

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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STARS CONTEST

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**EFFERVESCENCE** is a one-of-a-kind event that brings together the entire life sciences and health technology ecosystem. The conference's forward-looking program offers a multidisciplinary and pioneering vision of the future of life sciences. EFFERVESCENCE is a unique opportunity for researchers, companies, and other stakeholders in the life sciences sector to network, attend inspiring talks, and catch up on the latest industry news, all while being part of an unforgettable experience.

The inaugural edition of the conference, co-created by 14 partners in 2019, welcomed 550 participants, including 116 speakers. More than 225 B2B meetings were registered on the event platform.

EFFERVESCENCE 2021, jointly organized by 16 partners, will be held virtually from March 15 to 17, 2021.

## EFFERVESCENCE STARS CONTEST

Recognizes three young researchers working in Quebec who have distinguished themselves through their scientific careers and their partnerships with the life sciences and health technology industry.

Gives them the opportunity to speak at EFFERVESCENCE 2021—a valuable forum for sharing their work and expertise with life sciences organizations and companies from Quebec and abroad.

Highlights up-and-coming life sciences researchers working at public organizations in Quebec and fosters new research partnerships with local and international companies.

## APPLICATION DETAILS

### Eligibility requirements

- The candidate holds the status of researcher (see appendix) in a research institution recognized by the FRQ and has no more than 10 years of cumulative experience.
- Over the past two years or more, they have secured agreements to provide innovative, distinctive services within the local and/or international life sciences industry (pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical technology). Services

can include analytical models, validation, consulting, technical validation platforms, and specialized tests, among others.

- OR they have been actively involved for the past two years or more in a local and/or international life sciences partnership focusing on the development of an innovation in the industry.
- OR they have launched a start-up to commercialize their research results.

## Who can apply?

The candidate's research institution (must be recognized by the FRQ)

The candidate

A partner company of the candidate

## WHAT TO PROVIDE

### (6 ITEMS, IDEALLY IN A SINGLE PDF FILE)

1. A short biography, which may be published (max 250 words).
2. A high-resolution colour photo of the candidate in PNG format.
3. A brief description (including dates) of the distinctive services the candidate has rendered to the life sciences industry or of their partnerships. It must demonstrate the innovative nature of their expertise, service, or product.
4. The candidate's CV, including a list of publications and any intellectual property they own.
5. A letter of motivation written by the candidate explaining why they deserve to be named an EFFERVESCENCE Star (max 500 words).

## Selecting the winners

A five-person committee comprising members of Quebec's general and life sciences sectors will evaluate the applications and select three winners. Please note that no feedback will be provided following the evaluation period.

# PRIZES

## 2021 EFFERVESCENCE STAR PRIZES:

- Opportunity for the winners to give a presentation on their area of expertise, distinctive services, and private-partnership interests at EFFERVESCENCE 2021
- Publication of the winners' profiles in the media
- TED-style group training
- 2021 EFFERVESCENCE Star commemorative plaque
- \$1,000 cash prize
- Plus a surprise!

## SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted electronically to Baha Dakhli of Montréal InVivo at [bdakhli@montreal-invivo.com](mailto:bdakhli@montreal-invivo.com).

Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021.

## APPENDIX: Definitions – Status and roles

Reference: FRQS Common General Rules – June 2019

[http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/documents/10191/500154/RGC\\_2020\\_VA.pdf/acdfdb16-673b-479c-83b8-ee6c20960a93](http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/documents/10191/500154/RGC_2020_VA.pdf/acdfdb16-673b-479c-83b8-ee6c20960a93)

Research status: Status characterizing a person's professional situation and qualifications to determine their admissibility for an FRQ program, either as a principal investigator or as a coinvestigator.

There are six possible research statuses:

Statuses applicable to grants and career awards:

### 1. University researcher

Person who:

- a. receives a salary:
  - as a regular professor or a contracted professor in a university recognized by the FRQ to manage funding;
  - as a full-time researcher, with a PhD, in a university-affiliated CIUSSS, CISSS, or other public institution within the health and social services network that is recognized by the FRQ to manage funding; and
- b. is affiliated with a Quebec university in which they are qualified to act as the sole supervisor of graduate students and independently lead research projects.

The following also qualify for university researcher status:

- Individuals at the beginning of their career who meet criteria a) and hold a position that will enable them to meet criterion b) pending the end of administrative processes and delays.
- Individuals who are retired from a recognized institution who no longer meet criterion a) and who continue to pursue research or supervision activities in the institution, from which they have obtained a formal commitment.

### 2. Clinical university researcher

Person who:

- a. receives a salary for a full-time or part-time position at an institution recognized by the FRQ to manage funding;

AND

- b. is affiliated with a Quebec university in which they are qualified to act as the sole supervisor of graduate students and independently lead research projects;

AND

- c. holds a professional degree in human health, followed by at least two years (or the equivalent) of research training;

AND

- d. holds a valid licence to practice in Quebec.

The following also qualify for university researcher status:

- Individuals at the beginning of their career who meet criteria a) and c) and hold a position that will enable them to meet criterion b) pending the end of administrative processes and delays.
- Individuals who are retired from a recognized institution who no longer meet criterion a) and who continue to pursue research or supervision activities in the institution, from which they have obtained a formal commitment.

### 3. College researcher

Person who has a PhD and who is employed in the equivalent of a full-time position in the college-level institutions recognized by the FRQ to manage funding and/or in the Quebec college centres for technology transfer (CCTT). Individual program rules may include more specific criteria.

College researchers must also possess the professional autonomy required to supervise research projects and hold:

- a position as a college-level institution professor,
- OR a position as a CCTT researcher,
- OR a position in a college-level institution in which at least 75% of their time is dedicated to research activities.