



## THEMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2012-2013

### Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies

Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (A1)

Ministère des Transports (A4)

Energy research scholarships (A7)

Aerospace scholarships (A8)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 UNTIL 4 p.m.

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## **OBJECTIVES OF THEMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. The purpose of these scholarships is to foster student interest in research and to financially assist the best candidates in undertaking or continuing a Master's or Doctoral research program or research doctorate in theme areas deemed priorities for Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies (FQRNT) partners.

### **Objectives of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation Scholarships (A1)**

2. The scholarships granted by the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation aim to foster student training in areas that are in line with the ministry's research and innovation directions.
3. The program gives precedence to students whose applied research projects are in the following fields:
  - The nutritional quality of food and food safety;
  - The development of phytprotection and animal health identification techniques;
  - Mycotoxin reduction in products for human and animal consumption;
  - Antibioresistance in animal health;
  - Optimal water use in agri-food;
  - The valorization of agri-food waste;
  - The sustainable production of bioindustrial crops;
  - The enemies of important economic cultures of and the new phytosanitary problems;
  - Food process engineering.

### **Objective of ministère des Transports scholarships (A4)**

4. The purpose of ministère des Transports (MTQ) scholarships is to foster the training of students in fields compatible with the Department's strategic goals:
  - Enhance transportation competitiveness and efficiency in order to support the socio-economic development of Quebec;
  - Adapt transportation services to future public needs;
  - Improve transportation safety;
  - Improve the balance between transportation and environmental imperatives;
  - Improve the efficiency of road infrastructure-related activity;
  - Develop intermodal and integrated transportation systems for passengers and goods;
  - Test new transportation-related technology.

### **Objective of energy research scholarships (A7)**

5. The purpose of ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune (MRNF), Energy and Mines sector scholarships is to increase Quebec's energy self-sufficiency and ensure economic and employment development.

6. The program makes it possible to support students whose research projects concern the technical, economic and social dimensions of conventional and unconventional energy systems, notably in the following areas:
  - Biomass energy enhancement;
  - Hydrogen production, storage and use;
  - Alternative biomass-derived fuels, with priority given to ethanol from cellulose;
  - Solar energy;
  - Wind energy;
  - Minihydraulics;
  - Electrotechnology;
  - Electrochemical technology;
  - Gas technology;
  - Energy efficiency;
  - Climate change.
7. The program also supports energy research projects that do not directly correspond with the areas described above but which meet Department objectives. Projects are judged on the basis of their relevance and compatibility with the latest technology and the changing energy environment.
8. Examples of such research projects are resource development, conversion to secondary energy, energy storage, transport, use and management, the effects of energy on climate change and regulatory factors.

#### **Objectives of aerospace scholarships (A8)**

9. The purpose of this program is to foster the contribution of relevant technology, methods and expertise to fulfilment of the needs of Quebec's aerospace industry and the transfer of acquired knowledge between companies and university institutions.
10. The program is aimed at supporting students whose research projects are in the following areas:
  - Aerodynamics and structural analysis;
  - Aerospace antennas;
  - Mass and force calculation;
  - Microwave equipment;
  - Materials engineering;
  - Computer-assisted manufacturing;
  - Spatial science and electronic systems.

#### **CLIENTELE**

11. Master's and Doctoral thematic scholarships are intended for candidates who wish to complete a graduate university program in agri-food, transportation, energy or aerospace.

12. FQRNT Master's and Doctoral scholarship holders (general programs) may not apply under thematic scholarship programs for a program for which they have already received funding.

## **ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

13. Candidates must meet eligibility conditions as of the deadline for submitting applications, namely, **October 5<sup>th</sup> 2011, until 4 p.m.**

### **Citizenship and residence**

14. Candidates must meet each of the following three conditions:
  - Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents within the meaning of the Immigration Act (L.R.C. 2001, ch.27) have been living in Quebec for at least one year;
  - Have been living in Quebec for at least one year;
  - Be residents of Quebec within the meaning of the Quebec health Insurance Act (L.R.Q. c. A-29) and of the Quebec Taxation Act and (L.R.Q. c. I-3).
15. Persons who maintain their Quebec resident status within the meaning of the Quebec health Insurance Act (L.R.Q.c.A-29) and who live outside Quebec solely for the purpose of continuing their studies, are deemed to be living in Quebec.
16. Persons who do not maintain their Quebec resident status and who have been living outside Quebec for fewer than two years after having, for at least five years, been domiciled in Quebec and having been residents within the meaning the Quebec Health Insurance Act, are exempt from residence requirements.
17. Candidates who become FQRNT scholarship holders must meet citizenship and residence requirements for the duration of the scholarship.

### **Minimum grade point average**

18. Candidates for a Master's program scholarship in agri-food (A1) transportation (A4), energy (A7) or aerospace (A8) must have a high grade point average (3.55) or the equivalent for their undergraduate degree. Candidates whose average is less than the required grade point average are not eligible. Candidates may consult the equivalency table for minimum grade point average [Tableau des équivalences pour la moyenne minimale requise](#).
19. In the case of candidates who are changing careers, grades from degrees unrelated to the program of study for which the scholarship is being sought are not considered. However, a degree used as the basis for admission to a Master's or Doctoral program is deemed to be relevant. Transcripts for these grades must be enclosed with the file.

### **Restrictions**

20. It should be noted that:
  - Candidates cannot ask the scholarship for preparatory studies.

- Candidates with Ph.D.s are not eligible for a Master's scholarship.
- Candidates who have already received financial assistance from a recognized funding agency, (e.g. SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, FRSQ, FQRSC, FQRNT, FCAR, etc.) over a period totaling five years (15 sessions) cannot apply for the current competition for starting or continuing a Master's or Doctoral program.

### **Eligibility period**

21. The rules governing scholarship eligibility periods take into account the sessions (Master's and Doctoral level) completed before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, whether funded or not.
22. The FQRNT also considers part-time or unregistered sessions in calculating the eligibility period, provided the registrar's attestations are enclosed with the candidate's file. Candidates must verify whether they are eligible for the competition by consulting the Equivalency table for terms taken on a non-registered or part-time basis [Tableau des équivalences pour les sessions sans inscription ou effectuées à temps partiel.](#)
23. To determine the funding period for the Master's and Doctoral levels the FQRNT takes into account the number of sessions during which the candidate received financial assistance from all recognized funding agencies so that total funding does not exceed 15 sessions.

### **Master's scholarship eligibility period**

24. A candidate is eligible for the Master's research scholarships competition during the first six sessions of his/her Master's degree (or the equivalent). The sessions followed in a Master's program (or the equivalent) prior to the effective date of the scholarship will be deducted from the duration of the funding. No funding will be granted after a student's sixth session in a Master's program.
25. Scholarship holders who go on to the Doctoral level without having used all the instalments of their Master's scholarship can use them to begin their Doctoral program. However they have to successfully complete in the Doctoral scholarship program in order to receive the subsequent nine scholarship instalments.

Qualifying period for students who proceed directly from a Bachelor's to a Doctoral program and for students who fast-track from a Master's into a Doctoral program

26. A candidate admitted into a Doctoral program from a Bachelor's program and one who fast-tracks into a Doctoral program without writing a thesis must apply to the Master's scholarships competition (B1) during the first six sessions of his / her graduate studies program. In this case, the master's scholarship will be increased to be of the same value as the doctoral scholarship. A candidate must apply to the PhD scholarships competition (B2) during the 3<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years of his / her graduate studies (sessions 7 to 15). The sessions followed in a program prior to the effective date of the scholarship will be deducted from the duration of the funding. No funding will be granted after a candidate's sixth (B1) or fifteenth session (B2).
27. A candidate who holds a Master's degree when beginning his / her Doctoral studies must apply to the Doctoral scholarships competition.

### **Doctoral scholarship eligibility period**

28. A candidate is eligible for the Doctoral research scholarships competition during the first nine sessions of his/her Doctoral degree (or the equivalent). The sessions followed in a Doctoral program (or the equivalent) prior to the effective date of the scholarship will be deducted from the duration of the funding. No funding will be granted after a student's ninth session in a Doctoral program.
29. A scholarship recipient beginning his/her post Doctoral research and who has not used his/her entire scholarship may transfer the payments in order to start his/her post Doctoral research. However, he/she has to successfully compete in the postdoctoral scholarship competition in order to receive subsequent scholarship instalments.

### **Exceptions in calculating the eligibility period**

30. The only exception to the rules governing the eligibility period for scholarships concerns circumstances beyond the candidate's control, such as a serious illness that forces students to suspend their studies. Exceptions cannot be made for grade point averages below the minimum required for the Master's level competition.
31. Candidates who suspended their studies due to maternity or parental leave can request an extension of their eligibility period for a maximum of 12 months. The request must be accompanied by supporting documents.
32. When the student is a person with a disability as stipulated in the Act to secure the handicapped persons in the exercise of their rights with a view to achieving social, school and workplace integration (L.R.Q. chapter. E-20.1), the rules pertaining to the eligibility period do not apply. The duration of the scholarship is two years at the Master's level and three years at the Doctoral level. Documents must be then passed on with the demand.
33. The FQRNT may refuse any request not adequately justified.

### **Place where scholarship is used**

34. The FQRNT and its partners put no restrictions on the place of study. However, candidates who do not have Canadian citizenship are not eligible for a study scholarship or internship outside Canada.

### **Paid leave**

35. Candidates who are on a sabbatical or study leave with remuneration that exceeds 50% of their regular salary are not eligible. However, those receiving deferred remuneration are not subject to this restriction.

### **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

36. Candidates who wish to apply for a scholarship must follow the Instructions for completing an application. It is also strongly suggested to read the guide for the preparation of a demand ["Building on Excellence"](#).

37. Candidates may submit one application or more for thematic scholarship programs, but only one application per year per program is allowed. Candidates who apply for thematic programs A1, A4, A7 and/or A8 may also apply for regular programs.

If several demands of scholarships are addressed to the present competition, a single copy of letters and required pieces must be sent in the FQRNT.

## **Contents of a file**

### **E-forms**

38. A candidate must have a personal identification number (PIN) in order to fill out the form.
39. The application form you are required to complete and send electronically by October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 16h00 is available only on the FQRNT Web site. Do not enclose a printout of the application form with the documents to be forwarded to the FQRNT. However, keep a printed copy of the form for your files.
40. Forms may be completed in English or French. Candidates who submit the form in English must provide a French title for their project.
41. Two letters of reference are required:
  - The e-forms for the letter (on line or in PDF format) are available at the FQRNT Web site.
  - The on-line form can be sent to the FQRNT electronically from the referee's personal file. However, candidates must provide their referees with their application number and personal identification number (PIN) so that the letters of reference can be sent from their personal file.
  - A PDF version of this form is also available for referees who have no personal electronic file. The letter in PDF format must be filled out, printed, and sent directly to the FQRNT by the competition's closing date.

### **Required documents**

42. The following documents must be mailed by **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, at the latest:
43. Candidates must ensure that their application includes all the required documents. Any missing document has to be the object of a justification so that the application file is considered acceptable. The applicant must also ensure that his/her respondents and supervisor have submitted their letters of recommendation and acceptance by the competition deadline.
44. You have to supply the following original documents or still, copies authenticated by commissioner of oaths or any other person authorized to do so:
  - A transcript of marks for all university studies, completed or not (certificate, degree, Bachelor's, Master's or Ph. D., etc.). These transcripts must be authenticated with the signature of a university authority and the seal (or stamp)

of the university or department. Official transcripts are also accepted. When equivalences are granted for courses taken at other institutions or in previous programs, transcripts for these grades must be enclosed with the file, including CEGEP transcript. For transcripts from outside Canada or United States, candidates must enclose a letter explaining the grading system used by the institution in question;

- It is also possible to submit transcripts to the Fonds electronically through a secure environment made available by the CREPUQ. Applicants who wish to submit their transcripts electronically may do so by contacting the issuing institution directly. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the transfer request is processed before the deadline. The file must be submitted via the CREPUQ Web site by the competition deadline. The Fonds retrieves these files on a daily basis and ensures that they are duly added to the applicants' files and other mandatory documents.
  - For permanent residents, a certified true copy of Canadian immigration papers (permanent Resident Card) authenticated by a commissioner for oaths or any other person authorized to do so;
  - For Canadian citizens born outside, a certified true copy of proof of Canadian citizenship;
  - The letters of reference that are not sent electronically must be completed by the referees and given to candidates in a sealed envelope. Referees may complete letters of evaluation in PDF format using their computer and must validate the content, print and sign the letters and give them to the candidates in a sealed envelope or mail the envelope to the FQRNT by **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at the latest;
45. You can supply non original or uncertified copies of the following documents:
- A photocopy of a valid Quebec medical insurance card or any other document which proves that you are a resident of Quebec within the meaning of the Quebec Health Insurance Act
  - Acknowledgements of receipt from the editor for all articles submitted and notices received from editors for articles accepted for publication (Acknowledgements of receipt for articles already published are not sent to the evaluation committee);
  - Copies of the announcement or confirmation letters for all of the scholarships received;
  - A notice of filing is available for printing only after the form has been e-mailed.
46. Additional document for candidates who studied part-time for at least one session since the date they first enrolled for graduate studies:
- Official attestation of interrupted enrolment and, where applicable, a medical certificate indicating the duration of and the reason for the interruption.
47. Additional documents for candidates wishing to be considered for exemptions regarding the eligibility period:

- Official attestation of interrupted enrolment and, where applicable, a medical certificate indicating the duration of and the reason for the interruption.
48. Only the e-form for the 2012-2013 financial year and the other documents required are accepted. No attached material or documents other those required are forwarded to the evaluation committee. Files cannot be updated after the closing date for applications. You may, however, update any contact information by e-mail: [thematiques@fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:thematiques@fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca).
49. Documents submitted in a language other than French or English must be accompanied by a certified translation
50. Files that do not contain all required documents by the closing date will not be accepted by the FQRNT.

### Procedure for submitting required documents

51. Candidates must mail their application directly to the FQRNT by **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, at the latest. The file must be in an envelope postmarked no later than **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

#### Programmes de bourses 2012-2013

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52. **IMPORTANT:** FILES SUBMITTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### Acknowledgement of receipt

53. Candidates will be e-mailed an acknowledgement of receipt and notification of their admissibility. The acknowledgement of receipt will be e-mailed in December.

## EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

### Evaluation criteria

54. Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria and weighting:

#### Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation scholarships (A1)

Excellence of university record	5 points
Aptitude for research and relevant research experience, where applicable	5 points
Quality and interest of the research project	5 points
Relevance of the research project with the strategic goals of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation	5 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 points</b>

### Ministère des Transports scholarships (A4)

Excellence of university record	5 points
Aptitude for research and relevant research experience, where applicable	5 points
Quality of the research project and its compatibility with the strategic goals of the Ministère des Transports du Québec	10 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 points</b>

### Energy research scholarships (A7)

Excellence of university record	5 points
Aptitude for research and relevant research experience, where applicable	5 points
Quality and interest of the research project	5 points
Relevance of the research project	5 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 points</b>

### Aerospace scholarships (A8)

	<b>Master's</b>	<b>Doctorate</b>
Excellence of university record	6 points	6 points
Aptitude for research and relevant research experience	8 points	6 points
Quality and interest of the research project	6 points	8 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 points</b>	<b>20 points</b>

### Excellence of university record

55. The following indicators are used:

- Cumulative average obtained;
- Progression of studies;
- Duration of studies;
- Prizes and distinctions

### Aptitude for research and relevant research experience, where applicable

56. The following indicators are used:

- Reason for the application and research interests;
- Candidate's experience and achievements;
- Leadership skills;
- Letters of evaluation;
- General presentation of the file.

### **Scientific quality and interest of the research project**

57. The following indicators are used:

- Clarity of the scientific objectives;
- Relevance of the methodology for the objectives sought;
- Originality of the project;
- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field concerned;
- Compatibility of the proposed project with the supervisor's field of research.

### **Relevance of the research project (A1, A7)**

58. The following indicator is used:

- The relevance of the research project with regard to the objectives of the thematic scholarships aimed by the concerned ministries.

## **Evaluation procedure**

### **Role of evaluation committees**

59. Admissible applications are submitted to evaluation committees composed of four members, mostly university professionals, named by the Board of Directors of the FQRNT. Occasionally government and private enterprise representatives are asked to sit on the committees.
60. The evaluation committees compare the candidacies submitted according to the evaluation criteria in effect.
61. The evaluation committees are responsible for ranking all of the applications on merit.

### **Role of Board of Directors**

62. The Board of Directors is advised by the evaluation committees and, being the only body with an overall view of the work of peer committees, makes funding decisions, thereby exercising its role as an administrator of public funds to the best of its knowledge. The Board is accountable for its decisions to the Government of Quebec.

### **Role of program administrators**

63. The program administrator of the FQRNT prepares the annual call for applicants and appoints the evaluation committee. The program administrator follows up on all correspondence with the applicants, scholarship recipients and scholarship

coordinators in Québec universities. The program administrator must also see that committee members respect the evaluation criteria and rules of ethics that are in effect.

## **AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**

### **Awarding of scholarships**

64. Candidates are evaluated and ranked on merit by the evaluation committees. For each evaluation committee, scholarships are offered according to the available budget for each program.

### **Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (A1)**

65. The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation has a total budget of \$427,500 for the attribution of master's and doctoral scholarships until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

### **Ministère des Transports scholarships (A4)**

66. The ministère des Transports du Québec offers a minimum of \$170,000 in Master's or Doctoral scholarships.

### **Energy research scholarships (A7)**

67. The Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, Energy Division, offers a minimum of \$98,000 in Master's or Doctoral scholarships.

### **Aerospace scholarships (A8)**

68. The FQRNT offers one Master's and one Doctoral scholarship per year.

### **Announcement of results**

69. At the end of April, the FQRNT or his partners transmits its decision to candidates through their e-file. Candidates are informed of the classification of their file and may then print the letter of decision.
70. Contacting members of the committees, who are subject to rules of confidentiality, is strictly prohibited.
71. The decisions of the Board of Directors of the FQRNT and his partners are final and cannot be appealed. There is no appeal process.
72. The candidate must accept or decline the scholarship within ten (10) business days of receiving the scholarship notification. After this deadline, candidates are deemed to have declined the scholarship.

## **RULES FOR USING SCHOLARSHIPS**

73. The scholarship holders have to conform to all the rules described in detail in the guide for scholarship holders.

74. The scholarship period must begin between May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Unless exceptional circumstances exist, the scholarship cannot be carried over from one year to the next. For candidates who have begun the program of study, the period of use begins in May 2012.
75. The scholarship is not retroactive and sessions prior to Summer 2012 cannot be financed.
76. Excluding the exceptional cases relating to part-time studies as outlined in the scholarship holder's guide, at the time the scholarship is received, scholarship holder must be registered full time in the Master's or Doctoral program for which a scholarship granted.
77. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the eligibility period, subject to presentation of progress reports deemed satisfactory. The period of use cannot be longer than the eligibility period.
78. Note that prior authorization in writing from the FQRNT is required for all changes to the program, project or place of study. The FQRNT determines if the nature of the change affects the evaluation that candidates received.

### **Value of scholarships**

Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (A1), Ministère des Transports (A4) and Energy research program scholarships (A7):

#### **Master's scholarship**

79. The maximum value of Master's scholarships or for the first two years of graduate studies is \$15,000. The scholarship holder may receive a maximum of six instalments totalling \$30,000 within the eligibility period (six sessions or 24 months). Each instalment of a maximum of \$5,000 covers a period of four months, or one session.

#### **Doctoral scholarship**

80. The maximum annual value of Doctoral scholarships for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years of graduate studies is \$20,000.
81. The scholarship holder may receive a maximum of nine instalments totalling \$60,000 within the eligibility period (nine sessions or 36 months). Each instalment of a maximum of \$6,667 covers a period of four months, or one session.

#### **Master and Doctoral Aerospace scholarships (A8)**

82. The maximum value of scholarships is \$20,000 for a period of three sessions, or 12 months of studies. Within their eligibility period (24 months at the Master's level and 36 months at the Doctoral level), scholarship holders may receive a maximum of six Master's instalments and nine Doctoral instalments. Each instalment of a maximum of \$6,667 covers a period of four months, or one session.

83. For each entire year of funding, an aerospace (A8) scholarship holder may, receive an additional allowance of up to \$20,000 to cover his/her annual tuition fees if these fees exceed \$2,500. For the scholarship holder to be eligible to receive this allowance, his/her tuition fees must not have been reimbursed by another organization.

### **Concurrent scholarships**

84. According to rules presented in a way more detailed in the guide for scholarship holders.

### **Concurrent scholarships A1, A7:**

When the FQRNT offers a scholarship of equal or higher value or duration than a federal granting agency, the student may receive a complementary scholarship to make up for the difference in value and/or duration between the two scholarships. In this case, the scholarships must be coordinated. If the duration/value of the scholarship from the Fonds is longer/higher, you must accept the NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC scholarship and the FQRNT scholarship.

Candidates who receive a scholarship from a private source, including universities, research chairs, consortiums, private international and foreign foundations, governments of other Canadian provinces and of foreign governments, may combine this support source with a FQRNT scholarship if allowed under these instances' rules governing combined scholarships. When a combination limit is imposed by a private funder, the FQRNT then reduces the value of its scholarship to enable the scholarship recipient to qualify for the full value of the external scholarship.

### **Concurrent scholarships A4:**

In the case of a scholarship awarded through the program implemented by the Ministère des Transports (A4), 50% of the annual value of the scholarship from the federal funding agencies will be subtracted from the annual value of the scholarship from the FQRNT. The balance will then be paid out to the scholarship recipient, if applicable. In all cases, the scholarships must be coordinated.

### **Concurrent scholarships A8**

For the aerospace scholarship program (A8), the FQRNT limits total income to the annual earnings that scholarship holders would receive if they worked full-time in this field.

### **Remuneration**

85. Regardless of the exceptions relative to the paid work described in the guide for scholarship holders, scholarship holders may accept a job that does not represent more than 150 hours per session, provided their supervisor is in agreement and that these activities do not hinder their research program. For the purpose of this rule, a course load of 45 hours is equivalent of 150 hours of work.
86. The salary that students receive from their supervisor for working solely on their research project is considered a scholarship for which cumulation is permitted.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FQRNT

87. The FQRNT is not liable for any direct or indirect injury arising from processing of scholarships, bursaries or other applications, and, without limiting the generality of the above, is not liable for any direct or indirect injury arising from unauthorized disclosure by the FQRNT of the information contained in candidates' files. Despite all the precautions taken by the FQRNT to protect information that must be kept confidential, certain countries to which information is transmitted may not have security procedures such as asymmetric cryptography or encryption.

### **Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information**

88. The FQRNT is subject to the Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information (R.S.Q., c. A-2.1). The data required are collected, used and preserved in accordance with the requirements of this law.
89. Applicants can obtain further information on access procedures, the protection of personal information and the recourse rights provided for in the Act by sending a duly signed letter to or appearing in person before the person responsible at the FQRNT for the Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information.

### **Information Access Act of the FQRNT officer**

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## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

90. The FQRNT and his partners reserves the right to change the value of scholarships and the program rules described in this document without notice.

## COMING INTO EFFECT

91. The provisions of this document apply to the 2012-2013 financial year.

## FOR INFORMATION

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Candidates who contact us by e-mail must provide a phone number where they can be reached. Priority is given to e-mailed information requests.

The offices of the Fonds are open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (coordinated universal time UTC-5 / Eastern standard time). Please note that the Fonds does not accept collect calls.

Applicants who contact the Fonds via e-mail must provide a telephone number at which they can be reached. Priority is given to e-mail enquiries.

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