

Call for Collaborative Research Projects on the Brain



Fondation
Brain Canada
Foundation

Main objective

Increase interprovincial collaborations between universities and SMEs in the field of biopharmaceutical brain research to generate economic benefits for people in Canada



Scope

Strengthen biopharmaceutical neuroscience research by fostering academia-industry collaborations, technological maturation, industrial value creation, and knowledge transfer, benefiting Quebec and Canada.



Eligibility

Public-private partnerships with a research institution in Quebec and at least one research institution in another Canadian province or territory, and one Quebec company



Funding

Amount and duration

- \$500K to \$1M*
- *Projects larger than 1M\$ could be eligible - contact CQDM
- Min 1 year, max 3 years

Eligible costs



Expenses incurred by research institutions*:

- Scholarships and salaries for research staff
- Laboratory material, animal facility and platform costs
- Travel and knowledge dissemination costs
- Intellectual property costs in Quebec
- Equipment rental and purchase under \$25,000
- Some subcontracting expenses

*Between 20% and 30% of eligible expenses must be incurred by at least one research institution in a Canadian province other than Quebec.



Selection Criteria

Scientific quality and feasibility, adequacy of resources and budget, commercialization potential, technological differentiation and competitiveness, benefits for private partners, and alignment with industry needs and expected benefits for Canada.



Application process

1. Pre-selection: please contact our Director - Business Development, Mathieu Paquette, at mpaquette@cqdm.org to discuss the proposed project and confirm its eligibility by **June 3, 2026**
2. Submission: the deadline for a full application is **June 10, 2026**



Contact

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Budget structure

- 78-82% from CQDM + Brain Canada
- Minimum 20% of expenses in Qc from Quebec companie(s)
- Other funding sources can complete the budget structure



Ineligible costs:

- SME's expenses
- Equipment purchase and rental over 25,000\$
- Salary of any team members holding an independent academic or research position
- Indirect and overhead costs
- Intellectual property costs incurred by a research institution outside Quebec