

SHORT TRAINING SUPPORT PROGRAM

Objectives

This program will help students and postdoctoral fellows develop their skills by taking internships or courses that complement their regular training and are well integrated into the Center's scientific program. Québec-Océan intends to strengthen the training of its members, foster their relationship with a different scientific environment, benefit from new working methods and enhance the Center's influence.

Eligibility

Students must:

- Be a full-time registered student (MSc or PhD) or postdoctoral fellow;
- Be a member of the Center;
- Aim for an internship or a course of a maximum of eight consecutive weeks;
- Propose a training to acquire new skills, outside his/her regular graduate studies (see Program rules);
- Obtain a positive recommendation from its supervisor;
- Have no other funding from this program;
- Participation in a congress or a symposium is not eligible;
- Students both registered in a foreign and a Quebec university cannot use this program to sojourn at one or the other university.

Program rules

- Applications should preferably be submitted **before 31 January, 31 May and 30 September, at least a month before departure.**
- If the training is outside Quebec, the maximum amount of a support is \$1,500;
- If the training is in Quebec, the maximum amount of support is \$1,000. In this case, it must be demonstrated that the training has an international component, or is unique or advantageous compared to training outside Quebec.
- The number of supports allocated is limited to 15 per year, or less if the Centre is affected by unfavorable financial conditions;
- The acquisition of new skills refers to learning new ways of working, whether with special equipment for sampling or experimenting, or for processing data using software or mathematical methods. It does not in any way refer to the collection of data normally planned for the candidate's study project, nor does it refer to training in the co-director's laboratory.
- A rejected FRQNT international internship application cannot be transferred to the short training program.

Evaluation of the proposals

The selection committee will evaluate and grade the proposals according to the following criteria:

- Excellence of the applicant's academic record and research skills (40 points);
- Relation between the training and the Center's scientific program and the objectives of this program (30 points);
- Quality of the training and its added value compared to the available trainings in the applicant's university (30 points).

Application procedure

- Application form;
- Description of the objectives and nature of the expected training, plus what meets the criteria for assessing the application;
- CV;
- Transcripts, from BSc to the last completed term or previous postdoctoral fellowship;
- Letter of support from the supervisor of the student or postdoctoral fellow;
- For an internship, agreement of the host institution and for a course, proof of registration.

Required after the training

- A video clip or a report of no more than two pages, plus photos or figures, within one month after the training.
- A presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) following the training, upon request of the ASM organizing committee.

July 22, 2020.