

EDITION	*Application Deadline for applying**	Training must start within this period
Summer 2026	**March 1, 2026**	**May 1 to August 31, 2026**
Fall 2026	**July 1, 2026**	**September 1 to December 31, 2026**
Winter 2026	**November 1, 2026**	**January 1 to April 30, 2026**

Should these dates fall on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the candidates will have until **Monday 23h59 to send their application.*

Objectives

This initiative aims to provide financial support to student members whose research or internship supervisor is a member of the Vision Sciences Research Network (VSRN), for an **INTERNSHIP** (summer/fall/winter).

Internships must last a **MINIMUM OF THREE (3) MONTHS, ON A FULL-TIME basis**

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- Promote networking and collaborations;
- Support student mobility for the acquisition of new skills;
- Reward excellence in vision science research by VSRN student members;
- Stimulate early interest among students to help the most promising pursue careers in vision science;
- Help students enhance their research capacity through an internship in cutting-edge vision research.

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for this program are:

- Relevance of the project to the mission and health research areas of the VSRN vision. Applications that do not meet the mandate of the VSRN will not be evaluated

- This program is open to all student members of the Vision Network (college, 1st cycle (including medical students).
- Internship supervisor or research director must be a VSRN member.
- The competition will be held three (3) times a year, and you must apply by the deadline that corresponds to the period in which your internship will take place.
- Only one (1) application per competition will be accepted.
- The same candidate cannot receive two (2) awards in the same fiscal year (April1-March 31).
- The internship must be completed on a **FULL-TIME** basis.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred to another period. Any deferral requires a new application and invalidates the initial decision.

IMPORTANT: You cannot combine this scholarship with the Recruitment Scholarships during the same period.

For eligibility inquiries: reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca

Amount and number of awards

- The funding value is **$3,000**.
- The number of scholarships awarded per competition depends on the available funds for this program.
- Only one (1) scholarship per student per fiscal year may be awarded under this program.

Evaluation criteria

To award a prize, the evaluation committee will consider the excellence of the research, the relevance and impact of the internship on the student's training, and the potential to increase intersectorality in vision research in Quebec. Each application will be evaluated and ranked based on its individual merit (quality of the justification and the hosting environment).

Commitment

Any recipient of a "Merit Scholarship" agrees to:

- Acknowledge the support of the VSRN in their presentation (oral or poster) and following publication resulting from the project for which he was awarded the award by using one of the following wordings, according to the publication language and to the research project topic:
  - ✓ ***« Le Réseau de Recherche en sciences de la vision » or* « The Vision Sciences Research Network » (doi.org/10.69777/337774);**
- Notify VSRN of their progress (study program or employment) after their studies in a VSRN laboratory to help VSRN evaluate the impact of its funding programs.
- Present the results of their research project at the VSRN annual meeting.

How to apply

Applicants must complete the **electronic form** on the **competition page "Merit Scholarship: INTERNSHIP"** and upload the following in a single PDF in this order::

1. Supervision form (Section 4)
2. Scientific CV of the candidate **FRQ Abridged CV** (2 pages max, letter format)

IMPORTANT: Scholarship payments are made after receipt of required documentation.

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

For additional information and/or to confirm eligibility:
Vision Sciences Research Network (visionnetwork.ca)
reseau.vision@ircm.qc.ca

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STEP 1 - IDENTIFICATION

***Applicant :**	*First Name*	*Last Name*	*Email*
*** Degree:**	*College/university student (1st), MD students*		
*** Type of research:**	*Discovery, clinical, translational (preclinical), epidemiology, knowledge transfer, technology transfer, social sciences, Policy, and Public Health*		
*** Study Program:**	*(to complete)*		
***Affiliation**	*University, Research Center, institute, etc*		
*** Supervisor:**	*First Name*	*Last Name*	*Email*
Co-Supervisor (if applicable):	*First Name*	*Last Name*	*Email*
***Axis**	*Vision Neurosciences, Emerging Technologies, Vision, Access, And Participation, Biology and Pathology of vision*		
*** Involved sectors:**	*Health, Natural Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities, Arts and Letters*		

*** Does this project result from the use of a VSRN resource?** *No / Yes*

(Network Programs: Common Infrastructures, National and International Networking or other VSRN Student fundings)

***Is this project part of another funding request outside of the VSRN?** *No / Yes*

(If yes, please specify: Deadline for the request: _Funding organization: __, Name of the funding program:_

*** Type of activity:**	*Summer/ Fall/ Winter internship, other type of internship (please specify)*
*** Starting date (duration):**	*YYYY-MM-DD (x day(s))*
*** Place:**	*University / Institute / Congress Center, city, province, country*

**Mandatory fields*

SECTION 2: DETAILS ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

Contact information of the host supervisor or workshop details

*NAME, First Name:
*Email:
*Affiliation:
*Postal address:

Description of the hosting environment (maximum **100 words**)

SECTION 3 : JUSTIFICATION (**maximum 400 words**)

Description of the internship project (context, objectives, methodology, impact), the student's role, and the impact on their training. Describe the outcomes of this internship (leveraging effect) and the intersectoral nature of the internship.

DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH

Attach all sections and supporting documents to the application in a single PDF (see previous page).

Submit

*You will receive **an email** confirming that you have submitted your application.*

Candidate (First Name LAST NAME)**:** _____

SECTION 4 : SUPERVISION ACCEPTANCE FORM

Complete the following fields.

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR

I confirm that:	**Candidate's NAME** **Candidate's First Name**
will undertake an internship/training from:	**Start date** **End date**
in my laboratory located at:	**University/center/institution/city/province/country**
Supervisor's signature :	