

# New RMGA website and the launching of two new competitions

November 14, 2012. Montreal. The Network Applied Genetic Medicine (Réseau de médecine génétique appliquée, RMGA) today unveiled its new website ([www.rmga.qc.ca](http://www.rmga.qc.ca)) that better represents the network's organization and will help members fully benefit from the RMGA's technology platforms and services. In conjunction with the new website, the RMGA also announced the opening of two new competitions:

Scholarships Competition. As in the past, the RMGA offers two types of scholarships to students and health professionals to undertake research projects.

1. The "Introduction to research in applied genetics" scholarship, valued at \$ 25,000, is offered to physicians or clinical research fellows to complete a research project in genetics to increase the number of health professionals with research training in applied genetics. Up to two scholarships are offered each year.

2. The "Multi-disciplinary and translational genetics" scholarship is offered to graduate students (M.Sc and Ph.D., \$ 17,850) and postdoctoral fellows (\$ 36,750) to encourage training in multi-disciplinary translational genetics. Up to six scholarships are offered each year.

The deadline for the scholarships competition is January 15, 2013. General conditions and application forms can be downloaded from the RMGA website.

Pilot Projects competition. This new competition, open to RMGA members, aims to support research projects that align with the mission and goals of the RMGA. Research projects, amounting to \$ 50,000 each, must involve innovative and transformative research in the field of genetics or related disciplines (e.g. developmental genetics, cancer genetics, neurogenetics, genetics populations, ethics, bioinformatics, etc.) leading to specific medical benefits. The deadline for the competition is January 15, 2013. The application form can be downloaded from the RMGA website.

**About the RMGA.** Founded in 1983, the Network Applied Genetic Medicine (Réseau de médecine génétique appliquée, RMGA) is a Thematic Network of the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS). Its objective is to support and develop basic and applied human genetic research by creating, managing and promoting scientific infrastructures and knowledge transfer for the benefit of the Quebec population. The Network supports service platforms, develops Statements of Principles, offers scholarships to students and postdocs, and organizes workshops and meetings. The "Journées Génétiques", scholarships and workshops offered by the RMGA are made possible thanks to funding from the Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR) program, implemented by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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