

Postdoctoral Scholarships 2027-2028 (B3)

<u>Competition launch date:</u> July 2026	<u>Announcement of results:</u> End of April 2027	<u>Annual amount:</u> \$45,000
<u>Deadline (application):</u> October 8, 2026, 16:00 (EST)	<u>Scholarship start year:</u> 2027-2028	<u>Duration of funding:</u> Maximum 2 years

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 additional details and information that supplement the CGR. In the event of any discrepancy with the CGR, the program rules shall prevail.

A PDF version and an accessible version of these rules are available in the Toolbox [in French only].

Postdoctoral scholarship applications must be submitted via the Application space of the [FRQnet portal](#), the transactional interface used by the FRQ for the submission of funding applications and the management of awards. To submit an application, the applicant must first create an FRQnet account. **At the competition deadline of October 8, 2026 at 16:00, the status of the application in the Application space of the FRQnet portal must be "Submitted to the Fonds". An application with any other status will be inadmissible.** It is impossible to submit an application, or add a document to the application, after the competition deadline.

Questions about the program rules?

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- Health sector: boursespdoc.sante@frq.gouv.qc.ca
- Society and Culture sector: bourspost.sc@frq.gouv.qc.ca

Technical questions about the application form?

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

The FRQ receives an extremely high volume of emails and calls in the weeks leading up to the competition deadline. This may result in longer than usual response times for support requests. Our teams do their utmost 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 for a strategic project: the Evolution of Research Excellence Assessment (E3R).

Through this project, the FRQ is promoting a qualitative approach to research assessment supported by the responsible use of quantitative indicators to recognize the diversity of research contributions including the diversity of knowledge, such as [Indigenous knowledge](#). By aligning its policies with these principles, the FRQ is committed to a gradual process of adapting and transforming assessment practices.

Overview of the application evaluation process

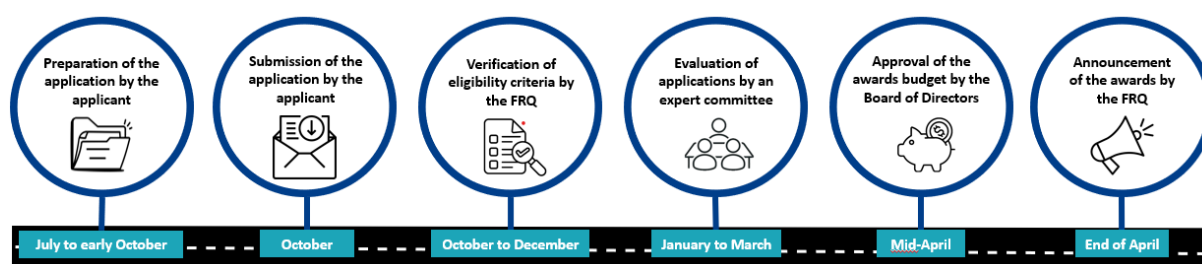


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1. Objectives

The objective of the training awards offered by the Fonds de recherche du Québec is to help support new generations of students in all sectors of research: natural sciences, mathematics and engineering (Nature and Technologies), human health (Health), humanities, social sciences, art and letters (Society and Culture).

More specifically, the Postdoctoral Scholarship aims to:

- Encourage new doctoral graduates to further their training and broaden their field of research
- Foster mobility towards stimulating and dynamic scientific environments;
- Facilitate integration into new networks and the development of new collaborations
- Encourage the acquisition of new skills, such as the ability to facilitate dialogue between science and society
- Attract and retain top talent in Québec.

2. Features

2.1. Value and duration of the scholarship

The annual value of the postdoctoral scholarship is **\$45,000**.

Its duration is a minimum of **6 months** and a maximum of **2 years**, for a total of up to \$90,000. Applicants must indicate, in the application form, the duration within this period that will be required to complete their project. If the scholarship is awarded, the duration indicated will be used to determine the amount of the scholarship.

2.2. Supplement for host environment outside Québec

This supplement of \$10,000 per year is **only available** to applicants who indicate a host environment outside Québec in their application. If the scholarship is awarded, the supplement will be granted if the awardee's place of residence is outside Québec (see Section 3.4 for conditions governing the use of the scholarship outside Québec).

In the case of a co-supervising institution outside Québec, the annual supplement is conditional on the awardee spending a minimum of 180 days per year at the co-supervising institution.

Awardees who are eligible for this supplement are also entitled to reimbursement of certain travel expenses (see Section 9 of the [rules for the use of FRQ postdoctoral scholarships](#)).

3. Eligibility requirements

Applicants must comply with the following eligibility requirements. If the scholarship is awarded, awardees must meet the conditions described in Sections 3.1 and 3.4 to 3.6 throughout the duration of the scholarship.

3.1. Basic requirements

In accordance with Section 2.1 of the CGR, to be eligible to apply for a postdoctoral scholarship, applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or Canadian permanent resident, **and**
- have a Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card that is valid at the competition deadline, or proof of application for a RAMQ card and that the card will be valid at the competition deadline or, if they are in the process of renewing their RAMQ card at the competition deadline, proof that a new card has been requested from RAMQ and a copy of the old (expired) card.

Applicants who do not meet one or both of the above conditions are still eligible to apply, provided they submit a consent form and letter of acceptance from their research supervisor (see Section 4.3). In addition, they must carry out their postdoctoral internship in Québec (see Section 3.4).

3.2. Eligibility period

To be eligible for a postdoctoral scholarship, applicants must, at the competition deadline:

- have obtained a doctoral degree within the last two years, or
- plan to submit their doctoral thesis no later than **March 1, 2028**.

If the awardee holds more than one research doctorate, the date of the most recent doctorate will be used to determine eligibility.

Exceptions:

- **Extension:** Applicants who have interrupted or delayed their research training after obtaining their doctorate for reasons such as parental leave, major family obligations, bereavement, a career period outside the research community or health reasons may be granted an eligibility period extension. In the case of an interruption for parental leave, family, bereavement or health reasons, the extension granted is equivalent to **twice the duration of the leave of absence**. In the case of an interruption for a career period outside the research community, the extension granted corresponds to **the duration of the interruption**. In the case of a slowdown, the FRQ will determine the duration of the extension based on the supporting documents provided with the application.
- **Exemption:** Applicants who have interrupted or delayed their research training because of a disability may be granted an eligibility period exemption.

However, a given individual may not apply for a postdoctoral scholarship more than twice after obtaining a doctorate. This exemption is only available to awardees who meet the definition of “handicapped person” 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).

Exception requests and supporting documents attesting to the date, the duration of the interruption and the rate of slowdown of activities, where applicable, must be submitted with the application form (see Section 4.2.4). Applicants wishing to request such an exception are advised to contact the program manager before submitting their application form. The FRQ reserves the right to refuse any exception request that is not adequately justified.

3.3. Restrictions

Applicants may only submit an application to **one of the following programs, regardless of sector**, in any given year:

- Master’s Research Scholarships (B1)
- Master’s Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B1M)
- Master’s Research Scholarships for People with a Professional Health Degree (B1DP)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships (B2)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for Medical Students (B2M)
- Doctoral Research Scholarships for People with a Professional Health Degree (B2DP)
- Postdoctoral Research Scholarships (B3)
- Postdoctoral Research-Creation Scholarships (B5)

In accordance with Section 3.1 of the CGR, it is not possible to concurrently hold more than one FRQ training award.

Applicants who have received or are currently receiving a postdoctoral award from a Québec or Canadian granting agency (e.g., FRQ, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) are not eligible for this competition.

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the GCR, applicants who hold a regular professorial position at a university are ineligible for this program.

3.4. Conditions for using the scholarship outside Québec

In accordance with Section 2.1 of the CGR, to use a training award outside Québec, awardees must:

- be a Canadian citizen or Canadian permanent resident, **and**
- have a Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card that is valid at the competition deadline, or proof of application for a RAMQ card and that the card will be valid at the competition deadline or, if they are in the process of

renewing their RAMQ card at the competition deadline, proof that a new card has been requested from RAMQ and a copy of the old (expired) card.

Awardees who do not meet both of the above conditions are required to carry out their postdoctoral internship in Québec and must therefore indicate a host environment in Québec in their application form. This applies to both the supervising and the co-supervising institutions, where applicable. In this case, the applicant's continuous physical presence in Québec is required throughout the duration of funding, excluding break periods listed in the university calendar.

However, if the scholarship is awarded, travel outside Québec may be allowed if it is deemed essential for the proper implementation of activities related to the postdoctoral internship and it does not exceed 180 days per year or 180 consecutive days. To avail themselves of this option, awardees must submit a [request for authorization to travel outside Québec](#), signed by their research supervisor, to the FRQ for approval.

Awardees who are not eligible to use their postdoctoral scholarship outside Québec based on the information and documents provided in the application will remain ineligible throughout the funding period, even if their citizenship or residency status changes.

3.5. Choice of host environment(s)

The proposed host environment(s) must enable applicants to join new networks in order to enhance their research prospects and develop collaborative relationships in a quality scientific environment. The FRQ encourages mobility, whether within Québec, outside Québec or internationally, when permitted by the program's eligibility requirements.

The supervising institution must be different from the awarding institution or the co-supervising/cotutelle institution (if applicable) of the applicant's doctoral degree.

The co-supervising institution may be a university; a university-affiliated service centre; a company; a public, parapublic, community, private or practice sector organization; or any other setting deemed appropriate. Again, the institution **must be different** from the awarding institution or the co-supervising/cotutelle institution (if applicable) of the doctoral degree.

The applicant must plan to be present at the supervising institution or co-supervising institution throughout the duration of the internship. However, field research and data collection trips are permitted, subject to the eligibility requirements for the use of the scholarship outside Québec. When field research or data collection trips exceed six months, a co-supervision agreement must be formalized in the application (see Section 4.3).

Exceptions:

An applicant whose mobility is considerably restricted for medical reasons or because of a disability or major family obligations may be permitted to carry out the postdoctoral research at the same institution that awarded the doctoral degree. The exception request and supporting documents must be submitted with the application form (see Section 4.2.4). Applicants wishing to request such an exception are advised to contact the program manager before submitting their application form. The FRQ reserves the right to refuse any exception request that is not adequately justified.

3.6. Supervision and co-supervision

The postdoctoral internship must be supervised by a person whose position or university affiliation qualifies them to act as the sole supervisor of graduate students and independently lead research projects.

The postdoctoral internship may also be co-supervised. If so, the applicant must indicate this on the application form. Co-supervision must be provided by a person who holds a regular university position or a full-time paid position in a university-affiliated service centre; a company; a public, parapublic, community, private or practice sector organization; or any other setting deemed appropriate. The co-supervisor's expertise must be considered relevant to the postdoctoral internship.

Furthermore, supervision and co-supervision may not be provided by the applicant's doctoral research supervisor, or by a person affiliated with the institution where the applicant's doctoral studies were carried out.

Supervision and co-supervision of the postdoctoral internship come with a commitment to responsible research conduct, to upholding ethics and integrity standards, and to encouraging the applicant's own commitment to ethical and responsible research conduct.

Exception:

In exceptional circumstances, supervision or co-supervision of the postdoctoral internship by the supervisor or co-supervisor of the applicant's doctoral studies may be permitted. In such cases, the applicant must demonstrate that it is impossible for the postdoctoral internship to be supervised or co-supervised by another person, notably because of considerable mobility restrictions due to medical reasons, a disability or major family obligations. The exception request and supporting documents must be submitted with the application form (see Section 4.2.4). Applicants wishing to request such an exception are advised to contact the program manager before submitting their application form. The FRQ reserves the right to refuse any exception request that is not adequately justified.

4. Application

The electronic Postdoctoral Scholarship application form is available in the Application space of the [FRQnet portal](#) no later than one month before the competition deadline. Applicants can also consult the various FRQnet guides available in the Documentation tab at the top right of the FRQnet portal. In particular, they can refer to the [FRQnet portal user guide](#).

Applicants are solely responsible for choosing:

- the right funding program
- the right application form
- within this form, the appropriate sector of the FRQ and the review committee they deem most appropriate for the evaluation of their application.

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

Applicants must obtain all the required documents and submit the form within the required deadline. Applicants must also anticipate and consider the high volume of funding applications support requests received by the FRQ near the competition deadline.

In accordance with Section 3.6 of the CGR, the application form must be completed in French. Documents attached to the form may be written in French or English. To ensure equitable evaluation for all applicants, documents submitted must also respect the [presentation standards for PDF attachments](#). Failure to meet these requirements may result in the application being disqualified without prior notice.

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

Applicants are entirely responsible for their application, which must be complete and meet all program requirements. The absence of any required documents will render the application ineligible. No documents received after the competition deadline will be considered and applications cannot be updated. No document that was not requested will be sent to the review committee.

The submission of a funding application implies a commitment to read and abide by the [standards of ethics and integrity](#), the [Open Access Dissemination Policy](#) and the [Policy for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#).

4.1. Selecting the sector and review committee

Applicants select the sector and the review committee that will evaluate their application. To choose the sector, applicants should consult the list of FRQ research

areas ([Nature and Technologies sector](#), [Health sector](#), [Society and Culture sector](#)) and the [guidelines for applying for a training award](#). To choose a review committee, applicants should consult the [list of review committees](#) for the chosen sector.

4.2. Documents required from the applicant

A checklist of documents to be attached with the application can be found in the Toolbox.

To streamline the process, the integrated background presentation is no longer required. As its content duplicates that of the descriptive CV, relevant details of the applicant's background should now be included in Section 1 of the descriptive CV (see Section 4.2.2).

4.2.1. RAMQ card

Applicants who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada must provide:

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

In accordance with Section 3.4 of these rules, applicants who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, or do not have one of the documents listed above, are still eligible for this competition, but must carry out their postdoctoral internship at a Québec university.

4.2.2. Curriculum vitae

Applicants must attach the FRQ descriptive CV to their application form. The descriptive CV must be completed directly online in the "CV-FRQ" section of the Application space of their FRQnet portal, following the instructions provided there.

The document can be no longer than 6 pages (or 5 pages if in English).

The information provided in this descriptive CV must be updated annually and align with the **program's objectives** (Section 1) and **evaluation criteria** (Section 5). Accordingly, it is recommended that the information be clearly structured (e.g. subsections corresponding to the relevant evaluation criteria or sub-criteria, short paragraphs, descriptive lists, use of bold and italics, etc.) so as to highlight elements that are pertinent to the evaluation.

It should be noted that certain elements relating to the applicant's background and skills are required in the postdoctoral scholarship application form, including academic background, doctoral thesis, honours, language skills, and employment

history. It is advisable to avoid duplication between the CV and the application form, unless such duplication provides useful insight for the review committee.

Finally, to help the review committee better understand, contextualize and assess the applicant's contributions, the applicant may use the first section of the descriptive CV ("Background and skills") to describe the links between their experiences and interests on the one hand, and their career choices, training, academic and professional background on the other. Applicants are not expected to disclose any sensitive personal information.

For more information on the FRQ descriptive CV, please refer to the ["FRQ CV" page](#).

4.2.3. Other documents to attach to the form

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

- **Previous research** (maximum 1 page): the title, abstract and stage of completion of the applicant's doctoral thesis, as well as the link between the thesis topic and the postdoctoral research project, if applicable. If the applicant has already begun or completed a postdoctoral program, this section must also indicate the link between it and the project that is the subject of this application. Although not graded, the "Recherche antérieure [Previous research]" section can help the review committee to better assess the research project and to modulate its expectations regarding achievements based on the applicant's stage of study.
- **Honours** (maximum 1 page): a list of any scholarships, prizes and distinctions received and how they were awarded, including whether they were awarded following an excellence-based competition process or by other means.
- **Research project** (maximum 4 pages): a 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. It is recommended that the research be presented in a clear and simple manner, without jargon or undefined acronyms.
- **Bibliography** (maximum 2 pages): full references of the works used in the description of the research project. In accordance with Section 3.2 of the CGR, links to web pages may be included as bibliographic references where relevant.
- **Justification and suitability of host environment** (maximum 1 page): justification of the choice and suitability of the supervising or co-supervising institution for carrying out the research project, including the integration plan. Must also demonstrate the added value of this environment for the development of the applicant's career plan. To this end, it is recommended that the following be addressed:

- the elements that make this supervising or co-supervising institution particularly suitable for the completion of the applicant's research project and conducive to their integration;
- how the supervising or co-supervising institution will help the applicant join new networks, develop new collaborations, acquire new skills and broaden their research perspectives, in keeping with the program's objectives.

4.2.4. Documents for exception requests

Applicants seeking an **eligibility period exception** (see Section 3.2) must provide:

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

Applicants seeking an **exception regarding the supervising or co-supervising institution** (see sections 3.5 and 3.6) must provide:

- **Justification of the exception** (maximum 1 page): the applicant must demonstrate having considerable mobility restrictions due to medical reasons, a disability or major family obligations. The applicant must also demonstrate that it is impossible for the postdoctoral internship to be carried out at an institution other than the one that awarded the doctorate, or to be supervised by a person other than the doctoral supervisor. This document must be attached in the "Préadmissibilité [Pre-eligibility]" section of the form and **will not be sent to the review committee**.
- **Supporting documents** (maximum 5 pages): e.g., medical certificate, disability certificate, child's birth certificate, caregiver tax credit application, official document or letter from employer, etc. These documents must be attached in the "Préadmissibilité [Pre-eligibility]" section of the form and **will not be sent to the review committee**. Any supporting document for an exception request submitted in a language other than French or English must be accompanied by a translation.

4.3. Documents required from the (co)supervisor

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

The postdoctoral supervisor, and co-supervisor where applicable, must also attach, in the Application space of their FRQnet portal, a **letter of acceptance** (max. 2 pages for each letter). The FRQ expects the postgraduate supervisor and, where applicable, the co-supervisor, to support the development of the applicant’s future career. **The letter of acceptance attached to the form is not a letter of recommendation.** It should contain only the following information:

- how the applicant’s research project fits in with the (co)supervisor’s research activities
- the type of supervision offered to the applicant and the activities planned to promote their integration
- the material resources available to the applicant for carrying out the project.

The letter of acceptance from the (co)supervisor is expected to include standard features of an official document (institutional letterhead, signature).

The consent form(s) and letter(s) must be submitted before the applicant submits the scholarship application form.

This can be checked at any time in the “Milieu d’accueil [Host environment]” section of the application form: if the (co)supervisor has submitted the consent form and letter, a submission date will appear in the “Statut du consentement et de la lettre d'acceptation” [Consent and letter of acceptance status]” column. If this is not the case, 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 research supervisor, and co-supervisor where applicable, with the necessary instructions for creating an FRQnet account, and to ensure that the consent form(s) and letter(s) of acceptance are submitted within the prescribed deadline.

No further changes can be made to the consent form and letter once they have been submitted by the research supervisor.

4.4. Eligibility notice

All applications received by the FRQ are assessed for eligibility. Applicants will receive an email notification no later than December following the competition deadline, informing them of the result of the eligibility assessment of their application

and, where applicable, its transmission to the review committee. Applications sent to the review committee may nevertheless be determined to be 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 (35 points)

- 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 (50 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

Host environment (15 points)

- Justification and suitability of the host environment(s) chosen for the project, including the integration plan
- Added value for the development of the applicant's career plan

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. For this, applicants must select, in the "Partenariats [Partnerships]" section of the application form, one or more partners whose research areas are in line with their research theme. **They must also ensure that they meet the conditions set out in the partner description, where applicable.** If the scholarship is awarded, the FRQ sends the selected partners the information needed to assess the relevance of the partnership to their strategic and research priorities (project title, abstract, areas of research, bibliography). If the applicant's research project is deemed relevant and selected by one or more partners, the scholarship will be offered in partnership.

6.1.Partner – Nature and Technologies sector

Partner	Description
SSA Québec Support Unit (SPOR National Training Entity)	Research with and for patients in a learning health system approach The SSA Québec Support Unit is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)’s national Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) network. The Unit works to continuously improve Québec’s healthcare 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 work, the integration of science and innovation, and the facilitation of change. Its pan-Québec team deploys its expertise in training, consulting, tools, facilitation and networking to: • Build scientific and experiential knowledge • Offer à la carte support to project leaders in the network • Orchestrate continuous quality improvement. The National Training Entity (NTE), also part of CIHR’s SPOR, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on partnering with and for patients. NTE provides answers to changing healthcare questions, helping to improve the patient experience. The scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the SPOR National Training Entity enable scholarship holders to hone their skills and gain experience in research with and for patients, to network, and to work across disciplines with different healthcare professionals and organizations in a learning health system approach.
Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)	Research scholarships on issues surrounding the legalization of cannabis for non-medical purposes These scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the MSSS support scholarship holders who are conducting research into issues surrounding the legalization and use of cannabis for non-medical purposes. “Non-medical purposes” is understood to mean any consumption of cannabis that is not authorized and supervised by a healthcare professional. As such, the dynamics of cannabis use for self-care constitutes an eligible research topic.

	However, research pursuing the following objectives is not eligible under this program: 1) Assessing potential therapeutic effects, outcomes or indications; 2) Assessing efficacy in the treatment of a pathological condition, symptoms or ailment. Through this scholarship offer, the MSSS wishes to support the development of the next generation of researchers who will contribute to advancing knowledge on at least one of the following aspects within the Québec population: • the impacts of cannabis on health; • support for the development of public policy; • support for the implementation of interventions for risk prevention, health protection, harm reduction and the reduction of social inequalities in health, in relation to the non-medical use of cannabis. The scholarships also aim to encourage knowledge sharing through knowledge mobilization and scientific dissemination activities. Applicants whose applications are recommended for funding by the FRQ and deemed relevant by the partner – following a relevance assessment managed by the FRQ – may be awarded a scholarship offered in partnership with the MSSS. They may also be invited, for networking purposes, to attend activities arising from the various initiatives carried out as part of the MSSS/FRQ cannabis research program (e.g. the Réseau-observatoire sur les enjeux liés à la légalisation du cannabis à des fins non médicales et son usage). Scholarship holders will be required to provide an annual progress report as well as a research report for managers, decision-makers and stakeholders at the end of the funding period. Amount of the postdoctoral scholarship: \$55,000 per year
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6.2. Partners – Health sector

Partner	Description
Pediatric Research Foundation	Early childhood diseases Training scholarship in pediatric research, with a focus on the diagnosis of childhood diseases. Amount of the scholarship: \$51,000 per year

Parkinson Québec	Parkinson's disease Training scholarships in Parkinson's disease research (for Canadian citizens or permanent residents only).
Alzheimer Society of Canada	Alzheimer's disease Applicants must also submit an application to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Amount of the scholarship: \$50,000
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Multiple sclerosis Applicants must also submit an application to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (for Canadian citizens or permanent residents only).
SSA Québec Support Unit (SPOR National Training Entity)	Research with and for patients in a learning health system approach The SSA Québec Support Unit is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)'s national Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) network. The Unit works to continuously improve Québec's healthcare 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 work, the integration of science and innovation, and the facilitation of change. Its pan-Québec team deploys its expertise in training, consulting, tools, facilitation and networking to: • Build scientific and experiential knowledge • Offer à la carte support to project leaders in the network • Orchestrate continuous quality improvement. The National Training Entity (NTE), also part of CIHR's SPOR, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on partnering with and for patients. NTE provides answers to changing healthcare questions, helping to improve the patient experience. The scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the SPOR National Training Entity enable scholarship holders to hone their skills and gain experience in research with and for patients, to network, and to work across

	disciplines with different healthcare professionals and organizations in a learning health system approach.
The Kidney Foundation of Canada and Canadian Society of Nephrology – KRESCENT Program	Kidney health Applicants (Canadian citizens or permanent residents only) must also submit an application to the KRESCENT Program (Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training).
Canadian Network on Hepatitis C	Research on the Hepatitis C virus Training scholarship in hepatitis C virus research (for Canadian citizens or permanent residents only). Applicants must also submit an application to the Canadian Network on Hepatitis C. Amount of the scholarship: \$55,000 per year
ALS Society of Québec	ALS Québec wishes to support the funding of research projects focusing on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)	Research scholarships on issues surrounding the legalization of cannabis for non-medical purposes These scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the MSSS support scholarship holders who are conducting research into issues surrounding the legalization and use of cannabis for non-medical purposes. “Non-medical purposes” is understood to mean any consumption of cannabis that is not authorized and supervised by a healthcare professional. As such, the dynamics of cannabis use for self-care constitutes an eligible research topic. However, research pursuing the following objectives is not eligible under this program: 1) Assessing potential therapeutic effects, outcomes or indications; 2) Assessing efficacy in the treatment of a pathological condition, symptoms or ailment. Through this scholarship offer, the MSSS wishes to support the development of the next generation of researchers who will contribute to advancing knowledge on at least one of the following aspects within the Québec population: • the impacts of cannabis on health; • support for the development of public policy;

	• support for the implementation of interventions for risk prevention, health protection, harm reduction and the reduction of social inequalities in health, in relation to the non-medical use of cannabis. The scholarships also aim to encourage knowledge sharing through knowledge mobilization and scientific dissemination activities. Applicants whose applications are recommended for funding by the FRQ and deemed relevant by the partner – following a relevance assessment managed by the FRQ – may be awarded a scholarship offered in partnership with the MSSS. They may also be invited, for networking purposes, to attend activities arising from the various initiatives carried out as part of the MSSS/FRQ cannabis research program (e.g. the Réseau-observatoire sur les enjeux liés à la légalisation du cannabis à des fins non médicales et son usage). Scholarship holders will be required to provide an annual progress report as well as a research report for managers, decision-makers and stakeholders at the end of the funding period. Amount of the postdoctoral scholarship: \$55,000 per year
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6.3. Partner – Society and Culture sector

Partner	Description
SSA Québec Support Unit (SPOR National Training Entity)	Research with and for patients in a learning health system approach The SSA Québec Support Unit is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)'s national Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) network. The Unit works to continuously improve Québec's healthcare 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 work, the integration of science and innovation, and the facilitation of change. Its pan-Québec team deploys its expertise in training, consulting, tools, facilitation and networking to: • Build scientific and experiential knowledge • Offer à la carte support to project leaders in the network • Orchestrate continuous quality improvement.

	The National Training Entity (NTE), also part of CIHR's SPOR, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to increase, support and sustain the capacity of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on partnering with and for patients. NTE provides answers to changing healthcare questions, helping to improve the patient experience. The scholarships offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unit and the SPOR National Training Entity enable scholarship holders to hone their skills and gain experience in research with and for patients, to network, and to work across disciplines with different healthcare professionals and organizations in a learning health system approach.
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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 March 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.