

Research Scholars (CB) - 2027-2028

Fonds de recherche du Québec

Sector: Health

Competition year : **2027-2028**

Deadline (pre-request): **August 20th, 2026 at 16:00 (EST)**

Deadline (application): **October 14th, 2026, at 16:00 (EST)**

Announcement of results: **April 2027**

Amount: **\$30 005 to \$88 469**

Duration: **Junior 1: 4 years; Junior 2 and Senior: 4 years or less, depending on years of experience**

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Important

In addition to these program rules, it is the applicant's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the [Common General Rules \(CGR\)](#) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec, which apply to all their programming. If any special conditions apply to this program, they are described below and take precedence over the CGR.

FRQ is a signatory of 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, FRQ notably promotes a qualitative approach to research evaluation, supported by the responsible use of quantitative indicators, to recognize the diversity of research contributions, including, among others, the diversity of knowledge such as [Indigenous knowledge](#). By aligning its directions with these principles, FRQ is engaging in a gradual process of adapting and transforming its evaluation practices.

BACKGROUND

This program refers to the Common General Rules (CGR) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ). These rules apply to all FRQ programs. It is the responsibility of applicants and/or grant holders to familiarize themselves with the CGR, as all rules governing competitions and grant management are set out therein. Only the specific conditions applicable to this program are outlined in this document and take precedence over the CGR. Any application submitted under this program must comply with the conditions set out in the FRQnet electronic portals and forms.

[It is the responsibility of the applicant to choose the right program and the right form for the career award application. No program transfer will be made following the applicant's file eligibility review.](#)

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1. OBJECTIVES

Career Awards: A Strategic Lever for Research in Québec

The career awards offered by the Fonds de recherche du Québec are unique programs designed to support researchers who are shaping Québec's scientific future, particularly in the field of healthcare and health services. By providing structured and sustained support, these salary awards contribute to the consolidation of high-impact research careers, foster innovation in health, and strengthen the capacity of healthcare systems to meet the needs of the population. They thus contribute to the vitality of higher education environments while generating tangible benefits for improving the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of healthcare and health services.

These programs play a key role in attracting and retaining talent within Québec universities, positioning Québec as a competitive and attractive environment for research. They support researchers at every stage of their career through a progressive continuum — Junior 1 → Junior 2 → Senior — thereby fostering advancement toward increased research leadership.

- **Junior 1:** Support for early-career researchers to develop their research potential, establish an original research program, and gain professional independence—key steps toward the Junior 2 level.
- **Junior 2:** Support for consolidating research positions, deepening research activities, expanding collaborations, and strengthening leadership, preparing the transition to the Senior level.
- **Senior:** Recognition of established researchers distinguished by their influence and structuring role. This component supports the visibility of their work, the mobilization of resources, and the mentoring of the next generation, contributing to strengthening Québec's health and social services research ecosystem.

By investing in these career paths, the Fonds de recherche du Québec reaffirms its commitment to supporting innovation, training the next generation, and enhancing the visibility of Québec research on the national and international stage.

This program is divided into five types of research and the applicants holding a doctoral degree or a professional degree in health sciences are required to choose one of the following areas:

a) Fundamental

Fundamental research on the basic mechanisms of living systems, health, and disease. This includes biological, molecular, cellular, physiological, or integrative approaches aimed at understanding fundamental processes.

b) Clinical and Epidemiology

Biological, medical, clinical, or epidemiological research involving human subjects, cohorts, health data, or defined populations. This includes work aimed at understanding, diagnosing, treating, monitoring, or preventing diseases.

c) Public Health, Health Systems, Interventions, and Public Policies

Research on interventions to improve population health and equity. It examines the development, implementation, and scaling up of policies and programs for disease prevention (primary or secondary) and health promotion (whether developed within the RSSS). It also includes work on access, equity, quality, organization, evaluation, and transformation of healthcare and service systems, social services, and the public health system. Applications submitted under this category are expected to demonstrate the applicant's ability to collaborate with knowledge users.

d) Behaviors, Living Environments, and Health

Research on the influence on health and the interrelationships among social, behavioral, cultural, ethical, and environmental dimensions related to health. It includes work on behaviors, experiences, life trajectories, vulnerabilities, living environments, and inequalities.

e) Health and Technology

Research on the development, evaluation, or integration of technologies, methods, tools, or devices applied to health. It includes biomedical, digital, diagnostic, therapeutic, data, imaging, monitoring, or decision-support technologies.

NB: *it is possible to combine two areas of research; for example, basic science and clinical and epidemiological science may intersect in research projects that involve human subjects.*

After reviewing the pre-requests, the FRQ may ask the applicant to redirect his or her application to the research area in which the Review Committee has the most appropriate expertise for reviewing the file. Applicants are invited to contact the FRQ for questions.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants must :

- Hold a doctorate in research or a professional human health diploma.
- Devote **at least 75%** of their working hours to research (full-time)
- Meet one of the criteria relating to research status (see the **Definitions** section of the [Common General Rules](#)):
 - University researcher
 - University clinician researcher
- Be employed by a managing institution at the inception of the award. The managing institution must confirm that the person is employed continuously during the whole funding (including the validity of appropriate visas, if applicable).
- Have permission from the director of the department or research director of an institution recognized by the FRQ to conduct research activities
- Obtain the university approval required by the FRQ. This approval is done in the institutional portal at a date that is determined by the university, and which is before the FRQ deadline (see section on Funding)
- Must have a commitment from the university that the applicant will be appointed to a university position at the beginning of the award

- Must comply with the provisions of the Québec Health Insurance Act (section XII, articles 95 to 104) regarding research scholarships, particularly article 96

« No one shall be entitled to a research scholarship if, in the opinion of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé under the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation. » (chapter M-30.01):

- *he/she is not domiciled in Québec*
- *he/she does not have a working knowledge of the official language of Québec*
- *he/she is not pursuing, for a university body or for an institution, research in connection with one of the health sciences*

Health-care professionals who hold a valid license to practice in Québec and spend at least 50% (part-time) of their working hours in research, may apply for the following award programs: Clinical Research Scholar, Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior.

Candidates may apply:

- A maximum of **three** times within the four years during which they are classified as Junior 1 (0 to 3 years' experience)
- A maximum of **two** times within the four years during which they are classified as Junior 2 (4 to 7 years' experience)
- A maximum of **two** times within the four years during which they are classified as Senior (8 to 11 years of experience) (See the **Research experience** section)

Not eligible are individuals who:

- Hold an executive position, a scientific director position in a research center funded by FRQ, or a senior administrative position in a university (unless authorized in writing by FRQ);
- Hold a salary award with a remaining duration exceeding 12 months at the start date of the new award.

Research Experience

The classification of the applicant as a Junior 1, Junior 2, or Senior researcher is determined by FRQ, which will inform the applicant accordingly. Upon receipt of this notification, the individual has seven (7) working days to request a review of their classification by providing the reasons for their request.

The classification is based on a reference year from which the applicant demonstrates their autonomy in research.

It begins :

- when the individual applies to the regular or clinician research scholar competition at the Junior 1 level;

Or

- when the individual obtains a career award comparable to that of a regular Junior 1 research scholar; or a grant as a principal investigator from an organization recognized by FRQ;

Or

- two (2) years after starting a position as a researcher (excluding postdoctoral training); or, in the case of a clinician application, six (6) years after obtaining the first specialty degree (as indicated in the file), or four (4) years after obtaining the second specialty degree.

As soon as one of these conditions is met, the applicant is classified at the Junior 1 level with 0 years of experience, and the count of years of experience is then updated annually. Individuals with 4 to 7 years of experience are classified at the Junior 2 level, and those with 8 to 11 years of experience are classified at the Senior level. For FRQ, years of experience are calculated as of the start date of the award.

Once the counting of years of experience has begun, it cannot be reversed. However, in calculating years of experience, FRQ considers special circumstances in which an applicant had to temporarily interrupt their research (parental leave, sick leave, disability, family responsibilities, or professional activities without a research component such as clinical work, care, etc.) and excludes these periods from the experience calculation.

For more information, please refer to the document ***Calculation of Research Experience and Special Circumstances*** available in the **Toolbox**.

3. FUNDING APPLICATION

The procedures for submitting the application are explained in section 3.2 of the [CGR](#).

The application process is comprised of two **distinct** and **mandatory** steps:

1. **SUBMISSION OF A PRE-REQUEST**
2. **SUBMISSION OF THE FULL APPLICATION**

Before completing a pre-request or a funding application, the applicant must create an FRQnet user account on the Fonds website, if this has not already been done.

The only accepted font is Times New Roman, size 12.

Regarding the language of submitted forms and documents, please refer to section 3.6 of the [CGR](#).

Applicants will not be contacted to provide the missing documents or information. No extension will be granted. After the deadline application, forms that are not already submitted will be automatically rejected.

[Important](#) : To get the university approval, the pre-request or the full application should be submitted before the institutional (university) deadline, which is before the FRQ submission deadline (details are provided in the electronic form). University approval, which automatically activates submission of the form to the FRQ, must be done before the FRQ submission deadline.

FIRST STEP : PRE-REQUEST

The pre-request allows the FRQ to establish applicant's eligibility. It allows also to check the type of program and research area chosen by the applicant and assign the applicant to a preliminary category based on experience to recruit peer-review committees. Scientific reviews are not based on the pre-request.

The [pre-application form](#) is available in the FRQnet portal as soon as the program rules are published.

Documents needed to be uploaded in the pre-request:

- **FRQ detailed CV** completed directly online in the "FRQ CV" section of the FRQnet portal. Use the [FRQ CV template](#), following the [Instructions for the FRQ detailed CV](#) and the [formatting standards for PDF attachments to FRQnet forms](#). The information provided in the detailed CV must align with the program objectives and evaluation criteria. It is therefore essential to review the objectives and evaluation criteria of the program to which you are applying to determine the relevant content to include in the detailed CV. In addition, program rules may include specific instructions that supplement these general guidelines;

- ORCID identifier: FRQ strongly encourages the use of unique and persistent digital identifiers, particularly [ORCID](#), to ensure reliable identification of individuals and to support the recognition of research activities. Applicants to the research scholar programs are invited to provide their **16-digit ORCID identifier**, or a link to another recognized equivalent identifier;
- PDF copy of the degree(s) establishing the applicant's eligibility for the program (Ph. D., MD, D.D.S., etc.), except for applicants who are already FRQ research scholars or clinical research scholars
- a copy of the applicant's highest specialist license (CSPQ, FRCPC, etc.) or second degree (M.Sc.), if applicable

The FRQ will confirm by e-mail whether applicants can submit a full application in September.

SECOND STEP: FUNDING APPLICATION

The [funding application form](#) will be available in the FRQnet electronic Portfolio under "Available competitions" in September on the date mentioned in the email. Only those applicants who have duly completed and submitted a pre-request form by the deadline will have access to this form.

Documents required with the form:

- Completed electronic application form submitted through the [FRQnet portal](#);
- [FRQ detailed CV](#) completed directly online in the "FRQ CV" section of the FRQnet portal. Use the [FRQ CV template](#), following the [Instructions for the FRQ detailed CV](#) and the [formatting standards for PDF attachments to FRQnet forms](#);
- ORCID identifier: FRQ strongly encourages the use of unique and persistent digital identifiers, particularly [ORCID](#), to ensure reliable identification of individuals and to support the recognition of research activities. Applicants to the research scholar programs are invited to provide their **16-digit ORCID identifier**, or a link to another recognized equivalent identifier;
- Copies of award notices for scholarships and grants received in the last 4 years, except for scholarships and grants obtained from the FRQ

Directors of university research centres or departments

- [Electronic form](#)

Two respondents (for Junior 1 applicants only)

- [Electronic form](#) to be completed by each respondent including a letter of recommendation. The respondents must be familiar with the applicant's work. One of them must have been involved in the applicant's most recent research training.

The application will be rejected if one of the two respondents is missing.

Under no circumstances should an applicant create an account in the name of another person (respondent, supervisor, etc.) to submit the documents. If they do, his or her application will be considered ineligible.

Mentor (for Junior 1 only)

- [Electronic form](#) including the applicant's mentorship plan, which must describe the arrangement for the first year of the grant and a four-year outlook (max. 2 pages). The letter must detail the support provided by an experienced researcher in terms of preparing applications, planning and carrying out the research program and ensuring support for other aspects of the applicant's career.

Resubmission

If the application is a resubmission in the same category, the candidate must indicate it in the form and include the answers of the previous reviewers.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail, no later than November, whether their application has been accepted for peer review.

4. EVALUATION

Process

All applications are reviewed by:

- peer-review committee made up of members representing various health disciplines and research methodologies.
- according to the research area (basic, clinical and epidemiological, health and society or health and technologies) and research experience (Junior 1, Junior 2 or Senior).

The FRQ will appoint 8 review committees for this program:

- **Committee 1:** Junior 1, Fundamental
- **Committee 2:** Junior 2, Fundamental
- **Committee 3:** Senior, Fundamental
- **Committee 4:** Junior 1, Clinical and Epidemiology
- **Committee 5:** Junior 2 - Senior, Clinical and Epidemiology
- **Committee 6:** Junior 1 - Junior 2 - Senior, Public Health, Health Systems, Interventions, and Public Policies
- **Committee 7:** Junior 2 - Senior, Behaviors, Living Environments, and Health
- **Committee 8:** Junior 1 - Junior 2 - Senior, health and technology

Criteria

In addition to the specific evaluation criteria, the candidate must demonstrate the ability or potential:

- to be a competitive researcher at the national and international levels
- to collaborate with researchers from other disciplines to the satisfaction of the FRQ

Different criteria are used based on the area of research; its relative importance in the overall review by the peer-review committees may vary depending on the classification level – Junior 1, Junior 2 or Senior:

- the review of the applicant's research training and proposed research project is of greater relative importance at the Junior 1 level
- the review of the applicant's outreach and productivity in terms of training students and obtaining grants assumes increasing importance at the Junior 2 and Senior levels

The evaluation criteria for each level (**Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior**) are detailed in the **Evaluation grids** (see **Toolbox**).

5. FUNDING AND CONDITIONS

Open access

“During the funded period, a portfolio of **2-5 peer-reviewed publications**, made available through immediate open access (without embargo) and under an open license, must be produced in accordance with the [Open Access Dissemination Policy](#) (revised in 2022).”

Effective starting date : between July 1st and October 1st, 2026

The pay scale for Research Scholars is set by the government of Québec and appears in the article 52 of the section XVI of the Bylaws to the Québec Health Insurance Act. From **\$30,005 to \$88,46G**, including **benefits of 12 %**, based on years of experience.

This amount must be used exclusively to pay the salary of the award recipients and cannot, under any circumstances, be converted into research funds.

For awardees who hold a professional degree, the award will be calculated based on whether the degree comes with a valid license to practice in Québec.

For those who do not hold a valid license, the calculation will be based on the date on which the applicant earned his or her second degree, or the date on which the training period ends.

Junior 1: 4 years for all the applicants

The duration of Junior 1 awards, regardless of the level of experience calculated at the time the award is received by the applicant, is 4 years. At the end of the 4 years of the Junior 1 award, awardees are promoted to Junior 2 status with 4 years' experience in research. The number of years of experience is updated annually as of this new reference year.

Junior 2: 4 years or less, depending on the years of experience

For the Junior 2 and Senior classification level, the duration of the award is a maximum of 4 years which decreases with the number of years of experience. For example, the duration of a Junior 2 award is 4 years if the number of years of experience is deemed to be 4, 3 years if there are 5 years of experience, 2 years for 6 years of experience, and 1 year for the Junior 2 level (with one year credited towards the Senior level) for individuals with 7 years' experience.

Senior: 4 years or less, depending on the years of experience

For the Senior category, the FRQ pays the award recipient in decreasing amounts. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the host institution commits to supplementing the award amount and to integrating the applicant for a full-time permanent position.

8 years of experience 100 %

9 years of experience 100 %

10 years of experience 75 %

11 years of experience 50 %

The conditions regarding the announcement and management of funding are set out in the [CGR](#) (parental leave, sick leave, other sources of funding, reports: section 5 to section 8).

Sabbatical leave

Award recipients will receive their full stipend during a sabbatical year as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Be a Senior or Junior 2 Research Scholar with six years of experience based on the FRQ classification. In exceptional cases, individuals at the Junior 1, Junior 2 – 4 years and Junior 2 – 5 years may also benefit from a sabbatical leave
- Send the FRQ a request for a sabbatical of up to 12 months, at least 3 months before the leave, as well as the description of the complementary training program or of the activities that will help advance the awardees research project.
- FRQ must give its written approval of the program at least 60 days before the starting date of the sabbatical
- Send the FRQ a copy of the sabbatical approval signed by the university authorities or by the administrators of the institution where he/she works
- If applicable, send the FRQ official notice that a laboratory has agreed to host the awardee

Starting grant Junior 1

A starting grant for new investigators is automatically given to individuals who receive a Junior 1 research scholar award. The starting grant for new investigators consists of **\$20,000 per year for four (4) years and is non-renewable**. The starting grant associated with the research scholars' program does not benefit from the amount paid out by FRQ to cover indirect costs of research of the institutions.

Restrictions

When an individual receives a starting grant for new investigators from the FRQ and a starting grant from another research institution, the FRQ will deduct the amount received from the other institution from the FRQ grant. **However, when the Junior 1 FRQ scholarship is awarded, candidates who hold these following FRQC and FRQNT grants will have their grant cancelled by the appropriate Fonds:**

- FRQ secteur Société et culture – Research Support for New Academics
- FRQ secteur Société et culture– Research-Creation Support for New AcademicsFRQ secteur Nature et technologies – Research Support for New Academics

Grant holders and the individuals who manage the grants are jointly responsible for advising the FRQ that two grants were awarded.

Eligible expenses

Expenses directly related to research activities:

- Purchase research material or carry out the research project
- Purchase or rent equipment (only for individuals who have not received a Leaders Opportunity Fund grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation)
- Pay out salaries to technical and clinical research staff
- Take part in conferences (presentations, posters), up to \$15,000 for the term of the grant
- Processing and dissemination fees for peer-reviewed publications that are made openly accessible in accordance with Article 8.9 of the [Common General Rules](#).

Non-eligible expenses

- Rent or renovate premises or cover heating or electricity costs or any other indirect costs related to the research activities for a researcher working in an institution of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux or a Québec University
- Students and postdoctoral awards

The carry over of an unspent amount is allowed according to the terms and conditions described in section 6.10 of the [Common General Rules](#). In addition, any unspent balance at the end of the fiscal year may be carried over to the following year. Any balance remaining after the last year of funding or after the approved extension must be returned to the FRQ.

University authorities' agreement

Approval

The university approves applications and assumes the responsibilities listed below jointly with the head of the department with which the applicant is affiliated and the research centre where the research will be conducted (if applicable).

This approval is done in the Institutions portal at a date that is determined by the university, and which is before the FRQ deadline (see **Required Documents** section).

Salary supplement

University authorities supporting an application for a Research Scholar must ensure that the applicant will receive a salary supplement equal to the difference between the award and the remuneration that the individual would receive from the university as a full-time professor, to the satisfaction of the FRQ.

Should the applicant have a mixed affiliation involving a company, the university and the partner must jointly endorse the Research Scholar's application.

Under such circumstances, the partners must ensure that the applicant will receive a salary supplement equal to the difference between the award and the remuneration that the applicant would receive from the university or from the partner as a full-time professor or employee. A protocol of agreement must be signed with the FRQ to cover this partnership.

Confirmation of position – Senior Research Scholars

For applications in the Senior Research Scholar competition:

The university must agree to integrate the researcher on completion of the award and offer the applicant a full-time permanent position or a contract position for at least five years after the end of the award (at a salary commensurate with the applicant's university rank).

Benefits and laboratory or research premises

The awardee must be eligible to join the pension plan and enjoy other benefits available to full-time staff working at the university. These obligations imply that the researcher's salary will be administered by the university even if he or she works at a research centre.

The host institution agrees to provide the functional laboratory or research premises and basic equipment the awardee requires for research purposes.

Protected time for research

University and host institution administrators must jointly ensure that the awardee is released from his/her administrative, clinical and teaching duties so that he/she may fulfill the obligation to devote **at least 75%** of his/her professional activities to research.

The FRQ encourages awardees to conduct and participate in knowledge mobilization activities (transfer, sharing, development, enhancement and dissemination) with practice settings and the public, when such activities are relevant. To learn more, please click on the following link: [Mobilization of Knowledge](#).

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules apply to the 2027-2028 fiscal year.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

Research location

Choice of research location

- **FRQ funded centre, an institution administered by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) or a Quebec university**

Applicants may conduct their research outside the MSSS network or outside the FRQ network of research centres if they belong to a team or laboratory working on health-care issues recognized by the FRQ.

- **In an industrial setting**

An agreement may be signed between the FRQ, the host company and a university, depending on the applicant's particular case. Under such an agreement, the applicant will conduct an innovative research program and train graduate students.

Change of research location

The FRQ expects that the award recipient will work at the institution or university that approved his or her application throughout the award period.

Awardees wishing to change their research location must send the FRQ a written request detailing the reasons for the change and describing how it could affect their research project (**Change of research location form** – see **Toolbox**).

As stated in section 6.5 of the [Common General Rules](#), any change in an award holder's status must be reported in the Manage My Funding module of the [ePortfolio](#).

University authorities must give the FRQ written notice that they have approved the change.

The director of the new research centre or university department must inform the FRQ in writing that they accept to host the award recipient and will provide conditions equivalent to those outlined in the form submitted by the director of the previous centre.

Basic research ethics training

Basic training in research ethics is mandatory for anyone holding a grant under this program when the research involves human participants (direct participation or the use of human biological material or data concerning human beings). This requirement is fulfilled by successfully completing the online training course [FER-2022](#) of the Research Ethics Group (or later versions of this training) before the start of the disbursement of funds.

In addition, all career award holders must attend, as observers, a meeting of a Research Ethics Board (REB) affiliated with a university or a health and social services institution. This participation must take place before the start of the disbursement of their award.

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH (in French only)

Principe-clé de santé durable

Toute proposition est susceptible de s'inscrire en cohérence avec le principe clé de santé durable, tel que décrit ci-dessous.

Santé durable

Plusieurs grandes perturbations à l'échelle mondiale – la pandémie, les changements climatiques, l'évolution démographique – font vivre des mutations importantes à la recherche en santé. Ainsi, cohabitent par exemple les concepts de « Une seule santé » (interrelations entre les santés humaine, animale et environnementale) avec les concepts de « Systèmes de santé apprenants » (amélioration continue et incrémentale de la qualité des soins et services). La « Santé durable » est à l'intersection

de ces concepts, en se concentrant sur des stratégies de promotion de la santé, de prévention et d'interventions précoces des maladies, pour des résultats sanitaires optimaux tout en limitant les surcoûts et ce, avec au moins 3 niveaux de déclinaison :

- Une meilleure **prise en compte des déterminants de santé** / prévention – promotion;
- La **transformation** des corridors de services / nouveaux acteurs et nouvelles actrices;
- La **santé planétaire** – la transformation de la santé publique en intégrant les écosystèmes naturels environnants.

Une telle entreprise nécessite d'intégrer tous les déterminants de santé, incluant les interactions avec les environnements. Elle redonne une place importante à la santé publique, entre autres. Elle est notamment soutenue par des thématiques de pointe telles que l'intelligence artificielle et la santé numérique, l'intégration massive de données massives et la médecine de précision. Appliquées autant à la santé physique qu'à la santé mentale, ces thématiques sont essentielles au développement des objets connectés qui faciliteront la gestion de notre propre santé, l'optimisation des corridors de services avec une meilleure gestion de l'accès « bon patient, au bon moment, au bon endroit » et l'amélioration des services publics (p. ex. transport, aménagement du territoire en fonction de critères de santé de la population), pour ne nommer que ceux-ci.

En d'autres termes, la santé durable est une approche globale alliant la santé physique et psychologique des personnes avec l'environnement dans lequel elles évoluent. Elle engage les individus et la collectivité à déployer, à toutes les étapes de la vie, différentes interventions qui permettront un état optimal de la santé pour chaque individu, incluant les populations vulnérables et les générations futures.

La recherche a un rôle-clé à jouer pour l'atteinte d'une santé durable.

Contribution de la recherche à la santé durable

La recherche peut contribuer significativement à l'atteinte d'une santé durable, et ce, en mobilisant la communauté scientifique et d'autres parties prenantes autour d'objets de recherche, ceux-ci s'appuyant sur des champs d'action ainsi que sur des domaines ou moyens privilégiés.

En lien avec sa planification stratégique, le FRQ priorise actuellement ce qui suit :

Objets de recherche :

- Promotion de la santé;
- Prévention des maladies;
- Interventions précoces et adaptées.

Champs d'action :

- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des facteurs socioéconomiques;

- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des facteurs individuels;
- Déterminants de santé : meilleure prise en compte des interactions avec les environnements naturels et physiques;
- Optimisation ou développement des corridors de services permettant la prise en charge de la santé;
- Efficience du système de santé;
- Vigie ou adaptation accrue face aux menaces ou risques ayant un impact sur la santé (p.ex. changements climatiques, pandémies, etc.).

Domaines ou moyens privilégiés :

- Santé numérique, intelligence artificielle en santé;
- Intégration de données massives;
- Recherche en contexte réel;
- Santé personnalisée, incluant la santé publique ou la santé des populations;
- Santé mentale;
- Engagement des personnes et des citoyens;
- Engagement des partenaires et des nouveaux acteurs en santé (p.ex. organismes communautaires).

Les personnes candidates sont invitées à indiquer, dans la section « Contribution santé durable » de leur formulaire électronique de demande, la contribution de leur recherche à l'atteinte d'une santé durable. Pour ce faire, un ou plusieurs de ces objets de recherche, champs d'action et domaines ou moyens privilégiés pourront être sélectionnés à l'aide de menus déroulants. De plus, les personnes candidates sont invitées à décrire, en quelques lignes, la contribution de leur recherche à la santé durable (voir le formulaire Santé durable, dans la **Boîte à outils**). **Ni la section « Contribution santé durable », ni le formulaire Santé durable ne seront transmis aux comités d'évaluation.**

Par ailleurs, si la communauté scientifique peut contribuer à l'atteinte d'une santé durable par le biais de la recherche, le FRQ reconnaît qu'elle peut aussi contribuer à la réflexion en matière de santé durable. À titre d'exemple, dans la section « Contribution santé durable » du formulaire électronique de demande, les personnes candidates pourront sélectionner l'option « Autre » pour les champs d'action et les domaines ou moyens privilégiés. Auquel cas, ce ou ces champs, domaines ou moyens autres devront être précisés dans le formulaire Santé durable.

8. IMPORTANT CHANGES SINCE THE LAST COMPETITION

- The evaluation criteria for this program have been completely revised to better reflect the evolution of approaches to assessing research excellence (E3R). The criteria for the three levels are available in the **Toolbox**.
- The FRQ descriptive CV is now required for this program, in addition to completing an [ORCID](#) profile.
- The procedure for calculating the classification of applicants has been revised (see **Toolbox**).
- The research ethics online training required is now Group's [FER-2022](#).

9. AWARDS IN PARTNERSHIP

The FRQ offers several awards in collaboration with partners. The share of funding from the FRQ and the partner may vary according to the agreements in effect

Eligible applicants are selected through a three-step process:

- The applicant selects, in the partnership section of the application form, one or more partners whose targeted research areas correspond to the aim of their application.
- The FRQ sends to the partners a list of candidates and useful information for them to assess the relevance of the request according to their research priorities and strategy.
- After evaluation of the applications by a committee of experts or peers, those who have obtained the scientific excellence rating of 70% and which have been deemed relevant by one or more partners, may receive a partnership award offer.
As with all the awards offered by FRQ, the awards granted in partnership are based on merit following a scientific evaluation by a committee of experts or peers.

Note that by choosing to be considered for an award in partnership, and obtaining it, you agree that the partner communicates with you for activities related to the award.

Partner - logo	Description
	Parkinson Québec Parkinson's Disease Career grants for research focused on Parkinson's disease. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.
	L'Unité de soutien au système de santé apprenant (SSA) Québec (l'Entité nationale de formation de la SRAP) Patient-Centered Research with and for Patients within a Learning Health System Approach The Quebec Learning Health System (LHS) Support Unit is a provincial unit of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Patient-Centered Research Strategy (PCRS). The Unit works to continuously improve the Quebec 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-based work, the integration of science and innovations, and the facilitation of change. Its province-wide team leverages its expertise by offering training, consultation, tools, facilitation, and networking: • It builds scientific and experiential knowledge • It offers tailored support to project leaders across the network • It orchestrates continuous quality improvement The National Training Entity (NTE), also an integral part of CIHR's SRAP, is a pan-Canadian organization that aims to build, support, and sustain the capacity of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment focused on

	partnerships with and for patients. The NTE provides solutions to evolving healthcare challenges, thereby helping to improve patient experience. The grants offered by the FRQ in partnership with the Unité and the Entité nationale de formation enable grantees to refine their skills and gain research experience with and for patients, to network, and to collaborate across disciplines with individuals and organizations working in the health sector as part of a learning health system approach.
	Fondation de l'Association des radiologistes du Québec (FARQ) Radiology Career fellowship focused on diagnostic radiology (including therapeutic and interventional aspects). Only radiologists are eligible. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.
	Canadian Kidney Foundation and Canadian Society of Nephrology – KRESCENT Program Kidney Health Applicants must also submit an application to the KRESCENT (Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training) program. Junior 1 only.
	Société québécoise d'hypertension artérielle (SQHA) – Bourse Jacques de Champlain Hypertension The Jacques de Champlain Fellowship in cardiovascular health and hypertension includes an additional research support grant of up to \$10,000 per year. Junior 1 and Junior 2 only.
	Société de la sclérose latérale amyotrophique du Québec Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis ALS Québec aims to support the funding of research projects focused on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis