

2012 QICSS Grant Matching Programme

To promote the use of detailed microdata in graduate research projects and to assist students financially, the Quebec Inter-university Centre for Social Statistics (QICSS) has developed a Grant Matching Programme for Masters and PhD students.

QICSS offers researchers in Quebec access to detailed microdata¹ from [Statistics Canada](#) and the [Institut de la statistique du Québec \(ISQ\)](#), as well as the workspace, professional and technical support and equipment needed to analyze the surveys and census.

Seven institutions are members of QICSS. Databases from Statistics Canada are available at all QICSS laboratories (Université de Montréal, Université Laval, Université de Sherbrooke, UQAM / INRS and McGill / Concordia). Datasets from ISQ are available at the CADRISQ laboratory at the Université de Montréal. For more information, consult our web site at www.ciqss.umontreal.ca.

Conditions of eligibility

Applicants must:

1. be registered as a full-time graduate student at one of the seven institutions members of QICSS;
2. be employed as a research or teaching assistant, or receive funding² for the 2011/2012 academic year (September 1, 2011 until August 31, 2012). Total salary or awards must equal at least \$4000 for Masters students and \$6000 for PhD students;
3. commit to completing their Master's Thesis or PhD Dissertation as part of a project executed at the QICSS.
4. PhD students will have to complete the required courses for the completion of their PhD no later than May 2012. The project tied to their research must have already been approved by Statistics Canada or the *Institut de la statistique du Québec* criteria at the time of filing the application (no later than February 15, 2012).

Amount and number of grants

For the year 2012, QICSS is offering twelve (12) matching grants, each amounting \$4000 for Masters students and \$6000 for Ph.D. students.

****Note that students are entitled to receive only one grant during their Masters programme and one during their PhD programme.***

¹ Confidential detailed microdata as opposed to masked data of the Public use microdata files (PUMFS) and of the Fichiers aux fins d'analyse et de recherche externe (FARE).

² This funding can come from a professor, a university department, a research centre, a research group, or a research laboratory.

Application Procedure

The student who wishes to apply to the grant matching programme must first visit the QICSS website and fill the online registration document. Once the online application is filled, the student must send the following documents by mail (all together, in a single envelope):

- A research project description, including a clear statement of the research question, methodology, the databases to be used and the reasons why it is necessary to access Statistics Canada data in one of the QICSS laboratories. This summary should be approximately 1 000 words for a MA project and 1 500 words for a PhD project;
- A proof of funding (signed contract) or a letter from a professor indicating remuneration to be received for the 2011/2012 school year;
- A transcript from each university attended (photocopies are accepted);
- A letter of support from the thesis supervisor.

Deadline for submission

All documentation (application form and all required documents) should be received by QICSS no later than **February 15, 2012**.

Commitment expected from grant recipients

Grant recipients are strongly encouraged to participate in QICSS scientific activities. In addition, they will be asked to present their research findings at seminars or conferences organized by the QICSS (New Researchers conference, ACFAS conference, etc.).

Selection Procedure

A committee chaired by the Director of QICSS will evaluate all completed applications received by the competition deadline. Results will be announced on **March 15, 2012**.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. The excellence of their academic record;
2. The quality of the proposed scientific project (the relevance of the research goals, the appropriateness of the proposed methodology to meet the research goals and the clarity of the research summary);
3. The reason why access to QICSS is necessary to the project realization;
4. The quality of the letter of support from the supervisor.

Mode of payment

There will be one lump sum paid once the research project has been approved by Statistics Canada or the *ISQ* criteria (for PhD students, this approval is part of the conditions of eligibility). This procedure is described on our website at www.ciqss.umontreal.ca.