



FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (WINTER 2014)

**** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FELLOWSHIPS ARE CONDITIONAL TO RRISQ'S RENEWAL WITH FRQS ****

According to its objectives that aim to recruit and train researchers in the field of nursing intervention, the Nursing Intervention Research Network of Quebec (RRISQ) will offer fellowships in the winter 2014. The letter of intent is mandatory to allow candidates to prepare for the competition.

Funding programs	Maximum amount allocated*	Maximum duration of fellowship
Postdoctoral Fellowship	50 000\$/year*	2 years
Doctoral Fellowship	40 000\$/year*	2 years
Masters Fellowship	15 000\$/year*	2 years

*The amounts are allocated according to the respective university's budget and applications received

*All applicants must notify the RRISQ of any other fellowships already granted or to be received.

Where applicable, the RRISQ **will top-off any funding** received (up to \$40,000 for Masters and \$60,000 for Doctoral fellowships).

*For nursing professionals without a valid license to practice in Quebec, the fellowship amounts are \$7,500(Masters), \$20,000 (Doctoral) and \$25,000 (Postdoctoral).

For renewal applications, please indicate all changes from original project in the letter of intent.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

- Enrolled in the first or second year of a nursing sciences graduate or post graduate program (according the university's criteria) at one of our partner universities;
- Supervised or co-supervised by a regular researcher of RRISQ;
The list of the Network's current regular members is available on our website at www.rrisiq.com. To summarize, the regular researcher status is attributed to those with a Ph.D., who hold a regular position (assistant, associate, full, emeritus) at the faculty or school of any of RRISQ's partner universities (Laval, McGill, Montreal, Sherbrooke, UQAC) and who are qualified to supervise research projects of students in graduate or post graduate programs in his or her affiliated institution;
- Hold or be in the process of obtaining a nursing license;
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- *For doctoral students only*: Have on your thesis committee, at least one regular researcher network member who holds an appointment in one of the network's partner universities other than where the candidate is registered;

- *For postdoctoral students only:* The postdoctoral internship must take place at a university different from that of the candidate's doctoral studies. Students who are enrolled at a university other than the Network's partner universities must be co-supervised by one of the Network's members.

Projects must address the following **RRISIQ areas of research**, therefore must:

Propose to conduct a research project aimed to **develop, adapt, implement, test and evaluate** a clinical intervention, in management and organization of services or in nursing education:

A clinical nursing intervention refers to an action, a set of actions or a program within the scope of professional nursing practice which is provided to patients, families, groups or populations.

- **The expected outcomes** should be physical, psychological, social or other clinical outcomes **directly evaluated by the target clientele**. Clinical outcomes may also include quality of care indicators (e.g. complications, falls, and pressure ulcers) and use of services (e.g., cancer screening, physician visits, and hospitalizations). The concept of "**clinical outcomes**" refers to the evaluation of such interventions on patients, **not** on nurses, students, services or organizations.

Intervention in management and organization of services in nursing refers to a set of activities which may relate to organizational models, attracting nursing strategies, deployment and utilization of material and human resources dedicated to care, new forms of work organization for health care providers, the introduction and use of information technology and communications, changes in the work environment of health care providers, the development and measures for assessing the quality and performance, the implementation of organizational practices to support the management and delivery of nursing services.

- **The expected outcomes** of interventions in management and organization of services, include: optimizing the use of material and human resources dedicated to care (scope of nursing practice, retention and stability, role clarity, autonomy, collaboration); optimization of care processes (accessibility, continuity, comprehensiveness, quality of service), patient safety, optimizing the environment in which services are provided; improving the condition of patients.

An intervention in nursing education refers to any activity or educational program, including a strategy, a pattern or practice of learning, teaching or nursing assessment, conducted among nurses and nursing students.

- **The expected outcomes** include the quality of learning, the development of nursing skills (clinical judgment, leadership, discipline, etc.), of skill levels (access to a more advanced stage of expertise). The results may be clinical (quality of care, patient safety, utilization of services).

Knowledge transfer interventions in nursing can be conducted in any of the three domains of research listed above (e.g.: implementation of clinical practice guidelines and assessment of clinical outcomes, Cochrane review of the effects of intervention, etc.). If the intervention is nurse oriented (e.g., knowledge transfer), it must include at least one clearly identified measure of clinical patient outcome.

HOW TO APPLY-LETTER OF INTENT

Letter of Intent form:

See attached form.

This letter is mandatory. It allows the RRISIQ to screen potentially fundable projects that will be evaluated by the committee. It is used as a means to evaluate the degree to which the project coincides with the definition of nursing interventions listed above and relates to the RRISIQ objectives.

In order to complete the PDF forms interactively please follow the instructions below:

1. After opening the PDF form, you must save it on your computer before making any modifications, you must save it on your computer; (For example: Name_last name_LOI program.pdf)
2. Complete the form interactively or type your text in WORD and copy-paste it into the pdf form.
3. Save the completed PDF file.
4. Please e-mail the final pdf form to RRISIQ.

IMPORTANT DATES- WINTER 2014

WINTER 2014 COMPETITION	
Approximate date by which the updated forms are available online on the GRIISIQ website	Mid-December 2013
Deadline to submit a letter of intent (LOI)	February 7th 2014
Approximate date by which the candidate should receive a reply to his/her LOI	End of February 2014
Deadline to submit a full application	April 11th 2014
Approximate date by which the candidate should receive a reply to his/her full application**	Mid-June 2014



RRISQ CONTACT INFORMATION

Note: Please send us the completed form by email to catherine-ameli.ledoux@umontreal.ca before 4pm on February 7th 2014. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

For further information, please contact us at: catherine-ameli.ledoux@umontreal.ca or (514) 343-6111 ext. 1810. To view the information documents or download the application form, visit our website at www.rrisiq.com.