

Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree 2027–2028 (B2DP) – Regular component and Return to Research component

<u>Competition launch date:</u> July 2026	<u>Announcement of results:</u> Late April 2027	<u>Amount:</u> from \$25,024 to \$39,323 per year
<u>Deadline (application):</u> September 29, 2026, 4:00 p.m. (EST)	<u>Funding start year:</u> 2027–2028	<u>Duration of funding:</u> Maximum 12 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 read 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.

The scholarship application must be submitted in the Application Space 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. **At the competition deadline, September 29, 2026 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 showing another status will be deemed ineligible.** It is impossible to submit an application or add a document to the application after the competition deadline.

Questions about the program rules?

- Health sector: boursesdoc.sante@frq.gouv.qc.ca, 514-873-2114, ext. 4254

Technical questions about the application form?

- 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 make every effort to handle each request carefully. 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 commitment marked the starting point of a strategic initiative: the Evolution of Research Excellence Assessment (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 and [Indigenous knowledge](#). By aligning its directions with these principles, the FRQ is engaged in a gradual process of adapting and transforming assessment practices.

Overview of the application evaluation process



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1. Objectives

The training scholarships of the Fonds de recherche du Québec aim to help ensure a new generation of students in all research sectors: natural sciences, mathematics and engineering (Nature and technologies), human health (Health), social sciences and humanities, arts and literature (Society and culture).

More specifically, the doctoral scholarship aims to:

- Stimulate student interest in research
 - Support research excellence by providing financial assistance to the strongest applicants as they begin or continue a doctoral research program
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2. Features

2.1 Scholarship value and duration

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

The maximum amount that may be awarded ranges from \$100,096 to \$157,292, corresponding to 12 terms of funding (12 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 at the time of application. It is awarded by each FRQ sector to the ten applications that received the highest ranking across all evaluation committees. Applicants must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency **and** have a valid RAMQ card (see section 3.5). 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

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements. If funding is awarded, the conditions described in sections 3.1 and 3.5 must be met throughout the entire scholarship period.

3.1 Basic requirements

In accordance with section 2.1 of the CGR, to be eligible to submit a scholarship application, the applicant must have:

- Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency, **and**

- a valid Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card at 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 at 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 study program 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 pursue joint supervision training with a university outside Québec (see section 3.5).

3.2 Target applicants

This program is intended for applicants who:

- hold a university professional degree in human health and are members of a Québec professional order, association or federation related to human health when the scholarship takes effect and throughout the scholarship period

OR

- are resident physicians recognized by the Collège des médecins du Québec who wish to partially interrupt their clinical training in order to acquire research training and who hold a valid training card when the scholarship takes effect and throughout the scholarship period

Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree – Regular component: the regular component is intended for applicants who wish to begin or continue a doctoral research program in one of the fields covered by the Fonds.

Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree – Return to Research component: the return to research component is intended for applicants who wish to return to the research environment by pursuing doctoral research studies in one of the fields covered by the Fonds.

To be considered a “research” program, a doctoral program must lead to the writing of a thesis. The following are not accepted: an essay, a research report, a dissertation or an article, for example. Professional doctoral programs are not eligible.

Important note for applicants who are not members of a Québec professional body, association or federation relating to human health are encouraged to apply for this award program, if they are eligible:

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

3.3 Eligibility period

3.3.1 Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree – Regular component

To apply to the regular component, the applicant **must have been enrolled in a doctoral program for a maximum of 14 full-time terms before May 1, 2027.**

Direct entry from a bachelor's degree to a doctorate or fast-track transfer from a master's degree to a doctorate: an applicant who enters directly from a bachelor's degree into a doctorate, or who fast-tracks into a doctorate without obtaining a master's degree, must have been enrolled for a maximum of 20 full-time terms in the graduate program(s) concerned by the direct or fast-track pathway before May 1, 2027. The applicant may first submit an application to the [Master's Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree](#) competition, if eligible.

If funding is awarded, the award holder may receive a maximum of 12 payments within the first 15 terms of doctoral studies (or equivalent). To determine the maximum number of eligible payments, the FRQ subtracts the terms already completed in the doctoral program when the scholarship takes effect from the number of terms during which the scholarship may be paid (15 terms).

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

- Full-time terms completed when the scholarship takes effect
- Part-time terms completed, as specified in the [Equivalency Table for Part-Time Terms Completed](#)
- The number of terms during which the applicant received financial support from any recognized Canadian federal or Québec provincial granting agency (NSERC, CIHR, SSHRC, FRQ), so that the total financial support received does not exceed 12 terms

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

- Terms without enrolment
- Terms completed as part of a professional doctorate
- Terms completed as part of a research doctorate in another discipline

If, at the competition deadline, the applicant is not enrolled in a doctoral program but plans to begin such studies, they are eligible to submit an application provided that their program begins no later than the winter 2028 term.

An applicant who has obtained a first research doctorate and wishes to undertake a second may submit an application provided that the second doctorate is in another discipline and that the first doctorate was not funded by the FRQ through its training scholarship competitions. The applicant must demonstrate that the funding application for the second doctorate will be evaluated by a committee different from the one that would have evaluated the application for the first doctorate. 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 doctorates.

3.3.2 Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree – Return to Research component

To apply to the return to research component, the applicant must, at the competition deadline, have held an undergraduate or master's 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 term of studies on the competition closing date;
- have 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 receive an exemption from the rules relating to the eligibility period if they interrupted or delayed their studies because of a disability corresponding to the definition set out 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 12 doctoral terms.

The request for an exception, as well as supporting documents confirming the date and duration of the interruption and the rate at which activities slowed, where applicable, 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 for the application of exception measures that is insufficiently justified.

3.4 Restrictions

Individuals enrolled in certain psychology programs are not eligible (consult the [Eligibility of Psychology Programs](#) page for FRQ training scholarships).

In the same year, only **one scholarship application may be submitted to one of the following programs, regardless of the target sector**:

- Master's Research Scholarships (B1)
- Master's Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B1M)
- Master's Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree in Health (B1DP)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships (B2)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B2M)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree in Health (B2DP)
- Postdoctoral Scholarships (B3)
- Postdoctoral Research-Creation Scholarships (B5)

In accordance with section 3.1 of the CGR, it is not possible to hold several FRQ training scholarships 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 doctoral 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.

An applicant requesting a scholarship to complete preparatory studies is not eligible.

3.5 Conditions for using the scholarship outside Québec

In accordance with section 2.1 of the CGR, to use a training 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 at 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 at the competition deadline, proof that a new card has been requested from the RAMQ and a copy of the expired card.

An applicant who meets these two conditions and wishes to complete their training outside Québec must make arrangements with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) before leaving, to ensure that they have a valid RAMQ card for the entire funding period.

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 required throughout the funding period, excluding break periods provided for in the university calendar. However, if funding is awarded, travel outside Québec may be authorized if it is deemed essential to the proper deployment of training-related activities and does not exceed 180 days per year or 180 consecutive days. To use 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 pursue joint supervision training with a university outside Québec.** Only individuals 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 pursue joint supervision outside Québec, based on the information and documents submitted in the application, may not claim eligibility for this during the funding period, even if their citizenship or residency status changes during the funding period.

4. Application

The electronic application form for the Doctoral Research Scholarship for Individuals Holding a Professional Degree is available in the Application Space of the [FRQnet portal](#) at least one month before the competition deadline. Applicants may also consult the various guides about FRQnet available in the Documentation tab located at the top right of the FRQnet portal — including the [FRQnet Portal User Guide for applicants to funding programs](#).

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to select:

- the correct funding program
- the correct form
- within that form, the correct program component, 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 component, sector or evaluation committee to another.

Applicants who wish to submit an application must ensure that they obtain all required documents and submit the form within the prescribed deadlines. They must also take into account the high volume of support requests sent to the Fonds near 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 evaluation for all applicants, attached documents must also comply with 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 certified professional translation that conforms 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 will be considered, and no update to the application is possible. No document that is not required will be 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 [Policy on the Responsible Conduct of Research](#).

4.1 Choice of evaluation committee

The applicant selects the evaluation committee that will assess their application (see the list of evaluation committees for the Health sector).

4.2 Documents required from the applicant

A checklist of documents to attach 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 at the competition deadline, or
- proof that a card has been requested from the RAMQ and will be valid at the competition deadline, or
- if the applicant is in the process of renewing their RAMQ card at the competition deadline, proof that a new card has been requested from the RAMQ and a copy of the expired card.

In accordance with section 3.5 of these rules, applicants who do not have Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent residency, or who do not have 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 study program 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 transcript that is missing, incomplete, illegible, unofficial, does not include a statement of conformity, or 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 as part of exchange programs or courses that led to equivalencies, where applicable. Transcripts must show all results obtained in all university training completed.

For an **ongoing study program**, the transcript must:

- be up to date, meaning that it must **have been issued no earlier than July** of the year in which the competition opens, even if it contains no grades or credits, **and**
- show all results obtained in the last completed term 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 be deemed official by the Fonds:

- be issued by the university institution concerned, **and**

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

A watermark does not, in itself, make a transcript unofficial if the requirements specified above are met. The registrar's sealed 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 verify it with the applicant and, if necessary, with the institution concerned.

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

- For transcripts written in a language other than French or English, the original transcript AND a certified professional translation that conforms to the original.
- For transcripts obtained outside Canada and the United States, a document explaining the grading system in effect. The document attached to the file must very clearly explain the grading system used, so that the evaluation committee can properly understand the transcripts.
- If no transcripts are issued, an explanatory document from the institution (registrar's office or equivalent administrative authority) specifying the reasons why the transcripts are missing. The Fonds reserves the right to verify the admissibility of the reasons provided.
- 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 in the host environment, justifying the absence of transcripts. The Fonds reserves the right to verify the admissibility of the reasons provided.

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

Applicants who have been enrolled part time or who were not 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 term history, 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 which may affect the eligibility period or the maximum number of eligible payments, must also be certified by an official document issued by a competent authority of the institution. The Fonds reserves the right to determine the admissibility of the document provided.

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:

- **Recognitions** (maximum 1 page): applicants must, where applicable, describe the scholarships, awards and distinctions they have received, as well as the conditions under which they were awarded, specifying whether they were granted through an excellence-based competition process or on another basis.

- **Integrated presentation of the pathway** (maximum 1 page): applicants must draw connections between their experiences and interests, on the one hand, and their orientation choices, training, academic path and professional path, on the other. Although no evaluation criterion is associated with it, the integrated presentation of the 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 4 pages): applicants must present and describe their experiences and achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) that are relevant to their research project and pathway. They must also highlight their capacity for engagement and leadership (inside and outside academia) and their ability to foster dialogue between science and society.
- **Research project** (maximum 2 pages): applicants must describe their research project. They must demonstrate the project's originality and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge, the clarity and coherence of the research problem, the relevance of the conceptual framework and methodology, and the feasibility of the project and realism of the timeline. It is recommended that the project be presented clearly and simply, without jargon or undefined acronyms.
- **Bibliography** (maximum 1 page): applicants must list the complete 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, in the manner of bibliographic references, where relevant.
- **Document for a second doctorate in another discipline** (maximum 1 page, where applicable): applicants who have obtained a first research doctorate in another discipline must demonstrate that the project targeted by the application will be evaluated by an evaluation committee different from the one that would have evaluated the previous project, in accordance with section 3.3.1. 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 make use of an **exception measure concerning the eligibility period** (see section 3.3.3) must provide:

- **Justification for the request to extend or be exempted from the eligibility period** (maximum 1 page): the applicant must explain the exception request and, in the case of a request for extension, provide the dates and duration of interruptions, as well as the rate at which activities 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, recognition of disability, child's birth certificate, caregiver tax credit application, official employer document or letter, 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 section applies only to applicants who are required to complete their training at a Québec university institution and who are unable to provide proof of admission to a study program at a university institution. For all other applicants, this document is not mandatory. If funding is awarded, however, the award holder will be required to identify, in their FRQnet portal, the person supervising their research (see the [rules for using an FRQ master's and doctoral scholarship](#)).

The applicant must identify, in the “Supervision” section of the form, the person supervising their research and send them a consent request by clicking the “Send a consent request” button (**this person must first create an FRQnet account, if they have not already done so**). An email is then sent to the identified person, and a consent form is automatically added to the Application Space of their FRQnet portal.

The consent of the person supervising the research must be submitted beforehand, **before the applicant submits the scholarship application form**. Follow-up can be carried out at any time in the Application Space 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 the form and the application will be inadmissible. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide the person supervising the research with the necessary instructions 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 person supervising the research, it can no longer be modified.

4.4 Eligibility notice

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

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)

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

6. Partnership scholarships

The scholarship may be offered in partnership. To do so, the applicant must select, in the “Partnerships” section of the application form, one or more partners whose research areas correspond to their research topic. They must also ensure that they meet the conditions set out in the partner description, where applicable. If funding is awarded, the Fonds will send the selected partners the information needed to assess the relevance of the partnership in light of their strategic and research priorities (project title, abstract, research areas and bibliography). If the applicant’s research project is deemed relevant and selected by one or more partners, the scholarship will be offered in partnership.

Partner	Description
Pediatric Research Foundation	Childhood diseases Excellence scholarships in pediatric research, primarily in the field of childhood disease diagnosis. Scholarship amount: \$29,024 to \$43,323 per year, depending on the year in which the professional degree was obtained.
Parkinson Québec	Parkinson’s disease Training scholarships whose research topic focuses on Parkinson’s disease.

Partner	Description
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Multiple sclerosis Applicants must also submit an application to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society (ALS)	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ALS Quebec aims to support the funding of research projects focused on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
Quebec Support Unit for the Learning Health System (LHS) (the SPOR National Training Entity)	Research conducted with and for patients in a learning health system approach The Quebec Support Unit for the Learning Health System (LHS) is a provincial unit of the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). 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 promoting partnership-based work, the integration of science and innovation, and change facilitation. 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 part of CIHR's SPOR, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a partnership-oriented, collaborative and interdisciplinary research environment with and for patients. The NTE provides responses to evolving questions in health care, thereby helping 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 experience in research with and for patients, to network and to work interdisciplinarily with people and organizations working in health from a learning health system perspective.

7. Announcement of results

The competition results are announced at the end of April. In accordance with Section 5.2 of the CGR, applicants who are offered funding are required to indicate their acceptance or refusal within 30 days after the notice is posted to the FRQnet portal. Once a funding offer has been refused by the applicant it cannot be reactivated.

8. Scholarship start date

The scholarship must begin **between May 1 of the year of the offer and January 1 of the following year**. The duration of funding is determined based on information provided in the scholarship application. It is not possible to increase the duration of funding.

9. Rules for using the scholarship

The rules that apply once a scholarship has been awarded are set out in the [rules for the use of FRQ scholarships](#). Applicants should read these rules before applying and keep them for future reference should they be awarded a scholarship. To retain the scholarship, awardees must meet all eligibility requirements and the program rules in effect at the time of application.

Technical procedures relating to the management of the scholarship are provided in the [scholarship user guide](#), which will be made available when the results are announced.