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Certain documents may be faxed to 418-643-1451. Indicate your name and file number on the fax cover sheet.

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FOREWORD

This guide for scholarship holders provides details on certain provisions of the rules of the program. It contains important information on the forms you must use to accept or refuse the scholarship and to request the instalments for which you are eligible. Note that in this document, the masculine gender is used without discrimination and solely to lighten the text.

CHAPTER 1 - ACCEPTING OR REFUSING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1.1 Terms and conditions

In your online file called « [Dossier du dossier](#) », you must complete the « Acceptation ou refus de la bourse » form in the 15 business days following the date the results are announced. If there are changes to make in your scholarship conditions, you must submit them for approval before accepting the scholarship. To do this, you must fill the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. The requirement regarding the deadline of 15 business days is deemed to have been fulfilled when you send the Fonds the « Acceptation ou refus de la bourse » or the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. The Fonds will confirm processing of your reply within 20 business days. Ensure that your form has been received by checking the transmission date beside the link in your « Dossier du boursier ».

Important reminder:

For doctoral research scholarship holders (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W):

- Have a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) issued by the ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion du Québec (MIDI) and a student residence permit issued by the Canadian Consulate for the entire duration of the scholarship.

For Postdoctoral fellowship scholarship (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M) or Short-term research or professional development scholarship (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3M, 3W) holders:

- Have a work permit issued by the Canadian Consulate for the entire duration of the fellowship or scholarship.

1.1.1 Modifying the duration of the scholarship

The duration of the scholarship is based on the start and end dates of the study program, as indicated on your scholarship application. Any modifications to the duration of the scholarship must be made before you send in the « Acceptation ou refus de la bourse » form to the Fonds. No modifications will be made after this deadline.

1.2 Accepting the scholarship

You may accept the scholarship if you fulfill the following conditions:

Doctoral research component (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 3W):

- You are enrolled or will be enrolled full-time for the summer semester, fall semester, or at the latest by January 15th after the date you obtained the scholarship for the program under which you applied. Requests for changes to the initial scholarship application must be made by completing the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. Authorization of the changes must be received from the Fonds before you accept the scholarship.

Postdoctoral fellowship component (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M):

- You will begin the doctoral fellowship and be engaged in it full-time in the summer semester, fall semester, or at the latest by January 15th after the date you obtained the scholarship. Requests for changes to the initial scholarship application must be made by completing the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. Authorization of the changes must be received from the Fonds before you accept the scholarship.

Short-term research or professional development component (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3M, 3W):

- You will begin the short-term research or professional development activities at the latest by January 15th after the date you obtained the scholarship. Requests for changes to the initial scholarship application must be made by completing the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. Authorization of the changes must be received from the Fonds before you accept the scholarship.

Note that you can add a scholarship from your country of origin, a scholarship from an international organization, or a private scholarship to your Merit Scholarship for Foreign Students.

Important : If you accept the scholarship, you are responsible for reading the document entitled Studying in Québec at:

<http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/en/students/stuying-in-quebec/admission-process/>

Postdoctoral fellowship or short-term research or professional development scholarship holders should also refer to this page on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/temp/work/index.asp>

1.3 Refusing the scholarship

You must refuse the scholarship if:

- You have accepted another scholarship from a government department or from a Canadian or Québec government grant agency for which concurrency is prohibited (see [Concurrent scholarships](#))
- You have accepted a full-time job for more than one semester per scholarship funding year (see [Suspension](#))
- You cannot complete the prerequisite steps before entering Québec or cannot begin your study program or fellowship **by January 15th after the date you obtained the scholarship**, which is the scholarship deadline (see [Funding period](#))
- You will be enrolled part-time in your doctoral program or will only be able to carry out research activities part-time
- You are enrolled in a double doctoral degree program or cannot carry out your research activities in Québec
- You cannot carry out your research activities in Québec
- You have given up your plans to study, to conduct research or to undertake professional development.

CHAPTER 2 - SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Compliance with rules and legislation

Scholarship holders agree to fully abide by the rules of the Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students and to comply with those stated in this guide. While you are in Québec, you must obey the laws of Canada and Québec. You are therefore responsible for finding out about the legislation in force.

Important reminder:

Persons admitted to Québec to study are in violation of Canadian and Québec immigration laws if they:

- Do not renew their residence permit before it expires
- Transfer to another educational institution before receiving authorization from Immigration and the Fonds
- Or their spouse or one of their children begin a job before obtaining their work permit, or begin their studies before obtaining their certificate of acceptance from Québec

These offences could lead to their expulsion from the country or issuance of a special permit with additional fees charged to the scholarship holder.

2.2 Mailing address

You are responsible for notifying the Fonds of any change in your e-mail addresses or your mailing addresses. The program administrator must be able to reach you at these addresses. A missing or incorrect address could delay payment of your scholarship instalments and the dispatch of the certificate you need to obtain the « carte de la Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec ». Our rules prohibit using a post office box as the only mailing address.

2.3 Income tax

Scholarship holders responsibilities:

Canadian and Québec laws stipulate that any person who receives income from a Québec or a Canadian source must complete an individual income tax return (Government of Canada) and an income tax return (Government of Québec) and pay tax on this income.

You are responsible for paying income tax to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and to Revenu Québec. Note that the Fonds makes no source deduction from the income earned during the year. You must therefore plan to set aside the amounts needed to pay these taxes.

The year for personal income tax declaration purposes is determined based on the date on which your instalment is deposited. This is why the instalments for the winter semester are deposited only after January 1st. The T4A forms from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and Relevé I from Revenu Québec are sent to your mailing address in February the year after the tax year concerned.

The Fonds will not provide any Canadian or Québec income tax information. It is the scholarship holder's responsibility to communicate directly with the Ministère du Revenu du Québec and the Canada Revenue Agency for information.

2.4 Transportation and requests for payment of instalments

To facilitate your arrival in Québec, the Fond may purchase for you, if necessary, an airline ticket in economy class. The price of the ticket will be deducted from your first instalment due of your award. Wherever possible, we recommend you buy your own ticket.

2.5 Instalment request

IMPORTANT:

- The summer instalment is not issued until the first Thursday in May;
- The fall instalment, the first Thursday in September;
- The winter instalment, the second Thursday in January.

Before requesting your fellowship/scholarship payments, you must:

- Send in a copy of your student visa or work permit. Please note that to be awarded the scholarship, the Fonds has to receive a copy of the student visa (for doctorate student) or a copy of the work permit (for fellowship and internship).
- Open a bank account in a branch of a Canadian bank located in Québec;
- For postdoctoral fellowship and short-term research and professional development scholarship holders only: **Fill out and print** « Attestation de présence sur les lieux du stage » form (attestation of attendance) included with the request for the first payment. The form must **be signed by the project supervisor** and sent via email at pbeee@gouv.qc.ca or by fax to 418-643-1451.

To receive your fellowship/scholarship payments, you must:

- In your fellowship/scholarship holder's file « Dossier du boursier », fill out the payment request form on which you declared your other sources of funding and/or employment income. The form will be available one month before the start of the semester for which the funding was awarded. You have two months from the first day of the semester to send in your request. After this period, the payment will be cancelled. If you do not send in two consecutive requests for payment, funding will be cancelled. Refer to the payment schedule in your file to find out the dates at which the requests will be processed and payments will be received.
- Check the information about scholarship conditions and provide details of your bank account in Québec

2.5.1 Attestation of enrolment

Doctoral (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W) research scholarship holders must be enrolled full-time in their study and research program. The attestation of enrolment for each semester is transmitted directly to the Fonds by your institution after you have enrolled.

2.5.2 Attestation of attendance

In addition to the work permit, to receive their first instalment, postdoctoral (V2, 2B, 2C,2I, 2M) fellowship and short-term research or professional development (V3, 3B, 3C,3I, 3M, 3W) scholarship holders must send the Fonds the « Attestation de présence sur les lieux de stage » form available while requesting the first instalment. This form must be signed by the research supervisor. Subsequent instalments are subject to confirmation by the supervisor that attendance conditions continue to be met.

2.6 Opening an account in a financial institution in Québec

The information contained in this section is for information only. The FRQNT and MEESR are not responsible for the validity of the information regarding bank accounts in Québec financial institutions.

Opening and closing an account in Québec are generally simple and quick processes. When opening an account, the following documents may be required: two pieces of identification with photo (e.g.: passport, birth certificate, driver's licence, etc.), a home address in Québec, the names, addresses and phone numbers of the banking institutions with which the scholarship recipient does business in his country and a letter of recommendation from the person who oversees his banking products.

Financial institutions offer various account packages. These packages can be cancelled when the scholarship recipient is absent in order to keep any administrative fees to a minimum. Account maintenance fees starting at \$1/month may be charged even if no transactions are made.

The financial institution may offer the possibility of carrying out funds transfers via telex even if the scholarship recipient has not yet opened an account. The information required for a telex transfer includes the name of the beneficiary (as it appears on his passport), the bank account and transit numbers to determine the branch, the address of the branch, the address of the branch that will receive the transfer and the bank codes.

It is best to consult the Web sites of the main financial institutions in Québec before the scholarship begins. These Web sites provide information on the branches located close to the scholarship recipient's residence or institution. The list that follows is by way of indication only and is subject to change: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), Bank of Montreal, Laurentian Bank of Canada, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, Toronto-Dominion (TD) Bank and the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins, which has many branches.

2.7 Scholarship attestations

Once acceptance of the scholarship has been confirmed, you will have access to a printable English or French attestation ascertaining the value of your scholarship in you « Dossier du boursier ».

Note that you cannot use the attestation for any dealings with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (health insurance card). You will be mailed one official attestation bearing the seal of the MEESR needed to obtain your Québec health insurance card.

2.8 Updating your file

If your situation changes after you have sent your acceptance form or requests for payment, you must update your file using the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form.

2.9 Identification of your director or supervisor

You must indicate the name of and contact information for your director or supervisor on the request of instalments form. This information is not mandatory for the first two doctoral instalments but is so as of the third instalment.

2.10 Progress report doctoral / postdoctoral fellowship

Doctoral scholarship (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W):

You must present a progress report describing the state of advancement of your studies for each full year of funding. This progress report is included with the third and sixth request for payment. A progress report is not required for the last funded semester or in cases where the scholarship covers less than one year of funding.

The following information is requested:

1. Describe your achievements over the past year. Indicate any changes in your initial study/practicum proposal.
2. Determine a timetable for the main stages leading to your memoir/dissertation.
3. Indicate the projected date for submitting your dissertation and provide the contact information of the thesis director or supervisor. After sending your request for payment, you must print the progress report, sign it and forward it to your director to sign it. You may send it by regular mail, by fax to the following number: 418 643-1451 or send a scanned copy attached to an email at pbeee@gouv.qc.ca.

Entitlement to the scholarship will be maintained if your progress is deemed satisfactory.

Postdoctoral fellowship (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M):

In order to receive their second instalment, postdoctoral scholarship holders must submit a progress report as part of the second request for payment.

The following information is requested:

1. Describe your achievements over the past four months. Indicate any changes in your initial practicum proposal.
2. Determine a timetable for the main stages of your research activity.
3. Indicate the projected date for completing the practicum and provide the contact information of your supervisor. After sending your request for payment, you must print the progress report, sign it and forward it to your supervisor to sign. Fax the document to 418-643-1451 or send a copy by email at pbeee@gouv.qc.ca.

Entitlement to the scholarship will be maintained if your progress is deemed satisfactory.

Short-term research or professional development scholarship (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3M, 3W):

Short-term research or professional development holders are not required to submit a progress report but, like all MEESR Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students, they must complete a report on studying in Québec.

2.11 Report on studying in Québec

When the scholarship has ended, holders must produce a report (3 to 5 pages) about their training experience in Québec and mail it to the Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students administrator. Holders are also required to enclose their health insurance card with the report. The information thus obtained is used to evaluate the usefulness of the program. The address is:

**Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students
140, Grande Allée Est, bureau 450
Québec (Québec) CANADA
G1R 5M8**

The report discusses three main subjects. The first is how the scholarship holder paid for his study experience in Québec, in other words, the various sources of reliable funding and possible improvements to the system in Québec and in the country of origin, where applicable. The second subject is the value of what the holder learned in relation to his plans for the future. Lastly, the holder is asked to provide practical advice to future Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students holders.

CHAPTER 3 - SCHOLARSHIP RULES

3.1 Funding conditions

Doctoral research scholarship (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W):

You must be enrolled full-time in the program for which the doctoral scholarship is granted for the entire funding period. The scholarship is granted for your entire eligibility period, subject to presentation of progress reports deemed satisfactory.

Postdoctoral fellowship (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M) and short-term research scholarship (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3M, 3W):

You must be engaged in the research program full-time for the entire funding period. The scholarship is granted for your entire eligibility period, subject to presentation of a progress report deemed satisfactory, where applicable.

3.2 Permanent residence in Canada

Scholarship holders may request permanent resident status in Canada. If they decide to change their Canadian status, they must immediately inform the person in charge of the Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students.

3.3 Value of scholarships, funding period and place where scholarship is used

If the program of study for which you receive a scholarship is already underway, the funding period necessarily begins in May of the first funding year. Otherwise, the program and funding must begin between the next April 1st and January 15th (unless exceptional circumstances exist, the scholarship cannot be carried over from one year to the next). The scholarship is not retroactive and the semesters undertaken before the scholarship comes into effect cannot be funded.

Doctoral research scholarship (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W):

\$25,000 a year. The maximum scholarship period is three years (or nine semesters) with a possible extension of up to 12 months (monthly allowance of \$1000).

Postdoctoral fellowship scholarship (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M) :

\$35,000 for one year (non-renewable).

Short-term research or professional development scholarship (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3M, 3W):

\$3000 a month for a maximum period of four months.

In addition to the value of the scholarship, the MEESR offers all Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students holders Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec health insurance coverage and an exemption from the higher tuition fees usually charged to foreign students.

3.3.1 Extension of the doctoral scholarship (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W)

To obtain an extension on your doctoral scholarship, you must apply for it during your last regular funded semester by completing the « Demande de modification et de mise à jour du dossier » form. Your director of studies must also, during your last regular funded semester, send the Fonds an email confirming that the extension is necessary to enable you to complete your program. The maximum extension is 12 months (monthly allowance of \$1000).

3.3.2 Place where scholarship is used

The scholarship holder must attend the Québec university or College Centers for the Transfer of Technologies (CCTT) to which he was preselected and carry out his research or studies in Québec. The scholarship holder must notify the program manager before undertaking travel outside of Québec. Please note that joint supervision programs are ineligible.

3.4 Health insurance

Scholarships cover the cost of the health insurance provided by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ), but only while students are studying within Québec. Individuals must therefore have private health insurance if they intend to travel outside Québec, whether to collect data or for any other excused absence authorized by the director and the scholarship program administrator.

Upon their arrival in Québec, the scholarship holder will receive, through his university, a formal scholarship certificate bearing the seal of MEESR. He should then, in the shortest possible time, apply for the RAMQ card in one of the RAMQ service points in order to receive coverage. Note that for Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students holders, the usual three-month waiting period for health insurance card applicants does not apply. The card must be presented every time you go to a health centre or physician before health care can be administered. The holder must also provide proof of coverage by RAMQ health insurance plan to the university.

The card expires when the scholarship ends, and must be handed in to the scholarship program administrator.

Note that the purchase of medication is not covered. It is up to individuals to have private insurance for medication or to pay for their own medication.

3.4.1 General insurance

We strongly suggest that the scholarship holders obtain personal liability insurance against possible claims for civil and property damage as well as against personal property loss due to fire, theft, vandalism, disaster or accident.

3.5 Concurrent scholarships

Holding several scholarships concurrently is not permitted in the case of scholarships granted by government departments or by Canadian or Québec government grant agencies.

However, it is permitted with private scholarships or scholarships from the government of the scholarship holder's country of origin.

Note that you cannot defer a payment to receive another scholarship for which concurrence is prohibited and that would result in an increase in the value or lengthen of that scholarship compared with that offered by the Fonds. Scholarships must be coordinated.

If you receive another scholarship which can be held concurrently other scholarships we have offered you, you should verify whether the other granting agency allows you to accept, either in whole or in part, the scholarship offered by the Fonds.

3.6 Paid work

Scholarship holders must devote themselves full-time to carrying out their study or research program. Before accepting a job, scholarship holders must request authorization in writing from the program administrator using the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. Where applicable, the request must be accompanied by a recommendation from the director or supervisor in favour of authorization.

Please note that individuals who hold doctoral scholarships (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W) must comply with the restrictions of their foreign student visas.

3.6.1 Lecturer or teaching assistant

A scholarship recipient may accept a position as a lecturer for one course per semester or as a teaching assistant. If you accept a position as a lecturer for a course or as a teaching assistant, you may not carry out an internship or have another job.

3.6.2 Internship

You may receive a scholarship payment during an internship, whether or not it is remunerated, provided your research supervisor does not object. It must be indicated in the « Déclaration de revenus d'emploi » section of your payment request forms.

If you carry out an internship, you may not accept a position as a teaching assistant as stipulated above nor have another job. Please note that when carrying out a mandatory internship as part of your academic program and for which you do not receive research credit; you may register as a part-time student if the internship is full-time.

3.6.3 Other jobs

You may accept a position that does not exceed 150 working hours per semester as long as your academic director approves and providing that these activities do not hinder your studies. If you have a job, you cannot accept a position as a lecturer or teaching assistant and or take part in an internship.

If you are employed for more than 150 hours in a given term while remaining in the program full-time, you relinquish the scholarship payment for that term, but you retain your right to the scholarship for the remaining allowable payments. However, you may take advantage of the regulation described in the section allowing the deferral of your scholarship.

The salary you receive from your research supervisor to work solely on your project is considered to be a scholarship, the cumulated value of which is allowed. It must be indicated in the « Déclaration de revenus d'emploi » section of your payment request forms. Please select the option « Salaire pour mon projet de recherche » in the pulldown menu of the electronic form.

3.7 Reconciling studying and family life / suspension

3.7.1 Unpaid parental leave

In compliance with Canadian statutes governing immigration, parental leave is authorized by the Fonds if permitted by your university and if your director is duly informed. The maximum period for parental leave is 12 months (the equivalent of three semesters). To request parental leave, complete the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form and provide a copy of the child's birth certificate or a medical certificate, as well as proof of suspension of enrolment by your university. Note that only one parental leave is granted per child.

3.7.2 Suspension of studies due to illness/family obligations

In addition to the suspension of studies for health reasons, the Fonds allows temporary suspension of studies for up to 12 months for scholarship holders with serious family obligations (informal caregiver, education of children, etc.) if permitted by your university and if your director is duly informed. In all cases you are required to complete and forward the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form indicating the length of the suspension of studies and the reason for your request, and to attach a medical certificate, where applicable. Any requests that contain insufficient information may be refused.

3.7.3 Daycare

Under an agreement between the MEESR and the ministère de la Famille du Québec, scholarship holders with children aged 0-5 are entitled to Québec's low-cost daycare services for their children.

3.8 Research activities outside Québec: deferral of one payment or several payments

While you are receiving scholarship payments, you are required to study or carry out research activities in Québec.

In accordance with all the articles of this guide, it is possible to defer one payment or several payments in order to conduct research activities outside Québec. The payments in question are deferred until the end of your eligibility period. To avail yourself of this measure, you must complete the form for requesting changes.

Your director or supervisor must email the Fonds a short letter of support confirming the relevance of the research activities you would like to conduct outside Québec.

3.9 Cancellation of an instalment or the scholarship

Scholarship holders must claim scholarship instalments or request a deferral. The Fonds will cancel an instalment if it is not claimed or deferred in the two months following the beginning of the semester or of the research activities. The Fonds will cancel the scholarship if two consecutive instalments are left unclaimed.

3.10 Non-completion of studies or of the practicum

If you give up your studies during the semester or if you give up your research activities, you become ineligible for the scholarship and you may be required to fully or partly reimburse it. Notify the program administrator by forwarding the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form.

3.11 Obtaining a doctorate (V1, 1B, 1C, 1I, 1M, 1W)

If you have submitted your dissertation but have not yet defended it, you remain eligible for the scholarship, but you must be enrolled full-time in your program during that semester and be a resident of Québec.

CHAPTER 4 - CHANGES IN SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Prior to making any changes in the conditions of your scholarship (place, director or supervisor, etc.), you must request them by completing the « Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier » form. For the sake of fairness, before authorizing any changes, the Fonds must ensure that the change will not affect the evaluation of your application or your eligibility for the program.

4.1 Deferring the date the program begins

Your program can begin as late as January the year following announcement of the scholarship, without affecting the total amount awarded for the scholarship. Obviously, funding cannot begin unless you are enrolled full-time or until you have begun your research activities.

4.2 Change of program

You are required to submit a new proposal and demonstrate that it has the same scientific quality as the initial proposal. Before making a decision, the Fonds must ensure that the change will not affect the evaluation you received. It is important to specify whether you will remain in the same field with the same supervisor at the same institution. If this is not the case, you must indicate the changes and justify them in your request.

4.3 Change of environment and/or of director or supervisor

The scholarship holder must attend the Québec university or College Centers for the Transfer of Technologies (CCTT) to which he was preselected and carry out his research or studies in Québec. However, the scholarship holder may choose to pursue his research or studies with a new research or academic supervisor at the university or CCTT to which he was preselected. In such cases, the scholarship holder must advise the Fonds by filling out the form to request to modify or update his file « *Demande de modification ou de mise à jour du dossier* » and submitting it along with a letter of acceptance from the new supervisor. Please note that joint supervision programs are ineligible.

Generally, requests for a new director or supervisor are authorized automatically, provided that the restrictions concerning [the place of study](#) are respected.

4.4 Ethics policy

All Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students holders are subject to the ethics policies of the university they attend or the centre where they carry out research.

