graduate program(s) concerned by the direct or accelerated transition before May 1, 2027.

If awarded, the applicant may receive a maximum of 6 payments during the first 9 terms of master's studies (or the equivalent).

The following elements **are taken into account** in calculating the eligibility period and the maximum number of eligible payments:

- Terms completed on a full-time basis when the scholarship takes effect
- Terms completed on a part-time basis, as specified in the [equivalency table for terms completed on a part-time basis](#)
- The number of terms during which the applicant received financial support from any recognized federal or Québec provincial granting agency (NSERC, CIHR, SSHRC, FRQ), so that the total financial support received does not exceed 6 terms

Conversely, the following elements **are not taken into account**:

- Terms without enrolment
- Terms completed as part of a professional master's program
- Terms completed as part of a research master's program in another discipline

If, by the competition deadline, the applicant is not enrolled in a master's program but plans to begin such studies, they are eligible to apply provided that their program begins no later than the winter 2028 term.

An applicant who has obtained a first research master's degree and wishes to undertake a second may apply provided that the second master's is in another discipline and that the first master's was not funded by the FRQ through its scholarship competitions. The applicant must demonstrate that the funding application for the second master's will be evaluated by a committee different from the one that would have evaluated the application for the first master's. This demonstration must be attached to the "Research title and field" 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 master's programs.

3.3.2 Master's Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree – research reintegration stream

To apply to the research reintegration stream, the applicant must, by the competition deadline, have held an undergraduate university degree for five years or more.

Accordingly, the applicant must meet the following conditions:

- have not been enrolled in a graduate program for at least five years. However, the person may be enrolled in their first term of studies on the competition closing date;
- have not obtained university credits for at least five years.

3.3.3 Exception measures

- **Extension.** An applicant who interrupted or delayed their studies due in particular 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 benefit from an exemption from the rules relating to the eligibility period if they interrupted or delayed their studies due to a disability corresponding to the definition contained in the [Act to secure handicapped persons in the exercise of their rights with a view to achieving social, school and workplace integration](#) (CQLR, c. E-20.1). The maximum duration of the scholarship remains 6 terms at the master's level.

The request for an exception and the supporting documents attesting to the date and duration of the interruption and, where applicable, the rate at which activities were slowed must be submitted with the application (see section 4.2.5). If such an exception is requested, it is recommended that the applicant contact the person responsible for the program before submitting the application form. The Fonds reserves the right to refuse any request to apply exception measures that is insufficiently justified.

3.4 Restrictions

Persons enrolled in certain psychology programs are not eligible (see the [Eligibility of psychology programs](#) page for FRQ scholarships).

In a given year, only one scholarship application may be submitted to one of the following programs, regardless of the sector targeted:

- Master's Research Scholarships (B1)
- Master's Research Scholarships for medical students (B1M)
- Master's Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree in health (B1DP)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships (B2)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for medical students (B2M)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for holders of a professional degree in health (B2DP)
- Postdoctoral Scholarships (B3)
- Postdoctoral Research-Creation Scholarships (B5)

In accordance with section 3.1 of the CGR, several FRQ scholarships cannot be held concurrently.

An applicant who has received or is currently receiving a research scholarship from a Québec or Canadian granting agency (for example, FRQ, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) for the program targeted by the application or for any other master's training program, and whose total value is equal to or greater than the total value of the Fonds scholarship, is not eligible for this competition.

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

3.5 Conditions for using the scholarship outside Québec

In accordance with section 2.1 of the CGR, to use a scholarship outside Québec, the applicant must have:

- Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency, **and**
- a valid Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card by the competition deadline, or proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid by the competition deadline, or, if the applicant is 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 the expired card.

Applicants who meet these two conditions and wish to complete their training outside Québec must make arrangements with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) before departure to ensure that they have a valid RAMQ card for the entire duration of the award.

If either or both of the above conditions are not met, the applicant:

- **must complete their training in Québec.** Continuous physical presence in Québec is then required throughout the funding period, excluding break periods provided for in the university calendar. However, if awarded, travel outside Québec may be authorized if deemed essential to the proper deployment of training-related activities and if it does not exceed 180 days per year or 180 consecutive days. To avail themselves of this provision, the scholarship holder must submit to the FRQ a [request for authorization for a stay outside Québec](#) endorsed by the research supervisor, for approval.
- is **not** eligible to apply for or use the scholarship to undertake joint supervision training with a university outside Québec. Only persons authorized, based on their status, to use the scholarship outside Québec may apply for or use the scholarship as part of joint supervision with a university outside Québec.

An applicant who is not eligible to use the scholarship outside Québec or to undertake joint supervision outside Québec, based on the information and documents submitted in the application, may not claim eligibility during the award period, even if their citizenship or residency status changes during the award period.

4. Application

The electronic application form for the Master's Research Scholarship for holders of a professional degree is available in the Applications area of the [FRQnet portal](#) at least one month before the

competition deadline. Applicants may also consult the various FRQnet guides available in the Documentation tab at the top right of the FRQnet portal — [see in particular the FRQnet portal user guide for applicants to funding programs](#).

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to choose:

- the correct funding program
- the correct form
- within that form, the correct program stream, the appropriate FRQ sector, and the committee they consider relevant for evaluating their application.

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

Applicants wishing to submit an application must ensure that they obtain all required documents and submit the form within the required deadlines. They must also take into account the high volume of support requests sent to the Fonds at the end of the competition period, where applicable.

In accordance with section 3.6 of the CGR, the funding application form must be completed in French. Documents attached to the form may, however, be written in French or English. To ensure fair assessment for all applicants, attached documents must also comply with the presentation standards for attached files and must meet the [presentation standards for attached files](#). Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification of the application without notice.

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

If an attached document is blank, or contains only a QR code or any other type of link that makes it rely solely on online content external to the application, the document will be considered inadmissible and the application may be deemed ineligible. Similarly, if an attached document does not meet the requirements described in the program rules, it will be considered inadmissible and the application may be deemed ineligible.

The applicant is fully responsible for their file. It must be complete and meet each of the program requirements. If any required document is missing, the application will be deemed ineligible. No document received after the competition deadline is considered, and no application update is possible. No document that is not required is submitted to the evaluation committee.

Submitting a funding application entails a commitment to read and comply with the [standards of ethics and integrity](#), the [Open Access Dissemination Policy](#) and the [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#).

4.1 Choice of evaluation committee

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

4.2 Documents required from the applicant

A checklist of documents to be attached is available in the toolbox.

4.2.1 RAMQ card, proof of admission or consent form

Applicants who have Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency must attach to the application form:

- a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card valid by the competition deadline, 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 do not hold Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency, or who do not hold one of the documents listed above, remain eligible for this competition but must complete their training at a Québec university institution. They must then submit one of the following two documents:

- proof of admission to a program of study at a Québec university institution, **or**
- a consent form from the research supervisor at a Québec university institution, according to the procedure described in section 4.3

4.2.2 Transcripts

Any missing, incomplete, illegible, unofficial transcript, transcript without a statement of conformity, or transcript that is not up to date will render the application ineligible.

A copy of all transcripts is required for all university studies undertaken by the applicant, whether completed or not. This includes transcripts obtained through exchange programs or courses that led to equivalencies, where applicable. Transcripts must show all results obtained in all university training completed.

For a **current program of study**, the transcript must:

- be up to date, meaning that it must **have been issued no earlier than July** of the year the competition opens, even if it contains no grades or credits,

and

- show all results obtained in the last term completed before the competition deadline, including the summer term, where applicable

The elements that make a transcript official may differ from one university institution to another. Nevertheless, each transcript must, to be considered official by the Fonds:

- be issued by the university institution concerned, **and**
- include the elements indicating that it is an official transcript for that university institution. This may include the presence of the university seal or the registrar's signature or both, or a statement such as "Official transcript," etc.

A watermark does not make a transcript unofficial provided that the requirements specified above are met. The sealed registrar's envelope containing an official transcript may be opened and its

contents scanned. Transcripts available online must be converted to PDF 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 conduct a verification with the applicant and, if necessary, with the institution concerned.

Other documents to attach, where applicable, in the file with the transcripts:

- For transcripts written in a language other than French or English, the original transcript AND a professional translation certified as true to the original.
- For transcripts obtained outside Canada or the United States, or when the average is expressed on a scale that does not appear in the [Equivalency table](#), a document explaining the grading system in effect and/or demonstrating that the cumulative average obtained is at least equivalent to the required threshold. The document attached to the file must clearly explain the grading system used to allow the FRQ and 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 whether the reasons provided are acceptable.
- 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 the competent authority in the host environment, justifying the absence of transcripts. The Fonds reserves the right to verify whether the reasons provided are acceptable.

4.2.3 History of part-time terms or terms without enrolment and other special enrolment situations

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

- A certificate from the registrar's office indicating the history of terms, or any other official document issued by a competent authority of the university institution specifying the terms completed part time or without enrolment.

Other special situations related to enrolment in the training program for which the scholarship is requested, and that may affect the eligibility period or the maximum number of eligible payments, must also be attested by an official document issued by a competent authority of the institution. The Fonds reserves the right to determine whether the document provided is admissible.

4.2.4 Other documents to attach to the form

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

- **Program of study** (maximum 1 page): applicants must describe their master's program by specifying its objectives, duration, number of credits dedicated to coursework, number of research credits, and whether it leads to a thesis, essay or other requirement.
- **Awards and distinctions** (maximum 1 page): where applicable, applicants must describe the scholarships, awards and distinctions they have received, as well as how they were awarded, specifying in particular whether they were awarded following an excellence-based competition process or on other bases.

- **Integrated presentation of the applicant's pathway** (maximum 1 page): applicants must establish links between their experiences and interests, on the one hand, and their orientation choices, training, academic pathway and professional pathway, on the other. Although no evaluation criterion is associated with it, the integrated presentation of the applicant's pathway may help the evaluation committee better understand, contextualize and assess the applicant's academic record, pathway and contributions. Applicants are not expected to disclose sensitive personal information.
- **Relevant experiences and achievements** (maximum 2 pages): applicants must present and describe experiences and achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) that are relevant to the proposed research and their path.
- **Proposed research** (maximum 1 page): applicants must describe the proposed research (originality, clarity and coherence), the overview of the conceptual framework and the methodological elements, in order to demonstrate its relevance. It is recommended that the research be presented clearly and simply, without undefined jargon or acronyms.
- **Bibliography** (maximum 1 page): applicants must list the full references of the works used in the description of the proposed research. In accordance with section 3.2 of the CGR, hyperlinks to web pages may be included as bibliographic references when relevant.
- **Document for a second master's degree in another discipline** (maximum 1 page, where applicable): applicants who have obtained a first research master's degree and are applying for a second master's degree in another discipline must demonstrate that the project targeted by the application will be evaluated by a committee different from the one that would have evaluated the previous project, in accordance with section 3.4.1. This demonstration must be attached to the "Research title and field" section of the form.

4.2.5 Documents for exception measures

Applicants who wish to avail themselves of an **exception measure concerning the eligibility period** (see section 3.3.3) must provide:

- **Justification for the request to extend or exempt the eligibility period** (maximum 1 page): the applicant must explain the exception request and provide, in the case of an extension request, the dates and duration of interruptions, as well as the rate at which activities were slowed, where applicable. This document must be attached to the "Pre-eligibility" section of the form and **will not be sent 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 duration of the extension to be granted. They must be attached in the "Pre-eligibility" section of the form and **will not be sent to the evaluation committee**.

4.3 Documents required from the research supervisor

This requirement applies only to applicants who must complete their training at a Québec university institution and who are unable to provide proof of admission to a program of study at a university institution. For all other applicants, this document is not mandatory. If an award is granted, however, the scholarship holder will be required to identify, in their FRQnet portal, their research supervisor (see the [rules for using an FRQ master's and doctoral scholarship](#)).

The applicant must identify, in the "Supervision" section of the form, their research supervisor and send them a consent request by clicking the "Send a consent request" button (**that person must**

first create an FRQnet account, if they have not already done so). An email is then sent to the person identified and a consent form is automatically added to the Applications area of their FRQnet portal.

The research supervisor's consent must be submitted beforehand, **before the applicant submits the scholarship application form.** Follow-up is possible at any time in the Applications area of the FRQnet portal, in the Funding section, by clicking the "Consent" button for the scholarship application concerned. The consent status in the FRQnet portal must indicate "Yes" and include a consent date. Otherwise, the applicant will not be able to submit their form and the application will be inadmissible. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the research supervisor with the instructions needed to create an FRQnet account and to ensure that the consent is submitted within the prescribed deadlines.

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

4.4 Eligibility notice

After applications are received, the Fonds verifies their eligibility. A notice will be sent by email, no later than December following the competition deadline, to inform applicants of the result of the eligibility analysis of their application and, where applicable, its transmission to the evaluation committee. An application transmitted to the evaluation committee may nevertheless be declared ineligible at any time.

5. Evaluation

The funding application evaluation process is described in section 4 of the CGR.

Evaluation criteria, sub-criteria and weighting:

Academic record and achievements (50 points)

- Transcript
- Awards and distinctions (awards, distinctions and scholarships received)
- Achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) and relevant experiences (related to the proposed research or the applicant's path)

Interest and potential of the proposed research (45 points)

- Originality, clarity and coherence of the proposed research
- Relevance of the overview of the conceptual framework and methodological elements

Overall presentation of the file (5 points)

Total (100 points)

Only applications that receive a score of 70% or higher may be recommended for the award of a scholarship. However, obtaining a score of 70% does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded, as the number of scholarships granted depends on the available budget.

6. Partnerships

The scholarship may be offered in partnership. To do so, applicants must select, in the “Partnerships” section of the application form, one or more partners whose research areas correspond to their research topic. If an award is granted, the Fonds sends the selected partners the information needed to assess the relevance of the partnership in light of their strategic and research priorities (project title, abstract and research areas). If the applicant’s research project is deemed relevant by one or more partners, the scholarship will be offered in partnership.

6.1 Health sector partners

Partner	Description
Pediatric Research Foundation	Childhood diseases Training scholarships in pediatric research, mainly in the field of childhood disease diagnosis. Scholarship amount: \$27,524 to \$41,823 per year, depending on the year the professional degree was obtained.
Parkinson Québec	Parkinson’s disease Training scholarships whose research topic focuses on Parkinson’s disease.
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society (ALS)	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ALS Quebec aims to support the funding of research projects focused on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
The Unité de soutien au système de santé apprenant (SSA) Québec (the SPOR National Training Entity)	Research conducted with and for patients using 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 (CIHR) Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). The Unit works to continuously improve Québec’s health system and make it a learning system. It mobilizes and equips the network to do things differently and achieve the quintuple aim by fostering partnership work, integrating science and innovations, and facilitating change. Its province-wide team deploys its expertise by offering training, consulting, tools, facilitation and networking: • It builds scientific and experiential knowledge • It offers tailored support to project leads in the network • It orchestrates continuous quality improvement The National Training Entity (NTE), also an integral component of CIHR’s SPOR, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a research environment focused on partnership with and for patients, and that is collaborative and interdisciplinary. The

	NTE provides responses to evolving health care questions, thereby helping to improve the patient experience. The scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the National Training Entity enable award holders to develop their skills and gain research experience with and for patients, to network, and to work interdisciplinarily with people and organizations active in health using a learning health system approach.
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7. Announcement of results

Competition results are announced at the end of April. In accordance with section 5.2 of the CGR, a person who receives a funding offer must indicate whether they accept or decline it no later than 30 days after the notice is posted in the FRQnet portal. A funding offer declined by the applicant cannot be reactivated.

8. Effective date of the scholarship

The scholarship must take effect **between May 1 of the year of the offer and January 1 of the following year**. The duration of funding is determined based on the information provided in the scholarship application. No increase in the duration of funding is authorized.

9. Rules for using the scholarship

To learn about the rules that apply if an award is granted, the person who receives a scholarship offer must consult the [rules for using an FRQ master's and doctoral scholarship](#). The applicant is nevertheless required to familiarize themselves with them as of the scholarship application stage and to keep them for future reference, should an award be granted. To retain the scholarship, the award holder must fully comply with the eligibility requirements and the rules in effect at the time the application is submitted.

The technical procedures related to managing the award can be found in the [scholarship user guide](#), made available when the results are announced.