FRQS Funding Workshop

Deadline for application – October 15, 16h30

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Outline

• What’s new?
  - everything was new last year; nothing changed this year except for COVID-related delays to research

• Review process
  - what the reviewers are looking for; how they score the application

• Components of a winning application
  - how to assemble the pieces so that everything meshes together

• Writing help – Graphos/Skillsets/McGill Writing Centre
What’s New?

- **Application eligibility**
  - must be registered at a Quebec institution previous 2 terms

- **Application process**
  - through FRQNet
  - must register and have a NIP (PIN) [video online]

- **Common CV**
  - choose Funding CV version, for the FRQS
  - Detailed contributions: attachment required through the FRQS Electronic Portfolio on the Canadian Common CV page, consult the document entitled [Guidelines for the CV attachment](#) in the Toolbox
Instructions on the FRQS site (English)

- Some documents are in English
- Other documents are bilingual (French text followed by English text)
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### Quality and Scientific Value of the Research Project

- Clarity of the research problem and concordance of hypotheses and objectives: 9
- Relevance of the methods and analyses: 7
- Feasibility: 7
- Originality of the project and contribution to the advancement of knowledge: 7

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### Quality of Training Environment

- Justification of the applicant’s choice: 8
- Quality of supervisor’s publication record as it pertains to student training: 7

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### Excellence of Academic Record

- Global academic record: rating, progression, and continuity: 15
- Scholarships/fellowships, honours, and distinctions: 10

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### Skills and Experiences

- Publications: 15
- Lectures and presentations: 7
- Research projects and research training programs: 8

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A) Participation à des projets de recherche et à des stages de formation.
Décrivez votre participation à des projets de recherche et à des stages de formation au cours de vos études antérieures. Identifiez les directeurs de projet et de stage; précisez la date de début et de fin de l'activité.

A)

- Include all research projects – research courses – Honours projects – summer lab work (whether paid or unpaid), dig deep, even Science Fairs
- Give details – objectives of the project – techniques mastered – lab presentations done

**Research skills and experience (Masters)**

- conference abstracts, publications 10
- involvement in research projects, internships 10

**Research skills and experience (Doctoral)**

- publications 15
- conference abstracts 7
- involvement in research projects, internships 8
• Justify supervisor/lab/institute environment – journal clubs, seminars

• Interdisciplinarity of program – access to experts in your field to serve on your advisory committee; good tracking of progress

• Workshops offered – academic development (responsible conduct of research; scientific writing; travel awards for presenting research or for exchange visits)
  – professional development (Skillsets, CaPs),
  - teaching opportunities, participation in outreach programs

• **Training environment**  
  - justification of choice of institution/program 8
  - CV of supervisor (publications, student training) 7

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Written for a non-expert scientific audience

Start with the “big picture”

Set the stage properly, give rationale for doing project

State hypotheses to be tested

Use the suggested headings

Write concisely

Remember -

Do not assume that the reviewer will automatically know why your work is important or innovative. Explain this clearly.

Make the text easy on the eyes

Tell a good story – clear, linear writing
Help with Writing

**Graphos**

- **Fellowship Writing Workshops:**
  - Writing a Strong Fellowship Application (Sept 18, 2020)
  - Revising Your Fellowship Application for Clarity and Concision (Oct 2, 2020)

**McGill Writing Centre**

- **Tutorial Service:** Can book up to 7 hours/semester. Appointments fill quickly so book in advance!

**SKILLSETS**

- **Would You Fund It? Fellowship Consultation Session**
  - Online, starting August 31, 2020
FRQ Webinar

• Date: 9 September 2020
• Time & location: 4:00 pm - Webinar
• Registration deadline: 48 hours before

FRQ-SC—Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (Society and Culture)

FRQ-S—Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé (Health)

FRQ-NT—Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologie (Natural Science and Technology)
Documents to be uploaded by deadline

- **Canadian Common CV**, Funding CV version, for the FRQS (updated since June 2018);

- Detailed contributions updated since June 2018 (attachment required through the **FRQS Electronic Portfolio** on the Canadian Common CV page), consult the document entitled **Guidelines for the CV attachment** in the Toolbox

- **Electronic application form** : *Formation de maîtrise OR doctorat*

- A copy of a valid Quebec health insurance card OR evidence of eligibility to the RAMQ (official RAMQ document before the issuance of the card) (**crucial for eligibility**). If the RAMQ card or a proof of eligibility to the RAMQ is not provided, include a proof of registration at a Québec university for the fall trimester (**crucial for eligibility**)

- Form to **calculate the number of training program terms** (Calcul du nombre de sessions aux programmes de formation) available in the **FRQS Electronic Portfolio**, menu **Documents** and in the toolbox (**crucial for eligibility**)

- A copy of **official** academic transcripts for all university courses taken, whether completed or not. Academic transcripts must be complete and include grading scales (at the back of the transcript), for candidates from Québec as well as for candidates outside of Québec. For transcripts from institutions located outside North America, the applicant must include a note explaining the institution's marking system

- Acknowledgements from publishers for articles submitted and accepted for publication
Links – English version

- Masters

Master's Training

**Summary**

- **Competition year:** 2020-2021
- **Deadline (application):** October 15th, 2019, 4:30 PM
- **Amount:** $17,500
- **Duration:** 2 years
- **Announcement of results:** April 2020

- Doctoral

Doctoral Training

**Summary**

- **Competition year:** 2020-2021
- **Deadline (application):** October 15th, 2019, 4:30 PM
- **Amount:** $21,000 per year
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **Announcement of results:** April 2020

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Questions?
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