

FRQNT Graduate Scholarships

Funding Workshop

What Professors are looking for

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Deadlines

- No internal selection / deadline
- FRQNT deadline: **October 7th, 2021 at 16:00**
- Announcement of results: **End of April 2022**

My experience

- Evaluation for doctoral scholarship applications in the field of energy during Winter 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021
- Evaluated and ranked 25-30 applications / year
- Attended a phone call with 2 other committee members and an FRQNT representative
- Approved final ranking
- ~15 hours total / year



The process

1. 3 evaluators across Quebec read all 25-30 applications
 2. Each evaluator provides a score in the 4 categories for each candidate
 3. FRQNT normalizes and averages scores, calculates final score
 4. Phone meeting to clear up any discrepancies or questions
 5. Final ranking is decided after the meeting
- Top ~6-8 candidates would be considered for a scholarship
 - Each year, ~ 12 candidates reached the 70% excellence threshold



FRQNT's guidelines

- General criteria
 - The weight of sub-criteria is to our discretion
- List of documents to consider (application form, CCV, etc.)
- Each criterion is independent from the others
- If an item is missing, no points can be given for this item

- Interpretation of guidelines varies slightly from professor to professor



What we are looking for (evaluation criteria)

- **Academic records (*Dossier universitaire*) /30**
 - Cumulative GPA, evolution of GPA
 - Diversity/difficulty of chosen courses/program
 - Honours (awards, distinctions, scholarships)
 - Relationship between experiences and interests
 - **For Doctorate only:** Relevant experience (teaching, supervision, assistantships, etc.) and scientific achievements (conferences, presentations, publications, etc.)



What we are looking for (evaluation criteria)

- **Research potential and interest** (*Intérêt et potentiel de recherche*) /50 (Master's only!)
 - Research experiences and interests
 - Research achievements (publications, oral/poster presentations...)
 - Proposed research (originality, clarity, methodology, feasibility, ...)
- **Research Project** (*Projet de recherche*) /45 (Doctorate only!)
 - Originality and contribution to advancement of knowledge
 - Clarity and coherence of the research problem
 - Relevance of methodology
 - Feasibility and fit/quality of environment/supervision



What we are looking for (evaluation criteria)

- **Social mobilization** (*Mobilization sociale*) /15 (Master's) or /20 (Doctorate)
 - Ability to facilitate dialogue between science and society (outreach, events for public...)
 - Capacity for engagement (volunteering, community projects, event organization, etc.)
 - Consideration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including equity, diversity and inclusion
- **General presentation of the application** (*Présentation générale du dossier*) /5
 - Quality of presentation of your application



General Advice

- **Give us information to evaluate!** If you leave sections blank, we cannot give you any points.
- **Include all of your experiences**, but do not exaggerate your accomplishments (e.g. repetitive mentions of a scholarship).
- **Organize your proposal well.** We do not have a lot of time to read your applications. It is much easier to understand and extract key points from a well-structured proposal (titles/sub-titles/underlined or bolded important sentences or keywords).



Help with Writing

- **Workshops and Webinars**

- Offer support in all aspects of the external funding application process and help maximize your chances
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>

- **SKILLSETS**

- Suite of workshops designed for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to complement research training
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets>

- **Tips for writing a research proposal**

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/research-tracking/proposals>

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