

FMRQ OFFERS RESEARCH GRANTS OF UP TO \$10,000 FOR PROJECTS ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

November 2016 — In March 2016, the *Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec* launched its new *Grant program for research projects on postgraduate medical education*. This program broadens the scope of the Program set up several years ago to study the impact of the introduction of 16-hour call duty in an establishment, by extending its coverage to other topics with an impact on medical residents. Each project is evaluated on merit, but also on the basis of the budget required for its implementation. **Maximum funding per research project is \$10,000.** Recipients must provide progress reports, as well as a justification of expenditures during the course of the project.

THE FMRQ'S GRANT PROGRAM ENCOURAGES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AIMED AT:

- Raising the profile of postgraduate medical education and medical residents;
- Ensuring greater outreach for the FMRQ and its members;
- Adding a scientific component to the FMRQ that can be incorporated in its members' daily lives, thereby raising more medical residents' awareness of the issues affecting all members of the upcoming generation of physicians;
- Providing a new forum for involvement for members within the FMRQ.

FMRQ'S MISSION

The Federation's mission consists in the study, defence and advancement of the economic, social, moral, academic and professional interests of the unions and their members.

ELIGIBILITY

All medical residents are eligible for these grants, except for FMRQ and affiliated association (AMRM, ARM, AMReS and AMReQ) board members.

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PREFERRED TOPICS

The Federation's Board of Directors have identified a number of topics/themes on which research projects may be carried out in the next few years. This is not a complete list, and the independent Scientific Committee set up to review applications will assess each project in line with the targeted objective. Below are some possibilities for those wishing to submit projects:

- Postgraduate medical education (in general)
- Clinical exposure
- Passing exams
- Academic models
- Organization of care
- Continuity of care
- Call schedules
- Quality of life
- Patient handover
- Where new billers set up in practice
- Balancing work and family/Parenthood
- Mental health (psychological distress and other issues during residency)
- Any other topic that can be related to the FMRQ's mission

PROJECT EVALUATION

Project evaluation is entrusted to an independent Scientific Committee set up to that end. The Committee comprises researchers or other experts in various health fields and from different settings. The Committee's work (program promotion, reception of projects, support for Scientific Committee members, transmittal of Scientific Committee's verdict to applicants, and Committee operations) is co-ordinated by the FMRQ's permanent staff.

CONDITIONS

- The full amount of the grant must be used for carrying out the project (research assistant, data collection and input, etc.). At no time shall it constitute remuneration for the researcher or supervisor. The FMRQ will cover the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred within the framework of the project in question;
- Progress reports (1 to 2 pages) as well as a copy of the manuscript of the article or research report must be submitted to the Scientific Committee;
- Projects must lead to the submission of an article to a peer-reviewed journal, a lecture/presentation at a conference/symposium with a peer committee, or dissemination of the findings/results in a publication intended for a targeted readership in the medical world or the general public;
- Any publication or lecture/presentation must underline the contribution of the *Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec*.

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DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS/FINDINGS

The FMRQ reserves the right to have this research published in targeted publications, as agreed with the authors, to foster its dissemination at symposiums or conferences, or to promote it in Federation publications.

TO SUBMIT A PROJECT

Please send your research protocol to the **Scientific Committee Secretariat, *Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec***, to the attention of **Johanne Carrier, Director, Communications and Public Affairs at the FMRQ**, by email to johanne.carrier@fmrq.qc.ca, or by mail to **630 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 510, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1E4**.

For any information, you may get in touch with:

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RESEARCH PROTOCOL/PROJECT STRUCTURE

1. Project title
2. Summary (1 page)
3. Issue/Goal of study
4. Literature review (as applicable)
5. Questions/Research hypotheses
6. Methodology
7. Reference population and sampling
8. Timetable
9. Description of research team
10. Identification of Ethics Committee where project will be evaluated (as applicable)
11. Planned knowledge transfer method (conferences, scientific journals, training activities, etc.)
12. Detailed budget (maximum \$10,000)
13. Bibliography
14. Applicant's resumé

N.B. Maximum number of pages: 10 pages single-spaced (Times New Roman 12), excluding summary and bibliography.