



Industrial  
Innovation  
Scholarships

# Financial Assistance for Hosting Student Researchers



*Fonds de recherche  
sur la nature  
et les technologies*

Québec 

## OBJECTIVE

To enable companies to conduct industrial R&D projects with the help of university students and researchers

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Private companies
- Consortiums and private-sector industry groups
- Government corporations
- Certain not-for-profit organizations

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1 **IDENTIFY** a project.
- 2 **FILL OUT** the IIS Program Organization Eligibility Form at [www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/PDF\\_BMP/Admissibilite\\_compagnie\\_Ang.doc](http://www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/PDF_BMP/Admissibilite_compagnie_Ang.doc)
- 3 **CONTACT** a university researcher to identify a student to carry out your research project.
- 4 **SIGN** a Co-Operation Agreement with the university, covering use of research results, protection of intellectual property and confidentiality of information.
- 5 **APPLY** for an Industrial Innovation Scholarship (by the student).
- 6 **ASSIGN** a supervisor from your firm to supervise the student conducting your research project.
- 7 **FUND** one third of the student's Industrial Innovation Scholarship.

## Eligible Students

Full-time master's and doctoral students in natural sciences or engineering programs at Québec universities

## Target Disciplines

Engineering, mathematics and natural sciences (biology, chemistry, computer science)

## Research Locations

University and company  
(Fifty percent of the research time must be spent at the company's location)

Applications accepted throughout the year and processed within 60 days

*To begin a profitable partnership, contact:*

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## ANNUAL VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIPS\*

Scholarship Type	FQRNT-NSERC's Contribution	Company Contribution	Total Scholarship
Master's (max. 24 months)	\$14,000/year	\$7,000/year	\$21,000/year
Doctoral (max. 36 months)	\$18,000/year	\$9,000/year	\$27,000/year

\*The total financial assistance (the FQRNT-NSERC's contribution plus the company's contribution) is paid in the form of a scholarship directly to the student.

# University/Business Partnerships – A Choice That Pays!



We had already been doing R&D at Biothermica for several years, but the R&D project that we carried out with a master's student from the École Polytechnique through the IIS program let us take things to a whole other level. This experience has been so rewarding that we are continuing the project with the same student, who is now working on his doctorate.

**M. Guy Drouin,**  
President, Biothermica, Montréal



The research on modernization of beaver habitat that a master's student from the University of Québec at Abitibi-Témiscamingue did for our organization through the IIS program has improved our understanding of wildlife habitats and enabled us to better adapt our wetland-conservation programs. This university/business partnership has worked so well that we have decided to host more students through the IIS program.

**M. Marcel Darveau, PhD**  
Head, Boreal Research and Conservation  
Ducks Unlimited Canada (Québec)



The student whom we hosted through the IIS program showed so much creativity and rigour in his work that we hired him at the end of the program! Also, thanks to this student and the professor who supervised his research on a problem related to our development of a semi-autonomous autopilot, we achieved some major technological breakthroughs that we will be able to apply to other projects.

**M. Daniel Pomerleau, P.Eng., PhD**  
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