FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Collaborative projects between strategic clusters

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Program description

This program aims to create and support research collaborations between the Group for Research in Decision Analysis (GERAD) and the Interdisciplinary research centre for operationalizing sustainable development (CIRODD). It provides funding to support the development of research on the theme of **climate change**.

More specifically, this program aims to:

➢ Promote the start-up or implementation of research activities on **climate change mitigation and/or adaptation**
➢ Support the collaborative efforts of inter-institutional, interdisciplinary and/or intersectoral research teams
➢ Promoting student training.

In addition, this program aims to obtain promising preliminary results that could facilitate access to other sources of funding.

This initiative is dedicated to regular members of **GERAD** and **CIRODD**.

Each project will receive $20,000 in funding. The evaluation committee will select **only one (1) research project**.

Eligibility requirements

- The project must be carried out in collaboration between <u>at least one (1) regular member of GERAD and at least one (1) regular member of CIRODD</u>.
- Co-applicants must come from two (2) different institutions (inter-institutional collaboration);
- The project must be in line with one or more of GERAD's and CIRODD's research programs.

Other considerations

- GERAD and CIRODD adhere to the **principles of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) recognized by the Fonds de recherche du Québec**. These principles form part of the evaluation criteria across the board. We invite bidders to consult the appendices.

Project duration

Funding must be used over a period of one (1) year.

Eligible expenses

Eligible expenses include:

- College student remuneration (including fringe benefits) or scholarship supplement

- Remuneration for undergraduate students (including fringe benefits) or scholarship supplement

- Remuneration for graduate students (including fringe benefits) or scholarship supplement

- Compensation for postdoctoral fellows

- Purchasing and accessing databases

- Dissemination and knowledge transfer of research results (e.g., video production, public events, production of popularized content for mainstream media, the Web and social networks) or publications intended for a non-academic readership. Maximum eligible amount: $500

- Travel expenses related to the democratization of knowledge (to academia and elsewhere). Maximum eligible expenses: $1,000

- Teaching release for a college or CCTT researcher. Maximum eligible amount: $10,000

Deposit procedure

To apply, please:

- Please complete the online form before **December 19, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ;**

- Requests must be submitted via a form:

    - 🔗 **Access the program form:**
      https://form.jotform.com/242945694859276

- Attach to the online form a three (3) page document (free format) specifying:

    - ○ Project description and objectives

    - ○ A complementary research team

    - ○ Deliverables and potential spin-offs

    - ○ The relevance of this project for GERAD and CIRODD

    - ○ A realistic budget.

Limiting requests

- A regular member can participate in a maximum of two requests.

Deliverables following award of financial assistance

FINAL REPORT

Teams that have received financial assistance must write a final report of no more than two (2) pages.

On the first page, indicate the elements below (the first four elements can be published on the GERAD and CIRODD websites):

- Project title.
- Names of researchers and students involved.
- Name of universities involved.
- A relevant figure, diagram or illustration.
- Description of the project, results achieved and major challenges to be overcome.

On the second page:

- Full references of publications and communications (oral or posters) associated with the collaborative project.
- Funding applied for or obtained at the provincial, federal or other level (e.g., research contract).
- Potential scientific spin-offs (strategic collaboration, publication, patents, technology transfer, etc.).

The final report must be submitted no later than two (2) months after the end of the project, in accordance with the research team's schedule.

Payment of financial assistance

Financial assistance will be provided in two separate installments:

- $10,000 to the GERAD co-applicant
- $10,000 to the CIRODD co-applicant.

Recognition of contribution

Teams that have received financial assistance must display the GERAD and CIRODD logos on any presentation or printed or electronic document that describes or results from the project.

Project assessment criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

PROJECT – 45%

- Scientific quality of the project
- Clearly stated project objectives
- Adequacy with the objectives of the support program
- Realistic budget
- Relevance to GERAD and CIRODD.

TEAM – 45%

- Complementarity and added value of the team (interdisciplinarity, intersectorality, transdisciplinarity, new collaborations, etc.)
- Synergy, co-construction and degree of involvement between team members
- Description of support and supervision of students in the project.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EDI PRINCIPLES IN RESEARCH - 10%

- Efforts to promote the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in the research project. This criterion refers to the means used to promote EDI. Give examples of concrete measures that will be put in place to promote EDI in the project and/or within the team.

Passing grades: 80%.

Appendix 1

EDI BASICS[1]

Equity

Fair treatment aimed in particular at eliminating systemic barriers that disadvantage certain groups.

Fair treatment does not necessarily mean identical treatment for all. It must take account of different realities, present or historical, to enable all people to benefit from the same opportunities.

Diversity

The research ecosystem is made up of people from a wide range of backgrounds, enabling the expression of diverse viewpoints, approaches and experiences.

Inclusion

Implementing practices that enable all members of the research community to feel valued, supported and respected, with particular attention to underrepresented groups.

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[1] Source: Formation sur l'équité, la diversité et l'inclusion dans la recherche universitaire et les demandes de subvention, Réseau interuniversitaire québécois pour l'équité, la recherche et l'inclusion (RIQEDI), in collaboration with Fonds de recherche du Québec, Institut Équité, Diversité, Inclusion, Intersectionnalité (EDI2) and Chaire pour les femmes en sciences et en génie (CFSG), April 15, 2021 Presentation: **https://rqedi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Atelier-EDI-en-recherche-15-avril-FINAL.pdf**
Training registration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VcbnOvW8n0&t=1938s

Appendix 2

EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF EDI PRINCIPLES IN RESEARCH

The following are examples of measures based on EDI principles. This is by no means an exhaustive list, and the relevance of any measure will obviously depend on the project context.

- Taking diversity into account in the design and execution of the research project (research questions, methodology, gender analysis, etc.)

- Recruitment methods to reach a greater diversity of students or postdoctoral fellows (e.g., wider dissemination outside the usual networks, reaching out to people from underrepresented groups rather than waiting for them to come forward, etc.)

- Workspace adaptation for disabled team members

- Reconciliation measures, personal life study

- Plan for welcoming and supporting students from abroad

- Disseminate research results to a diverse audience.

Appendix 3

READING PROPOSAL FOR EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) IN RESEARCH

Document title	Source
Strengthening Research Excellence through Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	NSERC
Guide for Applicants: Considering equity, diversity and inclusion in your application	NSERC
EDI action plan for the three federal research funding agencies	NSERC
Program Dimensions	NSERC
NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research	NSERC
Equity, diversity and inclusion website page	Fonds de recherche du Québec
EDI strategy website page	Fonds de recherche du Québec
Considering EDI in the evaluation of FRQNT grant applications	Fonds de recherche du Québec
Diversity, equity and inclusion website page	Chief Scientist of Quebec
Best practices in EDI in research	Government of Canada
Setting new directions to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada 2019 - 2022	Government of Canada
Training module on bias in peer review	Government of Canada