



Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network  
Réseau de recherche sur les communautés québécoises d'expression anglaise



## QUESCREN Working Papers Series Call for Proposals

**Deadline to submit proposal: November 8, 2021**

With the support of the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise ([SROEA](#)), the Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network ([QUESCREN](#)) is pleased to offer our [researcher-members](#)\* an opportunity to participate in a new "QUESCREN working papers" series.

Funding for four (4) working papers will be provided. Each will be:

- Written to address a theme relating to English-speaking Quebec. All themes will be considered, but priority will be given to proposals that focus on studying poverty, sustaining healthy school systems, or migration/immigration/retention.
- Authored by one or more QUESCREN researcher-members.\*
- Written for a general/non-specialist audience; all discipline-specific jargon should be avoided or explained in terms that would be understandable by an educated adult outside your field of study.
- Intended to support evidence-based decision making and actionable policy development by community and government stakeholders.
- Once completed: posted on the QUESCREN website ([see examples here](#)), sent to the SROEA for distribution within the Quebec government, deposited with the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) and Library and Archives Canada (LAC), and made available on publications lists and other resources identified as relevant by QUESCREN.

\*If you wish to become a researcher-member, please fill out [this online form](#).

## WORKING PAPER SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ten to fifteen (10-15) pages** in length plus references and footnotes, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt.
- **Identified as a QUESCREN working paper** funded by the SRQEA.
- **The authors will have full editorial authority and maintain copyright**, however:
  - QUESCREN has the right to provide comments and authors will be requested to address these in their final version.
  - QUESCREN will provide linguistic revisions and set the layout of the final version.

## TERMS

- A committee chaired by QUESCREN co-directors Drs. [Chedly Belkhodja](#) and [Brian Lewis](#) will adjudicate proposals.
- Deadline to submit proposals: **November 8, 2021**.
- Due date for final version of submitted working papers: **January 15, 2023**.
- Selected lead authors will sign a contract outlining details of terms.
- An honorarium of \$6000 will be provided to the lead author. Lead authors are encouraged use these funds for research costs including collaborating with students who can work as research assistants or co-authors.
- 50% Payment will be provided to the lead author after the contract is signed. 50% will be provided upon delivery of the final paper, provided deadlines and QUESCREN format guidelines are respected.
- All research involving human participants, as well as all research involving human biological materials, is subject to ethics review by Concordia University's ethics board. Lead authors must send final approved versions of their ethics certificate and all final approved accompanying documents to QUESCREN prior to starting research and receiving funds. QUESCREN will forward it for review and approval by Concordia University's ethics review board. Researchers who are not affiliated with an institution that provides ethical review of research projects must provide approval from an independent ethics review board (such as [Veritas IRB](#)) at their own expense. Only after both levels of ethics board approval (institution's or independent board plus Concordia's board) can QUESCREN sign an agreement with the author.
- Authors agree to present their paper in a 20-minute online 'Lunch & Learn' session followed by questions and answers (for examples see [here](#)). QUESCREN staff will organize the Lunch & Learn event in collaboration with authors.

## TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO BE LEAD AUTHOR OF A WORKING PAPER

**Fill out this online form.** Note that it requests the following information:

- Lead author: name, job title, institution
- If applicable: co-author(s) names, job title, institution
- About your proposed working paper:
  - **Title**
  - **Theme of paper and how it relates to English-speaking Quebec** [max. 300 words]
  - **Objectives** [max. 200 words]
  - **Context:** background issues, community priorities, etc. you are considering in making this proposal [max. 200 words]
  - **Activities and methods** for conducting the research [max. 300 words]
  - Summary **budget** describing how money will be used (honoraria for lead researchers, students, etc.)
  - Will an **ethics** review be required? If yes, agreement to send ethics certificate and all final approved accompanying documents to QUESCREN, and that Concordia University's ethics review board must approve it before QUESCREN can agree to fund research.
  - **Qualification** of you (and your team if applicable) to conduct this research [up to 200 words per author for max. 800 words]
  - You understand that if your proposal is selected, the **deadline** for your Working Paper is January 15, 2023, and you agree to submit your document by that date.

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