

## **Programs that facilitate student mobility and provide exemptions from differential tuition fees for foreign students in higher learning, including Palestinian students**

### **1. The Québec Merit Scholarship Program for foreign university students:**

This program provides scholarships to foreign students for doctoral or postdoctoral studies or for short research or professional development projects. These scholarships aim to support the internationalization of research activities in Québec institutions of higher learning in order to attract the strongest foreign students. The program is for foreign students and foreign researchers from all research sectors (health sciences, humanities and social sciences, arts and literature, natural sciences and engineering), pre-selected by a Québec university, Réseau Trans-tech (for College Centres for the Transfer of Technologies), or foreign partners who wish to start or pursue studies or research activities in Québec. The different research sectors have equal priority.

This program, which is funded by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and administered by the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies (FRQNT), is divided into three components (the value and duration of the scholarships vary):

- a) **Doctoral research scholarships:** \$25 000 per year. The maximum duration for this scholarship is three years (nine terms), with a possible extension of up to 12 months (monthly allowance of \$1 000).
- b) **Postdoctoral scholarships:** \$35 000 for one year, non-renewable.
- c) **Short-term research or professional development scholarships:** \$3 000 per month for a period of up to four months.

In addition to the scholarship, MEES offers all scholarship recipients an exemption from paying the differential tuition fees required of foreign students and the premiums for the medical health insurance coverage offered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

The deadline for applying for funding is in November. For further information concerning the eligibility requirements for the program, go to <http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca/en/bourses-et-subventions/consulter-les-programmes-remplir-une-demande/bourse?id=4rcxccmh1466442238395>.

### **2. Work-study program for foreign students:**

This program, funded equally by the Ministère and the participating educational institutions, subsidizes campus employment for students who are subject to the differential tuition fees required of foreign students and who are having financial difficulties.

#### **To be eligible for the work-study program, students must:**

- be enrolled full-time during the winter and fall terms at the undergraduate, Master's or doctoral level during the hiring period
- for the summer term, have been enrolled full-time during the preceding winter term and have the intention to return to full-time studies during the following fall term or else be enrolled full-time during the full duration of the summer term (equivalent of at least 6 course credits)
- be subject to the differential tuition fees required of foreign students

Please note that most foreign students at the doctoral level are not subject to the differential tuition fees required of foreign students and, therefore, are not eligible for the program.

Please also note that each educational institution may decide to impose its own additional eligibility requirements.

For further information concerning the work-study program, go to <https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/work/oncampus-work>.

### 3. Exemptions offered by universities:

Québec universities have quotas for exemptions from differential tuition fees that they grant to foreign students based on their own criteria. For further information, foreign students should communicate directly with the universities.

#### Here are the links to the International Students offices of the main Québec universities:

Bishop's University: <http://www.ubishops.ca/future-current-students/international-students/>

Concordia University: <http://www.concordia.ca/students/international.html>

Université Laval: <https://www.ulaval.ca/en/international/the-international-office.html>

McGill University: <https://www.mcgill.ca/international/home-page>

Université de Montréal: <http://www.bei.umontreal.ca/> (French only)

Université du Québec (10 institutions):

Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM): <http://www.international.uqam.ca/pages/anglais.aspx>

Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR):

[https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/gscw030?owa\\_no\\_site=2262](https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/gscw030?owa_no_site=2262) (French only)

Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC): [http://www.uqac.ca/etudiants\\_internationaux/](http://www.uqac.ca/etudiants_internationaux/) (French only)

Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR): <http://www.uqar.ca/international/processus-d-admission-pour-etudiants-etrangers/programmes-d-etudes-etranger> (French only)

Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO): <http://uqo.ca/international> (French only)

Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT):

<http://www.uqat.ca/etudes/international/?menu=&sousmenu=> (French only)

Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS): <http://www.inrs.ca/etudier/etudiants-etrangers-2/> (French only)

École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP): <http://www.enap.ca/enap/3289/Etudier-a-l-ENAP.enap> (French only)

École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS): <http://www.etsmtl.ca/International/Etudiants-etrangers/Bienvenue> (French only)

Télé-Université (TÉLUQ): <http://www.teluq.ca/site/en/>

Université de Sherbrooke: <https://www.usherbrooke.ca/etudiants-internationaux/english/overview/>

### 4. Immigration rules and procedures

For further information about Québec immigration rules and procedures, please consult the website of the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion at: <http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/students/index.html>.

For further information about Canadian immigration rules and procedures, please consult the website of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC): <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp>.