

**2016-2017 Network Partnership Pilot Project Competition**  
**(RRSIQ- RRSPQ)**  
**(RRSIQ- RQSHA)**  
**(RRSIQ- Réseau-1 Québec)**

**Information Document**

**This competition will fund three (3) network partnership projects (one project per network partnership)**

**Terms:** This Pilot Project competition is open to all **regular researcher members** from RRSIQ and the following networks:

- The Quebec Population Health Research Network (RRSPQ)
- Quebec Network on Suicide, Mood Disorders and Related Disorders (RQSHA)
- Quebec Knowledge Network in Integrated Primary Health Care (Réseau-1 Québec)

**Objective:** To promote collaboration between two research networks on projects addressing nursing intervention research.

Funds are to be used for a pilot project involving data collection to strengthen an eventual application for external funding. At the end of the partnership, the research team must submit a grant application to an external funding organization specifying the organization in this current application.

Regular RRSIQ researchers **may only submit one application** in this network partnership pilot project competition as principal investigator.

**All applications must address the research interests of the two networks for which the application is made (RRSIQ - RRSPQ , RRSIQ RQSHA - and – RRSIQ – Réseau-1 Québec)**

**Available Funds:**

- \$ 16,000 of which half will come from each of the networks involved (2 years permitted for the use of funds)
- Please note that only one project will be funded per network partnership for a total of 3 projects

### **Eligibility criteria:**

The research team should include:

- A regular RRSIQ researcher member (Principal or Co-Principal Investigator)
- A regular researcher member from one of the 3 partner networks who is not a member of RRSIQ (Principal or Co-Principal Investigator)
- A clinical nurse, decision maker or knowledge user from one or both of the networks
  - The project must address both network's research themes
  - Priority will be given to projects that include **the 2 researchers or co-researchers from two different universities.**

### **Other information:**

- All applications for external funding, presentations and/ or publications resulting from this grant should include as co-investigators / co-authors the researchers involved in the current application.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee that includes:
  - A regular RRSIQ researcher and a regular researcher from the other network who is not a member of RRSIQ
  - A clinical nurse, decision maker or knowledge user from one of the two networks

### **Evaluation:**

Each criterion will be evaluated on a scale of 1 to 4 according to the following ratings:

- 4-Excellent
- 3-Good
- 2-Needs revision
- 1-Weak

All projects must include data collection (excluding systematic reviews, meta-analyses).

#### **1) Relevance for nursing intervention for RRSIQ**

##### **Rank 1 (4 points)**

- Intervention development, adaptation of an existing intervention, implementation and preliminary assessment of the intervention. The intervention is implemented by the researcher in the proposed study. It can be a single group design or a comparison of groups. The main assessment is made on the feasibility and acceptability of the study, intervention or the implementation process to provide support for an application for an operating grant for a full-scale study.

### Rank 2 (3 points)

- In-depth development of a theory related to an intervention (e.g., targeted theory, grounded theory). The intervention is implemented by the researcher in the proposed study. It can be a single group design or a comparison of groups. Literature or systematic reviews, as well as meta-analyses will not be considered rank 2 for the competition.
- Description or comparison of existing interventions or practices among a specific clientele. The intervention is implemented by the researcher in the proposed study. The main assessment is made on the feasibility and acceptability of the study, intervention or the implementation process to provide support for an application for an operating grant for a full-scale study.

### Rank 3 (2 points)

- Preliminary assessment of an existing program (e.g., assessment of an established curriculum, mentoring or continuing education program); evaluation of a quality or safety of care program (e.g., an existing end-of-life care program or a falls prevention program). The intervention is not implemented in the proposed pilot study. It can be a single group design or a comparison of groups.
- Description or comparison of existing interventions or practices (describing what the intervention or practice consists of).
- Description of nurse, student, clinician, or manager perceptions of what an intervention should include or the effect that the intervention may have on the targeted clientele (e.g., nurses' perception of the perceived use of an intervention for patients)

### Rank 4 (1 point) (Not eligible for this competition)

- Descriptive study (e.g., needs assessment, assessment of barriers and facilitators anticipated in the implementation or sustainability of a recognized intervention or practice without intervention implementation or assessment)
- Descriptive study of a concept unrelated to the intervention (e.g., anxiety, attachment, pain).
- Correlational study to identify factors which will need to be addressed in the future.
- Literature and systematic reviews, meta-analyses

## 2) Relevance of the proposed study to the two networks involved (Score 1 to 4)

**RRSPQ:** <http://www.santepop.qc.ca/en/background>

Nursing interventions focusing on patients, families, communities or populations aiming to identify, understand and act on social determinants of health in order to guide public health interventions, inform public policy and ultimately improve population health.

**RQSHA:** <http://reseau-suicide.qc.ca/mission-and-objectives>

Nursing interventions among patients:

- Presenting at psychiatric emergency departments; and/or

- In specialized psychiatric care services; and/or
- During post-hospitalization psychiatric follow-up; and/or
- Following a suicide attempt

**Réseau-1 Québec:** <http://reseau1quebec.ca/recherche-et-ressources/priorites-de-recherche/>

The introduction of a change in service delivery, the practical application of new knowledge, or transfer of an innovation from one setting to another to improve the quality and integration of primary care for patients.

- 3) **Clarity of the research problem and objectives** (Score 1 to 4)
- 4) **Rigor of the methodology** (Score 1 to 4) (must obtain a score of 3 (good) to 4 (excellent) to be financed)
- 5) **Feasibility of project and of the proposed timeline** (Score 1 to 4) in relation to the proposed budget. If the funds requested are complementary to another proposed project, you must explain that the funds are not allocated to the same expenses. The majority of the scheduled activities are planned for the year following the competition.
- 6) **Expected results and outcomes in terms of future projects and dissemination** (Score 1 to 4) (publication, application to an external competition, presentations etc.)

**Applications with a total score of less than 70% (17/24) are not eligible for funding.**

Only the completed application form will be considered. Any other document submitted will be removed from the application.

### **Eligible expenses**

Please refer to the “Règles communes générales” provided by the FRQ-S.

### **Award criteria**

Funding is based on the scientific merit, originality, its objectives related to those of the two networks and its potential for improving nursing and health.