

Call for applications of PhD students – 2026 DDEA Summer School for PhD Students

Created in April 2012 by the Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Secteur Santé (FRQ), the mission of the **Cardiometabolic Health, Diabetes and Obesity Research Network** is to pursue the development of research into metabolic and cardiovascular health, diabetes and obesity, and to transfer and mobilize knowledge to promote sustainable health among Quebecers.

The network is calling to take part in the *Danish Diabetes & Endocrine Academy (DDEA) Summer School for PhD Students*, which will take place from **August 24 to 27, 2026 at [Sinatur Hotel Gl. Avernæs](https://sinaturhotel.gl.avnas.com), Helnæsvej 9, DK-5631 Ebberup in Denmark** (<https://ddeacademy.dk/events/course/ddea-summer-school-on-diabetes-metabolism-and-endocrinology-for-phd-students-3/>). PhD Student from all regular members of the network are invited to participate in this competition. The objective of this Summer School is to gain knowledge about the newest aspects and developments in the field of diabetes and metabolism at a high level. In addition to attending lectures by leading experts in the field, participants will discuss their own research interests and activities at a high scientific level, meet other PhD students and become familiar with other research projects. The DDEA will cover the local costs (*Summer School registration, meals and accommodation (personal expenses and extended accommodation are not included)*) of the Quebec participants selected by the CMDO Network. The CMDO will pay \$750 per participant to reimburse a portion of the transportation costs. All other costs will be assumed by the participant and/or his/her director.

Deadline for submitting applications is April 20, 2026.

Women, Aboriginal people, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and people from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community are encouraged to apply. For evaluation purposes, we strive to recruit a diverse committee that reflects the profiles of the applicants and ensure an evaluation process that takes into account the particular situations of the applicants, including atypical trajectories.

The eligibility criteria and the evaluation method are described below. Requests submitted late, incomplete or that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated. Selected candidates will be contacted no later than **in may**.

Eligibility criteria:

- 1) To be a PhD student, whose research director is a **regular member** of the CMDO Network. The research director must be a member of the network before applying to the competition.
- 2) Have a research project related to diabetes, metabolism or endocrinology.

- 3) Excellence and involvement:
 - Have an excellent academic record.
- 4) Demonstrate a motivation to pursue a research career in one of the network's areas of focus: Cardiometabolic Health, Diabetes and Obesity.
- 5) Speak and understand English (conferences and discussions are in English).
- 6) Selected participants will be required to submit a scientific abstract to this Summer School which will take place from August 24 to 27, 2026 in Ebberup, Denmark (deadline for abstract submission: **May 31, 2026**).
- 7) Please note that doctoral students may only win this competition once. Previous winners are not eligible to participate. However, if their circumstances allow, they may still take part in the activity at their own expense.

Material required when applying:

- 1) Contest application form – *DDEA Summer School for PhD student* completed online (see below). This document includes the research director's letter of support (*this letter can be included in the form directly or communicated (in PDF format) by email to concours@rrcmdo.ca*).
- 2) COMPLETE CV (FRQ format whenever possible, but we accept all CV formats) of the candidate. Communicate this document directly to concours@rrcmdo.ca.

Application evaluation process:

All applications are evaluated by a Scientific Committee. Any member with a conflict of interest is excluded from the final decision. If necessary, an external committee may be formed to carry out the evaluation. Competition results will be announced in the weeks following the application deadline.

Any request for additional information may be sent to the Research Network on CardioMetabolic health, Diabetes and Obesity (CMDO), Université Laval, École de Nutrition, email: info@rrcmdo.ca.

Description of the electronic form – next page

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

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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)
- ☐ Hypertension and Vascular Diseases
- ☐ Cardiac Diseases through the Lifecycle
- ☐ Metabolic Liver Diseases

Name of applicant: e.g. BERGERON, Lucien Junior;

max. 100 characters, including spaces.

Affiliation: e.g. Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke.

max. 250 characters, including spaces.

Ongoing studies program (if applicable): e.g. Cell Biology Program.

max. 120 characters, including spaces.

E-mail address: *max. 100 characters, including spaces.*

The name of the research director(s) regular CMDO Network member associated with this application: Ex.

CARPENTIER, André and BARNETT, Tracie

max. 400 characters including spaces

2. SCIENTIFIC SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

The participant must provide a summary of his research project (same format as an abstract in a congress).

Abstracts in French or English are accepted, but successful candidates will be required to provide a summary in English for the conference program book.

max. 1500 characters, including spaces: The title, authors and affiliation are counted in the number of characters.

3. MOTIVATION – PHD STUDENT:

The participant must provide a description of the reasons that motivate him to participate in this Summer School, in connection with his career plans (Justification of the relevance of your participation (Dissemination, transfer of knowledge, etc.)).

max. 4000 characters including spaces

4. LETTER OF SUPPORT - RESEARCH SUPERVISOR:

The research supervisor must provide a letter of support for participation in this conference (and, if applicable, mention financial support to cover the costs not reimbursed by the DDEA or the CMDO Network) *(this letter can be integrated into the form directly or communicated (in PDF format) by email to concours@rrcmdo.ca If so, please indicate it in the text box).*

max. 4000 characters, including spaces.

5. CURRICULUM VITAE:

Provide a CV, FRQS version (including the *Detailed Contributions* section) of the candidate by email.

6. SELF-IDENTIFICATION (To be completed by the Principal Applicant only)

As with tri-council agency, the purpose of the self-identification form is to collect information so our network can monitor the equity performance of our programs and design new measures to achieve greater equity, diversity and inclusion in our research endeavours

Membership Type (one choice only):

- ☐ Regular Member.
- ☐ Student, postdoctoral fellow or resident member
- ☐ Other

If Regular member: Position as a researcher: What is the start date of the first career position as an researcher in a research center (e.g. Researcher since December 2018 at INAF)?

Research areas (multiple choices possible):

- ☐ Basic Science/Preclinical
- ☐ Clinical
- ☐ Health care organization/health system
- ☐ Population-based

Gender (one choice only):

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Trans woman
- ☐ Trans man
- ☐ Two-spirited person
- ☐ Gender fluid
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't identify with any of these options
- ☐ I prefer not to answer.

Aboriginal People: Aboriginal people in Canada is a generic term used to refer to Inuit, Métis or First Nations people who live within the boundaries of the territory now known as Canada. We encourage all persons belonging to these nations and communities to indicate their affiliation below.

I belong to one of the following Aboriginal peoples of Canada (one choice only):

- ☐ First Nations or First Peoples
- ☐ Métis
- ☐ Inuit
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

Minority affiliation

I belong to the following ethnocultural or racialized community (You may choose the option that best describes your ethnic or regional origin or choose more than one if you consider yourself to be of mixed origin):

- ☐ Canadian Aboriginal Community (First Nations, Métis or Inuit)
- ☐ White community or community of European descent
- ☐ Central Asian or North Asian community
- ☐ Afro-descendant (or Black) community
- ☐ Latin American community
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African community
- ☐ South Asian community
- ☐ Southeast Asian community
- ☐ East Asian community
- ☐ Aboriginal community outside of Canada
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

If you selected "None of the above" for the previous question:

Specifically, I prefer to identify myself using the following terms

max. 500 characters including spaces

Native Language

The native language I learned and still understand is (please select all that apply)

- ☐ French
- ☐ English
- ☐ Other(s)
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

If you selected "Other(s)" for the previous question:

You may indicate your native language here:

max. 200 characters including spaces

Commonly used language

The language I most commonly use at home is (please select all that apply)

- ☐ French
- ☐ English
- ☐ Other(s)
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

If you selected "Other(s)" for the previous question:

You may indicate your commonly used language here:

max. 200 characters including spaces

*Comments or questions about the self-identification questionnaire
max. 1000 characters including spaces*

DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT IN PDF FORMAT:

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