

## Jean-Davignon Young Investigator Award

Created in April 2012 by the Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS), the **Research Network on cardiometabolic health, diabetes and obesity** aims to develop research excellence in these areas, to transfer knowledge and foster the use of new knowledge in order to promote quality of life for all Quebecers.

The network launches its 2021 Young Investigator Award which targets early career Quebec investigators who have demonstrated outstanding research achievements at the early stage of their career.

Eligibility criteria and the method of evaluation are described below. Candidates must be within 7 years of their first appointment in a research centre and must have a program of research of excellent quality that demonstrates a structuring effect on research within the network. The awardee will receive a 1-year research grant of \$20,000.

**Only one nomination can be submitted per FRQS Research Centre.**

**The director of the Research Centre must support the nomination with a letter of support.**

**The deadline for submission of applications is September 10, 2020.**

The successful candidate will receive a \$20,000 grant to help support an ongoing project or a new project to be initiated within one year following the date of the announcement. The successful candidate must be a member of the network (prior to submitting an application) in order to qualify for the grant. The award recipient will be required to present the results of his/her work at the annual meeting of CMDO members (Annual Scientific Meeting of CMDO Network, the Quebec Society for Lipid, Nutrition and Metabolism (SQLNM) and the COLosSUS) following the completion of the project. An additional maximum amount of \$ 1,000 is available for travel / accommodation expenses to attend the annual meeting at which the successful candidate will present the findings of his/her research.

### **Eligibility criteria for candidates:**

- 1) Be a regular member of the CMDO Network;
- 2) Hold a regular researcher status for 7 years or less in a research center recognized by the FRQS. Mention the beginning date of first career post as a researcher in a research center in the Candidate's potential section (in electronic form);

- 3) The applicant's program of research must be related to the areas of cardiometabolic health diabetes and/or obesity;
- 4) The applicant's program of research must have structuring effects on research within the network, as per the network's objectives (*e.g., establishment of new intersectoral collaborations within the network or internationally, standardization of methods, implementation of a research platform or of common resources*).

### **Who can submit an application?**

- 1) The sponsor is the person who proposes the candidate and is responsible for the application. The sponsor can be a researcher from Quebec or from elsewhere. The sponsor, in collaboration with the candidate, completes the application form.
- 2) The director of the research centre to which the candidate is affiliated must support the application. Only one application per research centre will be accepted.

### **Complete applications require the following:**

- 1) CMDO Network application form completed by the sponsor and the candidate. **Only one application per FRQS research centre can be submitted for this competition.** A web-based application form to be completed online is available upon request at [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca);
- 2) At least two letters of support (minimum): one from the director of the research center to which the candidate is affiliated (who is not the sponsor), and one from an established and well-known researcher (who is not the sponsor);
- 3) Candidate's updated FRQS Curriculum vitae (including detailed contributions).

All documents (other than the online form) must be submitted (in PDF format) at [concours@rrcmdo.ca](mailto:concours@rrcmdo.ca).

### **Evaluation of applications:**

An evaluation committee will be formed to evaluate the applications submitted in all areas of research (cardiometabolic health, diabetes and obesity) to assess the excellence of each candidate's research record. The evaluation committee will be chaired by a member of the CMDO steering committee who has not sponsored or endorsed a candidate. The chair will act as observer and coordinator for the discussions. The award winner will be announced in February 2021.

Applications will be evaluated based on compliance with the competition's eligibility criteria and the following criteria:

- 1) ***Candidate's Potential:*** Quality of training in research, scientific achievements, publication record, funding and training of students. *Mention the start date of first career post as a researcher in a research center in this section;*
- 2) ***Scientific merit, originality and potential impact of the research program:*** Clarity of the research question and scientific justification. Potential for creating new knowledge. Originality of hypotheses and research questions. Novelty of the approach, new methodologies, or new application of existing methodologies;
- 3) ***Structuring effect for research within the CMDO network:*** Immediate or potential impact of the proposed project on research within the network, based on its objectives (*e.g., establishing new intersectoral collaborations within the network or internationally, standardization of methods, establishment of a platform or of common resources*).

Any request for additional information can be sent to the Research Network on Cardiometabolic Health, Diabetes and Obesity (CMDO), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Université de Sherbrooke, Division of Endocrinology, 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**  
**(Please request access to the online application form by contacting us at  
concours@rrcmdo.ca)**

#### **WARNING:**

- To save your application and complete it later, you must click the *Resume later* icon (a username and password will be requested), and then quit by closing the program.
- If you have saved your application and click on *Exit and Clear Survey*, all saved data will be erased.

## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**The application you are completing is the only application that will be submitted by the Research Centre to which the candidate is affiliated:** Yes or Don't know (cannot proceed with submission).

**Name of the sponsor, the person responsible for the application:** *max. of 100 characters*

**Sponsor email:** *max. of 100 characters*

**Sponsor phone number:** *max. of 70 characters*

**Name of the candidate:** *max. of 100 characters*

**Affiliation of the candidate:** *max. of 120 characters*

**FRQS Research Centre to which the candidate is affiliated:**

Select one research centers from the list.

**Affiliation to other research networks (several possible choices):**

- Another FRQS Network (which one?);
- Diabetes Network Action Canada;
- Other.

**Candidate email:** *max. of 120 characters*

**Name of the director of the Research Centre:** *max. of 100 characters*

**Email of the director of the Research Centre:** *max. of 100 characters*

**Main theme (choose one):**

- Cardiometabolic health
- Diabetes
- Obesity

**Secondary theme(s) (if applicable):**

- Cardiometabolic health
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Not applicable

## **2. CANDIDATE POTENTIAL:**

Quality of training in research, scientific achievements, publication record, funding and training of students. *Mention the beginning date of first career post as a researcher in a research center in the Candidate's potential in this section;*  
*max. of 3000 characters including spaces*

## **3. SCIENTIFIC MERIT, ORIGINALITY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM:**

Clarity of the research question and scientific justification. Potential for creating new knowledge. Originality of hypotheses and research questions. Novelty of the approach, new methodologies, or new application of existing methodologies;  
*max. of 3000 characters including spaces*

## **4. STRUCTURING EFFECTS FOR RESEARCH WITHIN THE CMDO NETWORK:**

Immediate or potential impact of the proposed project on research within the network, based on its objectives (e.g., establishing new intersectoral collaborations within the network or internationally, standardization of methods, establishment of a platform or of common resources).  
*max. of 3000 characters including spaces*