

Indirect research costs and programs for FRQ funds

Montreal, May 2, 2014 – As part of the implementation process for the full research costs approach, which was introduced in the National Research and Innovation Policy, the Fonds de recherche du Québec will now pay indirect research costs (known by the French acronym FIR) directly on a category of grants being awarded as of this year (2014-2015). A single rate for service-related FIR has been set at 27% of the amount of the grant.

The FIR apply to new grants (2014-2015 competition) and commitments (previous competitions). As was previously the case, only grants tied to a research project are affected by the FIR, estimated at 27% of the amount of the grant. This means that when a \$10,000 grant is awarded to a researcher by one of the Funds for his/her research project, an amount of \$2,700 will be added for setting up the research. Therefore, the total amount of the grant award will be \$12,700 (\$10,000 to the researcher and \$2,700 to the institution).

In the case of partnered research grants, only the FRQS share subject to the FIR is assumed by the Funds.ⁱ This means that if the Fund assumes \$1,000 of a \$10,000 grant to a researcher for his/her partnered research project, an amount of \$270 (\$1,000 x 27%) will be added for the research institution. Therefore, the total amount of the grant award will be \$10,270 (\$10,000 to the researcher and \$270 to the institution).

As was previously the case, training and career awards, as well as infrastructure grants (e.g. strategic groups in the Nature and Technologies and Society and Culture Funds; research teams in the Society and Culture Fund; centres, networks and groups in the Health Fund) are not affected by the FIR.

Here is the list of grant programs, listed by fund, affected by the FIR. Except for the FRQS research grant programs that are no longer offered, the FIR apply to new grants and commitments in all of these programs.

Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé

- Subventions de recherche du FRQS (engagements seulement puisque ces programmes ne sont plus offerts)
- Subventions en partenariat (part du FRQS seulement)
- Projets de développement stratégique innovants
- Subventions internationales (part du FRQS seulement)

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies

- Établissement de nouveaux chercheurs universitaires
- Projet de recherche en équipe
- Projet de recherche orientée en partenariat (part du FRQNT seulement)
- Initiatives stratégiques d'innovation (part du FRQNT seulement)
- Programme de recherche pour les enseignants de collège

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture

- Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs
- Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs-créateurs
- Appui à la recherche-crédation
- Appui aux projets novateurs
- Actions concertées (liées à un projet et la part du FRQSC seulement)

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ⁱ The partner's share, which is also affected by the FIR, is subject to other conditions that do not directly involve the Funds.