

PROGRAM 4.1 OCCUPATIONAL REHABILITATION PARTNERSHIP

IRSST-REPAR 2019-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL REHABILITATION RESEARCH

Deadline for submitting applications: **Friday, November 22, 2019 (4 p.m.)**

Occupational rehabilitation research helps prevent or reduce the risks of prolonged disability in workers who have sustained employment injuries¹ and to support both the CNESST's service offer and clinical and workplace interventions, whether in the context of the post-injury return to work or efforts to help workers stay at work.

The IRSST and REPAR have formed a partnership for the purpose of co-funding initiatives that support the development of occupational rehabilitation research, whether it involves (1) producing state-of-the-art reviews, (2) conducting exploratory or feasibility studies prerequisite to the development of occupational rehabilitation projects, or (3) forming new occupational rehabilitation teams.

Applications submitted in response to this call for proposals should focus specifically on workers who have sustained physical occupational injuries (e.g. traumatic brain injury (TBI), multiple trauma, cancer, paraplegia, musculoskeletal disorder, etc.). Preference is given to interinstitutional or intersectoral² research.

Eligibility

- The researcher who signs the application as the principal investigator must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada and affiliated with a Québec university.
- At least 50% of the team members must be members of REPAR or have filed an application for membership prior to seeking an IRSST-REPAR grant.
- The proposal complies with the [general rules of the IRSST](#) and [REPAR](#) regarding researcher eligibility, allowable expenses and ethical considerations, as the case may be.

¹ This refers to an "employment injury" as defined in section 2 of the AIAOD (*Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases*) and accepted at the CNESST: "an injury or a disease arising out of or in the course of an industrial accident, or an occupational disease, including a recurrence, relapse or aggravation."

² This refers to "intersectoral research" as defined by the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ): "a research and collaboration approach which, in order to shed new light on common or shared research issues, brings together researchers from disciplinary fields or research practices from at least two of the three major sectors covered by the Fonds to work on a research topic, problem, method or question" (health, natural sciences and engineering; humanities and social sciences, arts and letters).

Please note that additional eligibility criteria may apply, depending on the type of initiative proposed, as detailed below.

Types of initiative proposed

| INITIATIVE | ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA | ANTICIPATED DELIVERABLE |
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| Part 1: State-of-the art review | | |
| Review of the occupational rehabilitation literature (e.g. examination of the scope, systematic review, etc.) | N/A | Report written in accordance with the IRSST's writing guidelines OR a scientific article submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, with a one-page summary |
| Part 2: Exploratory or feasibility study | | |
| Exploratory or feasibility study | The project is a new initiative. It is not the continuation of previously funded projects. | Report written in accordance with the IRSST's writing guidelines OR a scientific article submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, with a one-page summary OR proof of submission of a funding application to a provincial or federal funding organization and a copy of the application |
| Part 3: Formation of research teams | | |
| <u>Part 3A:</u> Formation of a research team with social partners with a view to submitting a project to a funding organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The research team should be interinstitutional or intersectoral. - The group of social partners should consist of representatives of at least two of the following sub-groups: workplaces (representatives of employers <u>and</u> of workers), insurers or clinicians. | Proof of submission of a funding application to a provincial or federal funding organization and a copy of the application |
| <u>Part 3B:</u> Formation of a permanent team promoting the migration of researchers from | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The principal investigator or the principal co-investigator should be a new researcher in occupational rehabilitation (i.e. | Proof of submission of a funding application to a provincial or federal funding organization and |

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| <p>other sectors to occupational rehabilitation with a view to submitting a project to a funding organization</p> | <p>a young researcher who is getting established or an established researcher who has not received funds or conducted research activities predominantly related to occupational rehabilitation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the new researcher is not already a member of REPAR, he or she must submit an application to become a researcher member, prior to submitting the funding application. | <p>a copy of the application</p> |
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Terms and Conditions Applicable to the Funding

- A maximum amount of \$40,000 per initiative may be granted.
- The duration of the grant is 18 months. Deliverables must be submitted no later than six (6) months after the grant end date. **No extensions will be given.**
- If applicable, the awarding of the grant will be contingent upon presentation of an ethics compliance certificate issued by a research ethics committee. The certificate may be submitted *a priori* or *a posteriori*.
- The funds must be used to cover current expenses directly related to carrying out the work (e.g. research personnel, support staff, graduate students, travel and meeting expenses, financial compensation for time given by experts, small pieces of research equipment).
- Indirect research costs are not eligible.
- Payment of allocations in the form of student bursaries is permitted to foster their involvement in carrying out the work.
- Funding recipients undertake to mention the financial contribution of the IRSST and REPAR in all communications or publications resulting from the funded work.

Procedures and Conditions for Submitting Proposals

Proposals must be submitted via REPAR's extranet platform ([submission of applications](#)) by no later than **Friday, November 22, 2019, at 4 p.m.**, by completing the program form and attaching the following:

- A 200-word summary (section of the form to be completed on REPAR's extranet platform)
- Description of the proposal (maximum of **4 pages**, in a single-spaced text in Times New Roman 12-point font, with 2.54-cm margins)
- Appendix 1, presenting a budget breakdown

- Appendix 2, presenting the bibliographic references, if applicable

No other document will be sent to the reviewers.

The abridged CV of each team member (activities of the last five years) **must be sent with his or her profile via REPAR’s extranet**. The review committee will only take these CVs into consideration. No other CVs will be accepted. A CV prepared for a recognized funding organization (e.g. FRQS, FRQSC, FRQNT or CIHR) may be used; the Common Canadian CV, or CCV (the CIHR Academic CCV version in PDF) would be preferable. A one-page CV summarizing pertinent experience must be provided for collaborators.

Proposal Review Procedure

1. Review of the administrative eligibility of the application
2. Review, by the IRSST-REPAR joint committee, of the fit between the proposal and the partnership objectives
3. Assessment, by peers, of the scientific quality and general classification of the proposals
4. Decisions communicated by letter approximately ten (10) weeks following the proposal submission date

Scientific Assessment Criteria

| | Parts 1 and 2 | Part 3 |
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| Scientific quality | 45 | 20 |
| Feasibility | 30 | 35 |
| Quality and complementarity of team members | 25 | 45 |
| Total | 100 | 100 |

Note: The detailed version of the assessment grids for each part is available on the REPAR Web site.