

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE COMMON GENERAL RULES (June 30, 2026)

The following changes were made during the latest update of the CGR of the FRQ.

- **Creation of rules for the use of FRQ training awards:** All rules relating to the use of FRQ master's, doctoral and postdoctoral awards have been consolidated into a single document. Consequently, sections relating to the management of training awards have been removed from the Common General Rules.
- **Terminology:** Clarification of the distinction between a funding application and a file
- **Status 4 Other research statuses:** Added details regarding the type of contribution expected from individuals with status 4a and 4b and those with status 4c, 4d and 4e
- **Role of principal investigator:** Addition of a reference to the investigator's CV
- **Role of co-investigator:** Removal of the reference to the CV being considered in the scientific review process
- **Section 3.2 on instructions for completing and submitting an application:**
 - The section stipulates that failure to comply with the [presentation standards for attachments](#) may result in the application being disqualified without prior notice, to ensure equitable evaluation for all applicants
 - Added details regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence tools in preparing a funding application
 - Clarification of the circumstances in which approval from the managing institution is required
- **Section 4.3 on the integrity of the evaluation process:** Addition of a paragraph prohibiting committee members from entering the contents of any funding application, in whole or in part, into a public or private generative AI tool
- **Section 5.3 on funding and payments:** Added clarification regarding the impact of having a file that is not in good standing on a person's other files
- **Implementation of the new [Research Ethics Policy](#):** Adjustments to Section 5.5 on responsible research
- **Addition of Section 5.10 on research security**
- **Section 6.10 on funding residual balance, unexpended funds and overpayments:** Addition of a statement that the FRQ reserves the right to carry out audits in the event that unexpended funds remaining at the end of the funding period are carried over for an additional year
- **Section 6.11 on audits:** Specification of the persons subject to audits that may be carried out by the FRQ
- **Section 8.2 on indirect costs of research:** Clarification of the amounts paid by the FRQ for FIR
- **Section 8.6 on expenses related to material, equipment and resources:** The section title has been modified to specify that such expenses must be necessary for carrying out the research activities