

**Country:** *Canada*

**Funding Organisation:**

*Fonds de recherche du Québec  
– Nature et technologies*



This document contains information on specific requirements for partners applying for FRQNT funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive the latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Applicants from the province of Quebec can apply for support from both the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the FRQNT. Please see the specific NSERC agency rules.

Please note that, in accordance with the procedure established by the Belmont Forum – BiodivERSA, the language of the call and applications is in English. However, any direct correspondence with the FRQNT can be in French. The present eligibility rules are available in French.

**CONTACT**

<b>Funding organisation</b>	Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies <a href="http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca">http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca</a>
<b>Contribution to the Call</b>	Total budget: 900,000 CAD\$ (total for the three years). A maximum of 75 000 CAD\$ per year, per project (for three years).
<b>Link to the page of the call</b>	<a href="http://www.biodiversa.org/1224">http://www.biodiversa.org/1224</a>
<b>Funding organisation contact point</b>	Véronique Baril, Program Manager, FRQNT (418) 643-8560, ext. 3455, <a href="mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca">veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca</a>

## ELIGIBILITY

<b>Eligible Institutions/Persons</b> <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	To be eligible for funding from FRQNT, the team must include researchers in the natural sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering fields who are eligible to hold FRQNT funds. The team may also include researchers in the social sciences (see below Subject matter eligibility). Please refer to the FRQ <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> for more details.
<b>Eligible themes / environment</b>	No restrictions
<b>Additional specific rules</b>	Quebec applicants for FRQNT funds <b>must submit a signed Terms and Conditions</b> form (also available in French) prior to the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERSA Call deadline (December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017), by email at: <a href="mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca">veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca</a> .

## BUDGET

<b>Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project</b>	For Quebec teams, projects will be funded based on the funding request(s) submitted by the team, via <b>the itemized budgets and one-page justifications</b> . The Quebec applicants can request up to a maximum of 75 000 CAD\$ in funding per year from FRQNT.
<b>Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)</b>	Applicants requesting support from the FRQNT should consult the FRQ <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> to find out about eligible personal costs.
<b>Should goods and services tax (GST) be included in budget figures for your country?</b>	Yes
<b>Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?</b>	Quebec applicants should consult the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> to find out about eligible costs.
<b>Subcontracting rules</b>	<u>To EU countries: no</u> <u>To Non-EU countries: no</u> <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): no</u>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

<b>Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?</b>	No
<b>If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow</b>	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** The project duration should be 3 years.

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including the address where to send them):**

- Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call Terms and Conditions for Applying form(s) to complete and send signed prior to the call deadline (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) to: [veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca).
- Funding request(s) submitted via the itemized budgets (document available in the Toolbox section of the FRQNT website) and one-page budget justifications with the application to be sent by email before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at: [veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca).

## Further comments

### Subject Matter Eligibility

Given the nature of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA, it is expected that proposals will include collaboration and integration across several disciplines. Proposals requesting funds from FRQNT can include aspects of social sciences and humanities, provided that the main focus remains within the natural sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering fields.

Please see FRQNT's [mission and research fields](#) for more information.

**Please note:** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the proposed project complies with the FRQNT's mission and research fields. The FRQNT reserves the right to declare the FRQNT portion of the project ineligible, which may compromise the project as a whole.

### Submission

To apply to the FRQNT funding components of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, an eligible Quebec project leader (under the FRQ [Common General Rules](#)) must submit a budget application to FRQNT. A budget must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the FRQNT.

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **participants from Quebec or participants from both Quebec and Canada**, NSERC and FRQNT will fund the selected proposal according to their respective policies and regulations, via the identified eligible project director of the budget request. The applicants must in that case apply to both the FRQNT and the NSERC to be able to receive funding from both agencies. Each agency will fund the successful application according to the budget request submitted to their agency. FRQNT will not fund budget items requested to NSERC, and vice-versa.

### Funding Rules

One eligible lead researcher will need to be associated with each budget request. If more than one team from the same country is participating in the same proposal, they must work together and designate one single Principal Investigator. He or she will be considered the "project director" for these funds from the corresponding agency. He or she will, thus, be accountable to the funder for the management of funds and the research portion of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project. This individual must be identified to the agencies in the supplementary Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call Terms and Conditions for Applying form(s), and must sign the related documents requested by the relevant Canadian funders. For successful applicants, funding agencies will fund the proposal according

to their respective policies and regulations, via the identified eligible project director for each budget request. Regulations from the FRQNT can be found in the [Common General Rules](#). Applicants from the province of Quebec can also apply for support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Please see the specific NSERC agency rules.

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **participants from Quebec**, FRQNT will fund the proposal according to its policies and guidelines, via the identified eligible project leader of the budget request. FRQNT's policies related to grant administration can be found in the FRQ's [Common General Rules](#).

### **Special budget consideration**

Under this Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, the funded projects are considered to form part of an international research program for which activities will be organized, namely a kick-off meeting, an interim project conference and a final meeting. Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting, the interim project conference and final meeting should be included in the budgets of the full proposals and must be announced in the Call.**

### **FRQNT Privacy Notice**

All applications must be submitted to the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA and are subject to the privacy policies of the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA. Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA will share application information with other funding agencies involved in this call, including FRQNT. The personal information contained in the full grant proposal will be disclosed to, and may be viewed by, any or all of the participating granting agencies. The FRQNT is responsible for complying with the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, c. A-2.1), and this legislation applies to all information within FRQNT custody and control. Only the information needed to deliver, administer and promote the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA competition and awards is collected by the FRQNT indirectly via Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA. Failure to provide the personal information required in the application may result in the application being declared ineligible.

The FRQNT is committed to the protection of the personal information under its control and does not take responsibility for the privacy practices of any other Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA partner organizations, including Canadian partner organizations. The FRQNT will share personal information with the participating agencies only as required for administrative purposes with respect to the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call. Information may also be disclosed for the purposes of program evaluation or reporting. The FRQNT will not disclose personal information to third parties for purposes beyond those listed above. In addition to protecting personal information, the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* gives every person the right to request access to and correction of their personal information.

For more information about these rights, or about FRQNT privacy practices, please contact the person in charge of access to documents or of protection of personal information ([mylene.deschenes@frq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:mylene.deschenes@frq.gouv.qc.ca)).

### **Intellectual Property**

Projects funded by the FRQNT must conform to the FRQ [Common General Rules](#).