



**FUNDING PROGRAM: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING  
VISION HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORK  
2017-2018 Competition**

**REGULATIONS**

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**Deadline to submit a letter of intent: June 30, 2017**

**Deadline for complete submission: August 15, 2017**

Should these dates fall on a Friday or Saturday, the candidate will have until Sunday night to send his/her application.

**Goal**

The objective of the National and International Networking Funding Program (NIN) program is to foster collaborations outside Quebec and to increase the visibility of Vision Health Research Network (VHRN) researchers nationally and internationally.

**Eligibility**

The eligibility criteria are:

- collaborative project must involve a minimum of two research teams, one in Quebec and one from outside Quebec
- nominated principal investigator of the Quebec team must be a regular VHRN member
- principal investigator of the team outside Quebec must work in academia
- project must focus on vision health
- The principal investigator of the outside Quebec team must commit to provide the equivalent of the subsidy granted by the VHRN (in kind contributions are accepted).

The principal investigator and co-investigators must be independent researchers, as defined by the FRQS: “Person who has a doctorate or its equivalent and a university affiliation allowing him to supervise graduate and postgraduate students; is autonomous vis-à-vis his research activities; and who occupies a regular professorial or research position at a Québec university or a regular research position in a Québec health and social services institution. Professional diploma holders must have completed a minimum of two years of full-time research training”

[Source: FRQS Common General Rules](#)

The principal investigators and co-investigators from outside Quebec must meet equivalent criteria, but being affiliated with a Canadian institution or from another country.

**Evaluation criteria**

Applications will be evaluated according to the same performance criteria as those established by the FRQS for the evaluation of its Thematic Networks. These same criteria are also specified at the top of each section of this form, as well as in the VHRN Scientific Report form.

### **Amount and duration of grants**

- 1) Financial support for a project is granted for one fiscal year (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, renewable once upon presentation of a scientific report). The maximum budget per project is \$25,000.
- 2) A scholarship complement of a maximum of \$5,000 may be granted to a foreign student involved in the project and working in the VHRN team. This scholarship will be added to the total amount of the grant.
- 3) Special funds from the Antoine Turmel-Foundation will be used for proposals on AMD.
- 4) The amount and number of grants are dependent on the availability of funds.
- 5) Funding from the VHRN must be used in a Quebec institution. The principal investigator outside Quebec must commit to provide the equivalent of the subsidy granted by the VHRN (in kind contributions are accepted).

### **Documents to submit**

– Letter of intent

– Complete submission

The application must be submitted as a single PDF document including, in the following order:

- 1) **For new applications:** the submission form for “Funding Program: National And International Networking” duly completed  
**For renewals:** the form “scientific report” duly completed  
The form must be in Arial 10 or equivalent.
- 2) attestation of partnership, if applicable
- 3) common CVs of principal investigators (FRQS, CIHR or NSERC format) and the equivalent for international researchers
- 4) and the CV and the proof of enrollment or application for admission in a Québec university of the foreign student for whom you are asking a scholarship complement, if applicable.

Application form (first applications):

<http://visionnetwork.ca/financement/programme-de-reseautage-national-et-international/>

Scientific report (renewals): <http://visionnetwork.ca/financement/rapports-scientifiques/>

### **Commitment**

Principal investigators and co-investigators commit to:

- mention support from the “FRQS Vision Health Research Network”, and the “*Fondation Antoine-Turmel* (if applicable), in any publication or presentation resulting from the research project funded by the Network;
- present the research results at the VHRN Annual Meeting.

### **Scientific Report**

For all funded projects, a scientific report including the scientific impact and leverage effects must be completed at the end of the grant. These reports will be used in the VHRN’s annual report and renewal application.

Scientific Report form: <http://visionnetwork.ca/financement/rapports-scientifiques/>

### **To submit your application and for more information**

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