

GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

STUDENT PROGRAM

VISION HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORK

2019 - 2020 Competition

INSTRUCTIONS

**Deadline: August 15, 2019\***

\*Should this date falls on a Friday or Saturday, the candidates will have until Sunday night to send their application.

**Goal of the competition**

These awards are intended to help and encourage graduate students in research in vision in order to better perform in competitions for awards from granting agencies (FRQ, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC). Students will benefit from constructive comments of experienced evaluators that will allow them to consolidate their application and increase their chances of success in these competitions.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the VHRN Graduate Student Excellence Award competition:

* The candidate must be enrolled full-time in a Master’s or PhD program on or before September 30, 2018, in a master's or doctoral program under the supervision of a VHRN member.
* The candidate Master’s or PhD research project must focus on vision health.
* The candidate undertake to submit his or her scholarship application to the FRQ (FRQS, FRQNT or FRQSC) in the current year (fall of the same year).
* In the rare event that a candidate would not be eligible for a FRQ Master’s or a PhD training award, but would be eligible to a CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC competition, the candidate undertake to submit his or her scholarship application to one of this three organisms.
* **It is the responsibility of the student to ensure his or her eligibility to the competition he or she will apply to.**
* Only one Graduate Student Excellence scholarship can be awarded to a student during his or her studies (all levels included).

**Documents to submit**

1. The form « GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD » duly completed.
2. A **fully completed copy** of the application for the Master’s or Doctoral Scholarship, as required by the granting agency to which the application is submitted (FRQS, FRQNT, FRQSC, CIHR, NSERC or SSHC). ALL documents required by the granting agency must be submitted to the VHRN (including, as appropriate: application form, candidate Common CV, official transcripts, copies of the award of scholarships, awards and distinctions notice, acknowledgement of receipt of submitted articles and notices received from editors for articles accepted for publication, etc.). No additional documents will be accepted.

Please contact or visit the agency’s website for the forms, deadlines and more details:

* FRQS: <http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/>
* FRQNT: <http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca/>
* FRQSC: <http://www.frqsc.gouv.qc.ca>/
* CIHR: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/>
* NSERC: <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/>
* SSHRC: <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/>

1. A **proof of registration** at a Quebec University (if already available at the time of submission. Otherwise provide this proof in the following month)
2. A **complete copy of the research director file** as required by the FRQ (or, when appropriate, CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC).
3. The supervisor must send to the VHRN**, in an Excel separate sheet, an updated follow-up** on the **academic and/or professional status of the supervisor’s students funded in the past by the VHRN.** Upon request, the coordinator will provide the researcher a copy of this document that will only have to be updated.

**IMPORTANT:** The recipients of the Graduate Student Excellence scholarship must provide the acknowledgement receipt of their application to the FRQ (or CIHR, NSERC, SSHC) as well as proof of registration (if not present in the initial submission) in the following week. Please visit the websites of the eligible organisms for their respective deadlines (see list above). Incomplete applications and/or applications not conforming to these rules will be rejected.

**Evaluation criteria**

The application will be assessed on the quality of the candidate’s record and his/her chances of success in the scholarship competition to which he/her will apply to. The evaluation grid of the chosen competition will be the one used by the VHRN Scientific Committee.

**Amount of the award**

The amount of an Excellence award will be **$ 2,500** non-renewable.

**Commitment**

Any recipient of a VHRN Graduate Student Excellence Award agrees to:

* acknowledge the support of the VHRN in each presentation (oral or poster) and publication resulting from the project for which he was awarded the scholarship: By using the one of the following wordings, according to the publication language and to the research project topic:
  + « Le Réseau de recherche en santé de la vision » or « The Vision Health Research Network » if the project is not related to AMD.
  + « La Fondation Antoine Turmel et le Réseau de recherche en santé de la vision » or « The Antoine Turmel Foundation and The Vision Health Research Network » if it’s a project related to AMD;
* present the results of the research project at the VHRN Annual Scientific Research Day;
* declare to the Network any additional awards received during the period funded by the Network;
* respond to the requests for follow-up sent by the VHRN after the completion of the Master’s or PhD Degree in order to evaluate the efficiency of this program.

**Timelines**

Deadline to submit application: **August 15\***

Review and evaluation: **September 15**

Notification of results and comments: **September 17**

\*This date was chosen to allow the Scientific Committee to evaluate applications early enough that students can benefit from these assessments and use them to improve their scholarship application to major funding agencies. In the event that the deadline is on a Friday or a Saturday, the candidate will have until Sunday night to submit his or her application.

**Number of awards available by competition:** The number of awards depends on availability of funds.

**Please submit your application to:** [reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca)

**For additional information, please contact:**Vision Health Research Network

514-987-5636

[reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca)

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2018-2019 Competition

FORM

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**To which VHRN competition are you applying?**

Graduate Student Excellence Award – MSc  Graduate Student Excellence Award – PhD

**Title (Mr/Mrs):**

**LAST NAME, First name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Phone number:**

**Program and level of study:**

**University, Faculty and Department:**

**Research director’s coordinate(s):**

LAST NAME, Fist name:

Email:

**Project’s title:**

**Could this project have an impact on the understanding and / or treatment of AMD?**

yes no

**Does this project result from the use of a VHRN resource?** ☐ yes ☐ noIf yes, specify☐ Common infrastructures (specify which ones: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ National and International Networking Program  
☐ Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

**To which major granting agency competition are you applying this fall?\***

FRQS Master’s Training

FRQS Doctoral Training

FQRNT Program of scholarships (2nd cycle)

FQRNT Program of scholarships (3rd cycle)

FRQNT Doctoral research scholarships program for foreign students (DE)

FRQNT Merit scholarship program for foreign students (PBEEE)

FRQSC Scholarship

CIHR Scholarship

NSERC Scholarship

SSHC Scholarship

**Did you apply to the Graduate Student Excellence Award in the past?** yes no

If yes, which year(s) (MSc ou PhD):