

Jean-Davignon Young Investigator Award

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 launches its **2026 Jean-Davignon 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.

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

The deadline for submission of applications is September 10, 2025.

The award recipient will be required to present the results of his/her work at the MétaboliQc Meeting.

Women, Aboriginal people, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and people from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community are encouraged to apply for funding. 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.

Eligibility criteria for candidates:

- 1) The young researcher, affiliated with a Quebec research center, must be a regular member of the CMDO Network before submitting the final file;
- 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 multidisciplinary or*

intersectoral collaborations within the network or internationally, standardization of methods, implementation of a research platform or of common resources).

- 5) Following the first year of funding, winning teams are asked to provide CMDO with either **1)** a text of max. 300 words or **2)** a 1-minute video (max. 1min30sec) that presents the team's project/research program in a language that is accessible to all and that will be publicized on CMDO's Citizen Partner Community, in CMDO's newsletter, on CMDO's social media, and in any other media that is deemed relevant.
- 6) Please note that a recipient cannot be awarded more than once in this competition.

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.

Complete applications require the following:

- 1) CMDO Network application form completed by the sponsor and the candidate;
- 2) At least two letters of support (minimum): 1) from the director of the research center to which the candidate is affiliated (who is not the sponsor), and 2) from an established and well-known researcher (who is not the sponsor);
- 3) Candidate's updated COMPLETE CV (FRQ format whenever possible, but we accept all CV formats);
- 4) *Optional*: a page containing one or more figures and their respective captions.

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

Evaluation of applications:

An evaluation committee will be set up to assess the excellence of all applications received, covering the fields of cardiometabolic health, diabetes and obesity. Anyone in a conflict-of-interest situation will be excluded from this evaluation. The winner of the competition will be announced in February.

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

- 1) ***Candidate's Potential (30%):*** 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 (30%):*** 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 (20%):*** 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*);
- 4) ***Two support letters (15%).***
- 5) ***Equity/Diversity/Inclusion Vision (5%):*** What are you doing/planning to do to ensure fair and inclusive treatment of those involved in the project? Demonstrate efforts made or planned to be more inclusive and equitable in the work environment and/or participants.

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 (see next page)

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Instructions for the application form

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

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

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;
- Obesity Canada Network
- Other.

Candidate email: *max. of 120 characters*

Indicate any special circumstances that may have affected your career path.

max. 2800 characters including spaces

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).

The network's objectives are:

- 1) Organize concerted action, meetings, exchanges and scientific cooperation to respond to unmet issues and needs, and establish research priorities;
- 2) Support bold, innovative initiatives and strategic projects that are part of a cross-sectoral, sustainable approach, and enable the establishment of national and international partnerships;
- 3) Foster and promote the development of research talent and increase Quebec's ability to recruit and retain high-performance young researchers, by making a decisive contribution to training and mentoring;
- 4) Organize knowledge mobilization, scientific animation and dissemination activities aimed at different target audiences;
- 5) Support the sharing and development of research resources for all Quebec researchers;
- 6) Evaluate the effectiveness and scope of CMDO programs on an ongoing basis.

max. of 3000 characters including spaces

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

In the event that your project is funded, please provide us with the mailing address and contact details of the person responsible for financial transfers (e.g. administrative technician):

- Name; *max. 120 characters including spaces*
- Email; *max. 120 characters including spaces*
- Phone number; *max. 120 characters including spaces*
- Postal address; *max. 250 characters including spaces*

6. EQUITY/DIVERSITY/INCLUSION VISION

What are you doing/planning to do to ensure fair and inclusive treatment of those involved in the project?

Demonstrate efforts made or planned to be more inclusive and equitable in the work environment and/or participants.
max. 2800 characters including spaces

7. **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:

1. COMPLETE CV (FRQ format whenever possible, but we accept all CV formats) of the candidate;
2. Two letters of support: 1) from the director of the home research center (different from the sponsor) and 2) from a recognized/established researcher (different from the sponsor);
3. Optional: one page of figures;
4. Submit by email to concours@rcmdo.ca.