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RESEARCH GRANT

MYOPIA FUND 2026 Competition

RULES

Deadline for Letter of intent: **June 15, 2026*** (Sections 1 and 2)

Deadline for Full application: **July 15, 2026***

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

Objective

The aim of this grant program is to support research initiatives that help to understand, prevent and treat myopia. It is aimed at all fields of research: fundamental, applied, social and preventive. This program aims to fund promising high-risk/high-reward research initiatives in myopia. In line with its mission, the Foundation wishes to fund projects that require seeding money to start a project and make them competitive in large federal agencies (e.g. IRSC/CIHR).

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- The project must focus on myopia;
- The principal investigator must hold a research position at a recognized university in Quebec;
- The co-investigator(s) may be from outside Quebec, but must work in a university environment;
- Co-investigator(s) from outside Quebec may not receive Foundation funding for their work;
- Only one project may be submitted per researcher. If a researcher is involved in more than one project (as a co-investigator), there must be no overlap (conceptual or budgetary) between projects;
- There must be no overlap with any other funded project.

The Quebec principal investigator must meet the FRQS definition of an autonomous researcher: "A person who holds a doctorate or equivalent and a university affiliation allowing him or her to supervise graduate students, who can conduct research independently and who holds a regular teaching or research position in a Quebec university institution, or a regular research position in an institution in the Quebec health and social services network. Holders of a professional diploma must have completed a minimum of two years of full-time research training.

Evaluation criteria

Funding applications will be evaluated by a committee of researchers according to the criteria set out at the top of each section of this form.

Amount and conditions of grants

- Financial support for a project is granted for one year (one-time investment).
- The maximum budget that can be allocated per project is **\$50,000**, and only one grant will be awarded for this competition. The Foundation reserves the right not to award the 2 grants if the quality of the projects submitted is insufficient.
- An applicant may submit a renewal request (only **one (1) renewal permitted**), provided that a progress report on the research project and an appropriate justification are submitted.
- Funds awarded will be paid to the **managing institution of the principal investigator**. The use of funds by the research team is then governed by the [Règles générales communes du FRQ](#).

Scientific report

A one-page scientific report describing the scientific spin-offs and leverage effects of the project must be submitted at the end of the grant.

Financial report

For all subsidized projects, a financial report must be submitted at the end of the fiscal year (March 31) following the grant, until the end of the period during which the funds are to be used. At the end of the grant period, any unspent funds must be returned, unless an extension agreement has been reached.

Commitment

Principal investigators and co-investigators agree to:

- Acknowledge the support of the "*Fondation des maladies l'œil (FMO)*" and the "Vision Sciences Research Network (VSRN)", when applicable, in any publication or presentation resulting from the funded research project.

How to apply

– LETTER OF INTENT:

- **Only** sections 1 and 2 of the "**MYOPIA FUND PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**" duly completed.

– FULL APPLICATION:

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

- All sections of the duly completed "**MYOPIA FUND PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**";
- A Common Canadian CV (FRQS with contributions or CIHR) for Quebec researchers (or whatever replaces it) and the equivalent for researchers outside Quebec.

Incomplete and/or non-compliant applications will be rejected.

Please send us your complete request (PDF) or for more information:

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APPLICATION FORM

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SECTION 1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Type of request:

- First application (do not complete **Section 9**)
- Renewal

Research area:

- Discovery
- Applied research (clinical/pre-clinical)
- Social research

Language of correspondence: English French

Language in which you will submit your project: English French

Project's title:

FR:

EN:

Investigator(s)* and collaborator(s)

- Add the number of lines required.

LAST NAME, First name, titles	Check				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email • Main affiliation • Complete address (city, country)
	Principal investigator*	Co-investigator*	Collaborator	Student	
Research Team					

* Must be a faculty member at a recognized university in Quebec (or another province or country) or a permanent member of an ophthalmology clinical service at a university hospital center.

Project summary (350 words maximum):

SECTION 2. SUGGESTION OF POTENTIAL REVIEWERS

(Up to 5 Canadian or international names)
Reviewers must not have published with the researchers involved in the application
Include: LAST NAME, first name, titles, email address, affiliation, expertise

SECTION 3. SIGNATURES

Names and signatures of principal investigators, co-investigators and collaborators
Add the required number of lines.

Name	Signature	date
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SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVES INFORMATIONS

Full contact details of the Finance Department representative who will administer the grant if awarded.

LAST NAME, first name:

Phone number:

Email:

Institution (to which the grant will be issued):

Mailing address:

Fund number (if available):

SECTION 5. LAY SUMMARY (in English AND French, 250 words maximum per language)

Describe in lay language (general audience) the purpose of the study, the expected results and the anticipated impact of the project.

For dissemination and promotional purposes.

Titre du projet :

Résumé:

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Project title:

Summary:

SECTION 6. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH WORK PLANNED FOR THE COMING YEAR

(3 pages maximum, an appendix of 2 pages maximum is also permitted for figures, tables and references)
Describe the problem, objectives, methodology, preliminary results and relevance of the project.

SECTION 7. SCHEDULE AND FEASIBILITY (1 page maximum)

Describe the timetable for the main stages in the project's realization, as well as its feasibility.

SECTION 8. BUDGET (add number of pages required)
Describe the expenses for which funding is requested, for each of the relevant budget categories.

REQUIRED ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A RENEWAL

SECTION 9. PROJECT PROGRESS

(maximum 1 page, an appendix of up to one page is also permitted for figures and tables)

When applying for a renewal, describe the progress made and the results achieved with the previous grant. Justify the need to renew funding for the same project based on:

- Initial objectives
- Milestones achieved
- Data generated