

## **Call for students at the master's, PhD and Postdoctoral Fellows – Yves-Deshaies Rising Stars Award of the CMDO Network**

Created in April 2012 by the Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS), the **Research Network on CardioMetabolic health, Diabetes and Obesity** aims to promote research excellence, knowledge development and knowledge sharing in these areas to improve the quality of life of Quebecers.

The network is launching its **2019-2020 Yves-Deshaies Rising Stars Award of the CMDO Network** for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in Quebec. The goal of this program is to highlight the best CMDO Student and Postdoctoral Fellows to make them more competitive in provincial and Canadian competitions and to promote their professional advancement in research. This Award of Excellence has three components: 1) financial support (\$2,000) for participation in international conferences; 2) access to the CMDO Winter Camp and Annual Meeting and 3) access to a CMDO mentor to prepare for competitions such as the Vanier and Banting. Two awards per year will be awarded following an evaluation based on criteria of excellence.

The eligibility criteria and the evaluation method are described below. Candidates should have an excellent academic and research record as well as excellent potential to pursue a career in research.

The laureates will receive financial support of \$2,000 valid from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 to cover the cost of attending international conferences.

**Deadline for application submission is August 25, 2019.**

Requests submitted late, incomplete or that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated.

Candidates and their research supervisor must become a member of the network before applying to the competition. A follow-up report will be requested from the winners after the end of the funding period. In addition, a follow-up will be carried out one year later to document the impacts of this award.

### **Eligibility criteria of the proposed candidate:**

- 1) **Only candidates wishing to apply to the Vanier, Banting, or other similar elite competitions, may apply for the Rising Stars competition;**
- *The selection of the winners by the CMDO does not guarantee the acceptance by your university to apply for the mentioned competitions.*

- 2) The candidate (graduate student (MSc and PhD) or postdoctoral fellow), affiliated with a Quebec research center, must be a student / trainee member of the CMDO Network postdoctoral fellow before the final submission;
- 3) The candidate's research director must be a regular member of the CMDO Network before the final submission;
- 4) The candidate's research program must be related to the areas of cardiometabolic health, diabetes and / or obesity;
- 5) The candidate must have an excellent and complete record: academic, research potential, leadership, social involvement, etc.;
- 6) The candidate must provide a detailed CV in the CMDO format (template available upon request at [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca));
- 7) The candidate must provide a letter of motivation;
- 8) The candidate must provide two letters of reference (research director and another researcher);
- 9) The recipient agrees to provide a brief report at the end of the funding and to complete the follow-up survey a year later (scholarship competition results, status and plans for further education and career in research).

**Who can apply:**

The graduate student candidate (MSc and PhD) or postdoctoral fellow who is a member of the CMDO Network under the direction of a regular member of the CMDO Network is responsible for his application.

**Material required for application:**

- 1) Electronic application form completed (*online, see below*) by the applicant;
- 2) Curriculum vitae of the completed CMDO format (*PDF format, see below*);
- 3) Two letters of reference from established researchers: a letter from the research director and a letter from another researcher who does not participate in the candidate's leadership (*PDF format, see below*).

The form must be completed online. All other documents must be submitted in PDF format to [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca)

### **Application evaluation process:**

An evaluation committee will be formed to evaluate all applications submitted. The chair of the committee will be a member of the network's executive committee who has not endorsed a candidate. He will attend the discussions as an observer and coordinator. Contest results will be announced in the weeks following the application deadline.

Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria of eligibility of the competition and excellence in the following criteria:

- 1) ***Candidate's excellence:*** academic excellence, scholarships, awards, leadership and involvement;
- 2) ***Candidate's research potential:*** Quality of research training, scientific achievements, publication history, personal qualities and social skills that promote a career in research, career plan;
- 3) ***Quality of the research program;***
- 4) ***Potential eligibility of candidates for competitions:*** Vanier (Master's), Banting (PhD) or similar.

Any request for additional information can be sent to the CardioMetabolic, Diabetes and Obesity (CMDO) Health Research Network, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Sherbrooke, Endocrinology Department, CRCHUS, Tel.: 819 346-1110 ext. 12703, email: info@rrcmdo.ca.

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*Instructions for the application form*

**[THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE, CLICK HERE](#)**

**The form can be saved in order to complete it later.**

### **ATTENTION :**

- To save your application in order to complete it later, you must click on the Finish Later icon (a username will be asked for you, as well as a password), then exit by closing the program.
- If you have saved your application and click Exit and delete your answers, all saved data will be erased.

## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Principal Applicant (CMDO Network Graduate Student / Postdoctoral Fellow):**

Name of Principal Applicant: *max. 100 characters including spaces*

Affiliation of the Principal Applicant: *max. 240 characters including spaces*

Current degree (MSc, PhD or postdoctoral fellow)

Start date of current university program: *max. 100 characters including spaces*

### **Research Director and Co-Directors of the CMDO Network:**

Number of research directors: *choose 1, 2 or 3*

Name of the research director: *max. 100 characters including spaces*

Affiliation of the research director: *max. 120 characters including spaces*

Status of Director or Co-Director: *choose.*

### **Main theme of the candidate's research project (only one choice):**

- Cardiometabolic health
- Diabetes
- Obesity

### **Secondary theme (s) of the candidate's research project (multiple choices possible):**

- Cardiometabolic health
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Not applicable

### **In which axis (s) of research is classified the research project of the candidate (multiple choices possible):**

- Fundamental and pre-clinical research
- Nutrition, Physical Activity and Human Pathophysiology (Clinical Research)
- Life habits, risk factors and population interventions across life cycles (Population Health)
- Organization of care (Health System), sharing and use of knowledge (Knowledge Transfer)

**Provide information on the elite competition (s) planned for 2020 in connection with this CMDO Rising Stars Contest.** *(Include the competition title, the granting agency, the web link (if available) and the reasons why you will apply. max. 1500 characters including spaces)*

**For which degree of study will you apply (Doctorate or Postdoctorate):**

**What is the deadline to apply to this competition (if known):**

*max. 100 characters including spaces*

## **2. RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THE CANDIDATE**

Provide a summary of your project including scientific rationale, objectives and hypotheses, methodology and potential benefits. Please also include a paragraph describing the originality of your project (*Potential for creating new knowledge, originality of hypotheses and research questions, novelty of the approach, new methodologies or new application of existing methodologies*).

*max. characters spaces included: masters 1500 characters, doctorate 2000 characters, post-doctorate 2500 characters (spaces included).*

## **3. MOTIVATION LETTER AND CAREER PLAN**

The participant must provide a description of the reasons for participating in this competition, in connection with their next study cycle or career plan. *max. 4000 characters including spaces.*

The text must contain the following information:

1. The candidate's research roadmap and the impact of his activities to date in his area of expertise;
2. Description of the importance of not more than two research contributions;
3. Description of the importance of not more than two contributions in terms of leadership;
4. Personal qualities, social skills and motivations related to pursuing a career in research.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE TRANSMITTED IN PDF FORMAT:**

1. CV of the candidate, format CMDO (request the model word at [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca)). This document should not exceed 5 pages excluding the *List of Publications and Presentations* section.

This resume includes:

- a. Identification of the candidate;
  - b. University education (university, program, grade point average, director, project title) *max. 1/2 page*;
  - c. Scholarships and awards (academic and others) *max. 1/2 page*;
  - d. Work experience (research and others) *max. 1 page*;
  - e. Academic participation (mentoring, teaching, supervision, councils / committees, project management, event / course organization) *max. 1 page*;
  - f. Personal achievements (associations, entrepreneurship, travel / international studies) *max. 1 page*;
  - g. Social, community or civic participation and achievement *max. 1 page*;
  - h. List of publications and presentations (articles, oral or poster presentations, scientific popularization activities or for general public) *no maximum*.
2. Letter of support from the research director.
  3. Letter of support from a researcher who is not involved in the direction of the candidate.
  4. Submit all documents by email to [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca).