Concordia Stand-Out Graduate Research Award

Value: $1,000

Deadline: March 6, 2022 (11:59PM EST)

Description

The Graduate Awards Office is now accepting applications for the Concordia Stand-Out Graduate Research Award. Current graduate students in all disciplines at both Master and Doctoral levels are welcome to apply.

Unique this cycle, and in order to remain synchronized with the Relève étoile competitions at the FRQ, the School of Graduate Studies is offering a single Concordia Stand-Out Graduate Research Award in the “Engineering, Medical Sciences and Natural Sciences” category.

This biannual competition is meant to award exceptional research projects that have been released to the public in the seven months prior to the Relève étoile deadline date of March 1, 2022, and recognize the ability of the graduate researchers to convey the importance of their investigation to the general public.

Winners will be featured on Concordia’s website. Also, should an applicant be successful in the Relève étoile competition, the recipient will receive an additional top-up of $500, independent of the Stand-out award competition.

Projects considered

- Scholarly articles (in a journal with an editorial review board);
- Book or book chapter;
- Patent;
- A creation, exhibition or performance stemming from research carried out at Concordia University;

*Conference presentations alone will NOT be considered.

Eligibility

- Students currently enrolled at Concordia University at the time of the application, and may receive the award only once;
- Students whose projects have been released to the public within seven months of the Relève étoile competition deadline (articles that are only accepted or submitted for reviews are not eligible);
- Students must have applied to the relevant Relève étoile, presented by the Fonds de recherche du Québec to recognize student researchers in training;
Relève étoile Jacques-Genest (FRQS)
Relève étoile Louis-Berlinguet Award (FRQNT)
**Relève étoile Paul-Gérin-Lajoie Award (FRQSC)**

**Please note** that the FRQ are shifting to model where they collect Relève étoile applications only once per year, and the three agencies (FRQNT/FRQS/FRQSC) are diverging slightly in the 2022-2023 cycle. If you would normally apply under the FRQSC (For the Relève étoile Paul-Gérin-Lajoie Award), you will need to delay your Stand-out application until such time you have also applied to the relevant Relève competition in the fall (expected ~Sept 1, 2022).

- Articles published on journals electronically are eligible (eligibility will be determined based on the electronic publication date).

For publications with several authors, the following rules apply:
- If several students collaborated on a project in the same capacity and the published article explicitly states that the authors all equally contributed to the work, the students will share the award;
- One application per project per competition is allowed.

**Evaluation criteria**

- Demonstrate the project’s contribution to the advancement of knowledge and originality in their field of study. If the project is based on multidisciplinary research, the applicant must describe the added value of the multidisciplinary aspect;
- Demonstrate the ability to explain the subject matter in plain language to a general audience. Demonstrate that the research activities are made known to society at large in such a way that they can be understood by non-specialists, thereby improving the public’s understanding of science.

**Evaluation process**

All applications will be assessed on program criteria by an evaluation committee assembled by SGS.

**Application:** Applications must be emailed to graduate-awards@concordia.ca

**Material to be submitted**

- Completed application form
- The project (in case of an article), or documentation of the performance
- Proof of submission to Relève étoile
- Recommendation form completed by the thesis supervisor to be emailed to graduate-awards@concordia.ca