

## **Guidelines**

### **RQR-CREATE Scholarship Application**

The RQR-CREATE scholarship program aims to provide financial assistance to the best candidates at the start of or during a B.Sc degree in the field of reproductive biology. The aim within the RQR is to support accomplished and emerging researchers.

The scholarships are for undergraduate students that are completing an internship under the supervision of one or more RQR researchers. Scholarships of \$2 500 are offered for one summer and are not renewable.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The scholarships are for undergraduate summer students that are studying under the supervision of one or more RQR researchers.
- Research projects that are strictly clinical in human health will not be accepted.
- Any RQR researcher cannot have more than 2 RQR-CREATE funded students under his/her supervision at any given time (calculated using the dates in the attribution letters).
- The student is not eligible if he/she is a recipient of a government scholarship (NSERC, FQRNT, CIHR etc.) or a CSR scholarship.
- The student is not eligible if he/she is a recipient of another scholarship of 10 000\$ or more.
- The student is not eligible if his/her director of research has not completed the annual update of their web page on the RQR website.

#### **Required documents:**

- All graduate and undergraduate transcripts
  - Although official transcripts are not required, the transcripts sent must bear the university stamp and will not be accepted if they are in a modifiable format.
  - The transcripts must be in French or English. If it is not, an official translation must be provided.
- The application form is to be filled with the help of the supervisor
- Submitted articles: attach a proof of submission or acceptance of the journal

**Application form: Note that the allocated space in the fields must be respected. The exceeding text will not be considered.**

Degree: Indicate the degree you are enrolled in for the current year.

Completed semesters: Indicate how many semesters you have completed towards that degree as of the date of the application submission.

Identification: Fill in all required fields. The first eight fields are for the applicants while the following are for the supervisor and co-supervisor if applicable.

Academic aspirations: Describe your academic and career goals.

Training environment: In the space provided, describe the laboratory and research centre where you will be completing your degree. Explain how this environment will help you reach your project and training goals; the frequencies of lab meetings and meetings with the supervisor. Explain if there are journal clubs, opportunities to attend national and international meetings, or other opportunities to improve your training environment.

Awards received: List all awards received. Indicate the full name of the award as well as the date it was received and its monetary value if applicable.

Involvement and leadership: Give examples of your involvement and describe events where you have demonstrated leadership related to your studies or research project.

Presentations and articles: List all your presentations and articles. Include the full references, all authors and the date presented or accepted. Indicate if it is an abstract, reviewed article, commentary or research paper. You may include papers that have been submitted or in revision for a journal with the journal submission number and attach a proof of submission or acceptance of the journal.

Research Project: Enter your project title and clearly describe your research project within the one page limit. Include a brief introduction, the hypothesis, the specific objectives and the experimental approach for each objective. How will this project contribute to the state of the field? Why is it novel? Any results to date can be summarized and plans for the coming year of scholarship support described.

**Evaluation procedure:**

Each application is evaluated by at least 3 members of the committee. If the difference between the evaluations of the same application by two evaluators is too substantial, the application will be discussed by all members over a conference call.

The RQR training committee will evaluate the applications using the following criteria:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks allowed</b>
Transcripts	40%
Awards	10%
Environment	5%
Project	25%
Presentations	5%
Aspirations	5%
Involvement and leadership	10%

**Enquiries:**

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Julie Blouin, the RQR Transfer Agent, at [j.blouin@umontreal.ca](mailto:j.blouin@umontreal.ca) or (450) 773-8521 extension 8221.

**Submitting your application:**

You must submit your application to the Network Transfer Agent preferably by e-mail, but it will also be accepted by mail at the following address:

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