CALL FOR CANDIDATES
FOR NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS

GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS
ON REORGANIZATION OF CALL SCHEDULES IN AN ESTABLISHMENT IN QUEBEC

GRANTS OF UP TO $10,000 PER PROJECT

The Grant program for research projects on the reorganization of call schedules in an establishment in Quebec was launched on January 11, 2012, to gather data on the changes made to call duty schedules in an establishment (from 24 hours to 16 hours) on-site and give medical residents the opportunity to set up research projects to document those changes. The FMRQ has already awarded grants, and other projects are currently being evaluated by the Scientific Committee responsible.

We invite you to send us your research protocols with the necessary documents at any time. The Scientific Committee will be accepting research protocols and applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

Submission of research proposals
Projects submitted by medical residents must be supervised by a teaching doctor/researcher. Experience in the research field is a plus. Faculty/University approval will be required for projects that are part of a training program. Projects will be accepted subject to approval by the Ethics Committee of the establishment/organization concerned.

Grant and preferred themes
Each project may receive funding of up to $10,000. The research projects must address any of the following themes:

1. **Academic aspect** (quality of training, clinical exposure, successful completion of exams, academic models, tools for a smooth transition to 16-hour call duty in an establishment);
2. **Organization of care** (additional cost to health care system; departments’ operations);
3. **Evaluation of the implementation process** for 16-hour call duty in an establishment;
4. **Impact of 16-hour call duty in an establishment on medical residents’ and staff physicians’ quality of life, health and wellness**;
5. **Impact of 16-hour call duty in an establishment on patient health and safety** (quality of care delivered, continuity of care, transfer of information at handover, prescriptions, length of stay).

Conditions

- The amount of the grant must be used for carrying out the project (research assistant, data collection and input, etc.). It does not constitute remuneration for the researcher or supervisor.
- Each project will be the subject of a detailed evaluation by an independent scientific committee set up by the Federation.
- Projects must lead to the submission of an article to a peer-reviewed journal or to a lecture/presentation in a conference with a peer committee.
- Three progress reports (1 to 2 pages) as well as a copy of the final manuscript must be submitted to the members of the Scientific Committee in line with a timetable with which grant recipients will be provided, whether or not an article has been published. The documentation providing the results of the studies...
may be used by the Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec in order to prepare a global report presenting the studies which will have benefited from FMRQ grants.

- Any publication or lecture/presentation must underline the financial contribution of the Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec.

If you are interested in submitting a project, please return your research protocol according to the details described in the following information to the Scientific Committee Secretariat, to the attention of Johanne Carrier, advisor, Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec by email to johanne.carrier@fmrq.qc.ca or by mail to 630 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 510, Montreal H3A 1E4.

Research Protocol Structure

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APPENDIX 1

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RESEARCH PROTOCOL STRUCTURE

1. Title
2. Summary (1 page)
3. Issue/Goal of study
4. Literature review
5. Questions/Research hypotheses
6. Methodology
7. Reference population and sampling
8. Timetable
9. Description of team
10. Identification of Ethics Committee where project will be evaluated
11. Knowledge transfer (over and above conferences and journals)
12. Budget (Maximum $10,000)
13. Bibliography
14. Resumés of principal candidate and supervisor

N.B.: Maximum number of pages: 10 pages single-spaced (Times New Roman 12), excluding summary and bibliography