

# 4452G - BOURSES DE FORMATION DESJARDINS POUR LA RECHERCHE ET L'INNOVATION

## Donor(s):

- Fondation du CHU de Québec

## Submission deadline

**August 10, at 5 :00 p.m.**

The deadline includes both the submission of the application and the approval of the researcher responsible for the project. Any application for which approval has not been received before August 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. will not be considered.

## Objective

The *Bourses de formation Desjardins pour la recherche et l'innovation*, offered by the Fondation du CHU de Québec, support graduate students in health research in the pursuit of their work by fostering their development, visibility, and access to high-level research environments conducive to the advancement of their projects. They also represent an important lever for recipients, strengthening their academic trajectory and increasing their competitiveness in obtaining funding from major granting agencies.

## Periodicity

Offered annually

## Reserved for...

- Canadian citizens
- Permanent residents
- International students

## Eligible study programs

- **Master's level**
  - All master's programs
- **Doctoral level**
  - All PhDs

## Eligibility criteria

- Be enrolled full-time in a 2nd- or 3rd-cycle program at the time the scholarship begins (not at the time of application submission), i.e., no later than the Winter 2027 session;
- Be at most in the 3rd session of studies at the master's level or the 12th session of studies at the doctoral level in Fall 2026;
- For master's students who will be fast-tracking to the doctoral level in Fall 2026, submit an application that will be evaluated in the doctoral category;
- Be enrolled full-time in a research program at the master's or doctoral level for a minimum duration of one year, in the case of medical students;
- Be supervised by a researcher who declares at least 51% of their research activities at the CHU de Québec–Université Laval Research Center in their FRQ registry. In the case of co-supervision, the primary supervisor's affiliation is taken into account;
- Never have received a scholarship under this competition for the same level of study. A person who has previously received a Bourse de formation Desjardins pour la recherche et l'innovation from the Fondation du CHU de Québec at the master's level may still apply at the doctoral level;
- Hold named scholarships totaling less than \$20,000 at the master's level or less than \$25,000 at the doctoral level (excluding supervisor contribution).

## Evaluation process and criteria

These criteria are based on those used in FRQ training scholarship programs.

Applications are evaluated by a peer committee free of any conflict of interest, established within each axis of the CRCHU. Each committee is composed of members of the axis, taking into account the diversity of student profiles represented. Members evaluate applications independently. Following deliberations and consensus, the committee submits to the Foundation the ranking of applications recommended for funding.

### Doctoral level criteria:

Academic record and trajectory (45)

- Transcript (10)
- Recognitions (awards, distinctions, and scholarships obtained) (10)
- Achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) and relevant experience (related to the project or trajectory) (15)
- Capacity for engagement and leadership (within and outside academia) (5)
- Ability to engage in science–society dialogue (5)

Research project (50)

- Originality of the project and potential contribution to knowledge advancement and societal impact (10)
- Relevance of methodological elements and conceptual framework overview (15)
- Clarity and coherence of the research problem and project (15)
- Feasibility of the project and realism of the timeline (10)

General presentation of the application (5)

- Complete application
- Quality of presentation, language, clarity, and coherence

### Master's level criteria:

Academic record and trajectory (50)

- Transcript (15)
- Recognitions (awards, distinctions, and scholarships obtained) (10)
- Achievements (scientific, professional, social, etc.) and relevant experience (related to the project or trajectory) (25)

Research project (45)

- Originality, clarity, and coherence of the proposed research and contribution to societal impact (25)
- Relevance of the conceptual framework overview and methodological elements (20)

General presentation of the application (5)

- Complete application
- Quality of presentation, language, clarity, and coherence

**Additional information:** <https://www.crchudequebec.ulaval.ca/>

## Conditions and obligations:

- Payment terms will be communicated to recipients by the Human Resources department of the Research Center after budget validation and agreement with the research director.
- Recipients must commit to applying for provincial (FRQ) or federal (CIHR/NSERC) grants in September, depending on eligibility.
- Scholarship stacking: the receipt of a named scholarship during the payment period of the Bourse de formation Desjardins will result in the termination of the latter as of the start date of the named scholarship payments (not the date of confirmation of the award), if the total amount of named scholarships (excluding the Bourse de formation Desjardins and supervisor contribution) exceeds \$20,000 at the master's level or \$25,000 at the doctoral level. Any unused balance of the Bourse de formation Desjardins will be returned to the axis Foundation account and reinvested in the following year's scholarship competition.
- During the entire payment period of the Bourse de formation Desjardins, recipients agree to use the [logo of the Fondation du CHU de Québec](#), in addition to those of the CRCHU and their research axis, in oral or poster presentations. They must also acknowledge this scholarship in any publication resulting from the funded work.
- Recipients agree to provide the Foundation with a recent photograph to support outreach and recognition activities for scholarship recipients.

## Application submission

The completed application form by the candidate AND the referee form.

Text to be included in the form:

- Research project description (maximum 1,000 words, no figures allowed),
- Relevant achievements and experience (maximum 500 words)
- Professional or social achievements (maximum 500 words),
- Description of integrated academic trajectory (maximum 500 words).

Documents to attach to the form:

1. Transcripts from undergraduate studies and all subsequent years of study (Capsule transcript accepted).
2. Project bibliography (maximum 1 page, PDF format).
3. Summary of scientific publications, presentations and/or conferences (maximum 4 pages, PDF format).

## Contact

For any questions or comments regarding this competition, please contact us at:

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