

ACCELERATED CALL FOR PROJECTS: Federative projects COVID-19

The Committee of Directors of the Quebec Drug Research Network (*Réseau québécois de recherche sur les médicaments*, RQRM) is launching an accelerated evaluation and selection process for projects related to COVID-19, caused by SARS-CoV-2.

The Network is looking for two (2) inter-institutional projects related to the **prevention or treatment** of COVID-19, caused by SARS-CoV-2. The successful candidate projects **must include researchers who are regular members of the RQRM from at least two different Quebec universities**.

VALUE AND TERMS OF THE FUNDS

An amount of \$80,000 will be used to finance up to two (2) one-year projects - non-renewable. The maximum amount per grant is \$ 40,000.

- **A project using drug pre-marketing methodologies** (Therapeutic Targets, Identification and Validation, Discovery of Compounds and Therapeutic Chemistry, Biopharmacy and Pharmacometry).
- **A project using drug post-marketing methodologies** (Pharmacoepidemiology, Pharmacoeconomics, Optimization of drug use).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be researchers as recognized by the FRQ. They must be regular members in good standing of the RQRM or have applied for membership at the time of filing the application (see www.rqrm.ca for more information).

- The recipients will have to submit a progress report midway through the project.
- Candidate projects must **meet the minimum rating of 70%** (minimum rating used by the FRQS) in order to be eligible.
- The projects received will be evaluated by an external committee and ratified by the RQRM Committee of Directors.
- The projects sought must be carried out in collaboration with at least one other regular member of the network from another Quebec university.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

In order to allow greater flexibility, all expenses related to the operation of the research project will be eligible (student grants, salaries, consumables, etc.).

ATTRIBUTION CRITERIA

- Relevance of the project according to the vision and themes of the RQRM.
- Scientific quality of the project (excellence, innovative and original aspect).
- The involvement of two or more research teams from **at least two different universities in Quebec**.
- Potential for **rapid success of the project** highlighting the synergy created and the added value provided by the RQRM.
- Expected benefits of the project (scientific results, training of students, transfer of knowledge to users, potential for technology transfer / intellectual property with a view to establishing an industrial partnership, etc.).

PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS

Funding submissions must be submitted in **French or English** for evaluation by a independent expert committee.

The following formatting must be respected: Arial font size 10 with single spacing and margins of 2 cm.

Please be assured that we will treat all information with confidentiality.

Submission **in a single PDF document** must include the following:

- Project identification (**1 page**)
 - Project title
 - List of participating researchers and complementarity of expertise.
 - Specification of the grouping to which the project is subject (pre-marketing of the drug **or** post-marketing of the drug)
 - Project summary including expected final deliverables
 - Total amount of funding requested
- Description of the project (**3 pages**, including figures if necessary and excluding references)
 - Description of the scientific project (problematic - objectives - hypotheses - methodology).
 - Justification of the relevance and added value of the project in the context of the themes and strategic groupings of the network.
 - Expected benefits of the research project (scientific results, student training, etc.).
 - Description of the intermediate and final deliverables, as well as their possible uses by the RQRM.
 - A justification of the impact of this funding for the influence of the network.
- Budget (**1 page**, maximum \$40,000 / for one year, non-renewable)
- Funding status: please include the following responses in your submission (**1 page**)
 - Do you have another COVID-19 project already funded?
 - If yes: describe a potential overlap (5 lines).
 - Do you have another COVID-19 project under evaluation?
 - If yes: briefly describe the project, granting agency and amount requested. Describe a potential overlap with this application (5 lines). If the overlap is significant, the RQRM reserves the right to change its decision on the allocation of funds.
 - If yes, include the following declaration: "I agree to inform the RQRM of the result of the current grant submission as soon as it is known".
- CVs of candidates (from at least two Quebec universities): **2-page short CV** mentioning, in the form of lists, personal information (names, titles, affiliations), training (institution, diploma, start / end date), a brief personal statement, employment and honors (including professional experience, affiliations), scientific contributions (eg, publications, intellectual property, presentations), research grants (eg, obtained, completed) , under study / declined). The RQRM recommends the use of the National Health Institute's biographical abstract template (template available here in [French](#) or [English](#)). The FRQS CV or the CIHR abbreviated CV of the Canadian Common CV are also accepted.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS: APRIL 21ST, 2020 AT 8:00 P.M. (REVISED)
EXPECTED DATE OF THE NOTICE OF DECISION: MAY 11TH, 2020

Please send your submissions to Ms. Yessica-Haydee Gomez at: <mailto:info@rqrm.ca>

Obligations of the team: *by accepting the grant, the team must make the products generated during the project available to other RQRM researchers and be prepared to present the results of the project during the RQRM Annual Symposium. In addition, the team must provide the documents necessary for the preparation of progress reports or presentations for promotional purposes for a period of not more than four (4) years after the award of the scholarship. Intellectual property, if any, remains the property of the researcher / team / university of origin of the project.*

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