



INSTRUCTION GUIDE | CANDIDATES

Merit scholarships
2024-2025

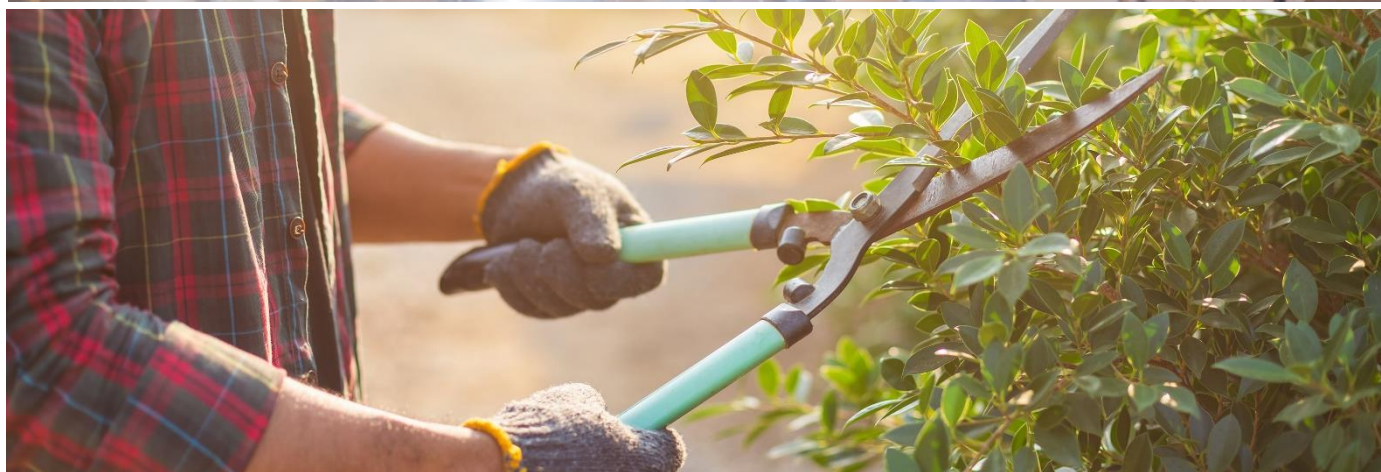


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Before contacting us, please ensure that you have read the application guide.
Éducation internationale encourages and promotes applicants who apply on their own.

FOR ALL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Consult the general FAQ, and the FAQ specific to the merit scholarships

- **General FAQ:** <https://www.quebecmetiersdavenir.com/faq/>
- **FAQ specific to the merit scholarships :** <https://www.quebecmetiersdavenir.com/bourse-dexcellence/>

Merit scholarships and exemptions from supplementary tuition fees

General information

The Merit scholarship Program for international students (called “Merit scholarships competition”) allow international students wishing to come and study in vocational training in Quebec to obtain a merit scholarship, along with an exemption from the additional tuition fees applicable to students, and coverage by the *Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec*.¹

Students must pursue and successfully complete full-time studies in a professional training program leading to the award of either: a vocational studies diploma (DVS) or a DVS followed by an attestation of vocational specialization (AVS). It should be noted that professional training programs of less than 900 hours are not eligible, except for a program eligible for the permanent residence pilot program of the *ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration* (MIFI).

As part of these programs, the Merit scholarships competition is operationalized by *Éducation internationale* and its *Québec métiers d'avenir* service.

Objectives

The programs aim to:

- Support the internationalisation of vocational training centers.
- Offer exceptionally talented international students the opportunity to come and follow a vocational training in Québec
- Enhance a steady offer and wide coverage of vocational training.

Funding of the programs



These programs are funded by the Quebec Ministry of Education. For the 2024-2025 contest, the funding for the merit scholarship is up to \$2,220,000 (approximately 84 scholarships).

Amount and features

- The value ranges from \$14 000 to \$ 26 600, depending on the duration of the training program.
- Both the merit scholarship and tuition exception awards are based on excellent performance and results during the study project in Québec.

¹ Subject to budgetary approval from the Government of Quebec and ministerial approval of mobility program standards.

Description of the Merit scholarship

Merit scholarship	
INCLUDED	✓ Tuition exemption for international students; ✓ Medical coverage offered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ); ✓ Bursary ranging from \$14,000 to \$26,600, depending on the length of the program, to cover the student's living expenses during their training.
NOT INCLUDED	✗ Immigration process costs; ✗ Transport fare to and from Canada; ✗ Private health insurance required before the commencement of RAMQ coverage; ✗ Fees for liability insurance ✗ Training related expenses (e.g. training materials, uniforms, etc.) ✗ Other costs related to a stay in Quebec
FINANCIAL CAPACITY REQUIRE	You must declare that you have a minimum of CAD \$3,000 available for your project

Admissibility

- ❑ **Be at least 18 years old at the time of submitting your application for the scholarship competition.** There is no upper age limit;
- ❑ **Not** be a citizen of **France or Canada**. Applications from member countries of the Francophonie (excluding France and its overseas departments and territories - DOM-TOM), and countries of the leading markets of Asia (China, India, Japan) and the Americas (Mexico, Brazil) will be given priority;
- ❑ **Not** have Canadian citizenship or a Canadian permanent resident status or be in the process of obtaining the permanent residence status under the Canadian immigration laws;²
- ❑ Be outside of Canada at the time of application, until the announcement of the selected candidates;
- ❑ Meet the admission requirements of the desired study program³;
- ❑ Demonstrate a level of French or English allowing the success of a professional training program⁴;
- ❑ **Not** have been a beneficiary of a scholarship for studies of the same level or higher in Quebec. In addition, the accumulation of scholarships within the same academic year is not allowed;
- ❑ Not having paid a commission to an organization or a third party in order to be accompanied within the framework of the merit scholarship program;
- ❑ Not have been found guilty of submitting an application containing fraudulent documents in the past when applying for this program or any other Ministry of Education program.

Eligible training programs

This competition is for vocational training beginning in August **2025**.

The Merit scholarship competition are intended exclusively for vocational training, i.e., short training focused on learning skills and integrating into the labour market. The scholarship programs are NOT intended for college or university training.

The web platform dedicated to the competition lists the proposed training programs. The vocational training centers determine which trainings they wish to offer for the merit scholarships programs. To know more about the different trainings, please visit the [Québec métiers d'avenir website](https://quebecmetiersdavenir.com). Most trainings are prioritised by the Ministry of Education.

² Under the definition of resident of Quebec, in accordance with the Regulation respecting the definition of resident of Quebec, a permanent resident may be eligible for an exemption from tuition fees, as well as loans and grants from the Government of Quebec for studies at full-time.

³ The recipient of an excellence scholarship in professional training and/or a tuition fee exemption quota must be admitted full-time to a professional training program leading to a DVS or AVS provided in a public establishment located in Quebec.

⁴ Achieving a level of competence in oral comprehension and oral production of 7 or more on the Quebec scale of French or English proficiency levels for adult immigrants or its equivalent (B2 or more of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages) is usually desirable for pursuing a professional training program. However, it is up to the school board or public school to determine the level of French or English necessary for the success of the professional training program.

A 50% ratio of prioritised trainings must be respected in the granting of scholarships and exemptions from supplementary tuition fees. You can find the list of prioritised trainings in [Appendix 1](#).

To submit an application

Attention : Multiple applications will be automatically rejected. Only one application per student is accepted and any application submitted for more than one school will be rejected. Candidates must submit their applications by themselves, even if they are helped by a relative. No application filed by a recruitment agent, immigration consultant or immigration lawyer will be accepted.

The application process is **free**.

PROCEDURE:

From Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (noon, Quebec time) to Wednesday, August 7, 2024 (23h59, Quebec time)

1. **Eligibility:** Determine if you are eligible for the competition ([see eligibility criteria above](#)).
2. **Prequalification form:** If you are eligible for the contest, you will be invited to submit your application. If you are not eligible, you will not be able to submit your application.
3. **Registration for the contest:** Using the link obtained following the prequalification form, complete your application on the platform dedicated to the scholarship competition.
4. **Choice of training and training center:** Make your choice of training and training center from the list offered (only 1 choice possible).
 - a. **Choice of training:** To find out more about the different training courses, go to [Québec métiers d'avenir website](#). Most trainings are prioritized by the Ministry of Education. A ratio of 50% of prioritized training must be respected when granting scholarships and exemptions from tuition fees. The list of prioritized training courses can be found in **Appendix 1**.
 - b. **Choice of training center:**
Find out about the various training centers offered by visiting the [Québec Métiers d'Avenir website](#).
Training centers are located throughout the province of Quebec. Make sure that the region to which your training center belongs is suitable for you. Some regions are “prioritized” by the Ministry of Education. In this sense, a ratio of 50% of prioritized regions must be respected in the granting of scholarships and exemptions from tuition fees. The list of priority training

courses can be found in **Appendix 2**. Note that recipients are selected for each of the participating regions, whether prioritized or not.

Documents to submit

- ☐ Application form, which includes :
 - Personal informations;
 - Your motivations, interests and futur projects;
 - Detailed professionnall experience;
 - Detail of your scholarships or prizes received (maximum 2).
- ☐ A copy of the identification page of your passport;
- ☐ A copy of your birth certificate;
- ☐ A copy of all diplomas that you have obtained, along with a copy of all transcripts⁵;
- ☐ A proof of your academic English proficiency results (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.), or a proof of registration EXCEPT if you have completed at least two years of higher education (university) exclusively in English ;
- ☐ Reference forms completed by different people⁶ (maximum 2);
- ☐ Your CV;
- ☐ A copy of scholarships and/or prizes received (maximum 2);
- ☐ A statement regarding the required financial capacity.

WARNING

Any incomplete, illegible or non-compliant application will be rejected. Any application containing false statements or fraudulent documents will be automatically rejected and the candidate will be eliminated from the current and future competitions.

Evaluation criteria

Application files are analyzed by the educational establishment chosen by the international student. Depending on the wishes of the participating educational institutions, a random selection tool may be used by Éducation internationale to

⁵ Please note that you must merge the documents from each school program into a single file for uploading. For example, your Baccalaureate diploma and transcript must be merged into a single file. The CFP will verify your eligibility for the chosen training.

⁶ Family members and friends cannot act as references

submit a maximum number of applications. Subsequently, the files selected for pre-selection by the educational institution are sent to the external selection committee, which again evaluates the files and ranks them on merit.

Scores are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Motivation letter (relevance of the project, motivation and quality of language): 30%
- Academic background: 30%
- Awards and distinctions: 5%
- Recommendations: 15%
- Overall quality of application: 20%

The recipients are then determined according to the budget for excellence scholarships that the Ministry of Education grants.

Next steps

Consult the 2024-2025 contest calendar on the Québec métiers d'avenir website:

<https://www.quebecmetiersdavenir.com/en/merit-scholarships/>

A first announcement of the preselected candidates will be made in October 2024. Successful and unsuccessful preselection applications will be notified by email by Education Internationale.

The official announcement of the recipients will be made latest in January 2025. Successful and unsuccessful applications will be notified by email by Education Internationale.

The recipients will then be accompanied by *Éducation internationale*, via the *Québec métiers d'avenir* service, and by the person responsible for welcoming them at the vocational training center, in order to plan their arrival in Quebec starting from August 2025.

FOR ALL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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- **General**
- **to the merit scholarships :** [Merit Scholarships | Québec métiers d'avenir](#)

We wish you good luck!

APPENDIX 1

Prioritized vocational trainings

Code - FR	Name of the program in French	Code - ENG	Name of the program in English	Duration (hours)
Health sector				
5358	Assistance à la personne en établissement et à domicile	5858	Institutional and Home Care assistance	870h
5394	Assistance technique en pharmacie	-	-	1 590h
5380	Retraitement des dispositifs médicaux	5880	Reprocessing of Medical Devices	1 080h
5325	Santé, assistance et soins infirmiers	5825	Health, Assistance and Nursing	1 800h
Sector of construction				
5303	Briquetage-Maçonnerie	5803	Masonry : Bricklaying	900h
5378	Calorifugeage	-	-	900h
5319	Charpenterie – menuiserie	5819	Carpentry	1 350h
5295	Électricité	5795	Electricity	1 800h
5360	Ferblanterie	5860	Tinsmithing	1 605h
5296	Installation et entretien de systèmes de sécurité	-	-	1 485h
5334	Installation de revêtement souples	-	-	900h
5282	Installation et fabrication de produits verriers	-	-	1 350h
5337	Mécanique d'ascenseur	5837	Elevator Mechanics	1 800h
5331	Mécanique d'engins de chantier	5831	Construction Equipment Mechanics	900h
5312	Mécanique de protection contre les incendies	-	-	900h
5375	Montage de lignes électriques et de télécommunication	-	-	1 140h
5364	Montage structural et architectural	5864	Structural and Architectural Assembly	1 230h
5336	Peinture en bâtiment	5836	Commercial and Residential Painting	900h
5333	Plomberie et chauffage	5833	Plumbing and Heating	1 680h

5343	Préparation et finition de béton	5843	Preparing and Finishing Concrete	900h
5386	Réfrigération	5815	Refrigeration	1 800h
5382	Soudage-assemblage	5695	Welding and Fitting	1 800h
Industrial sector				
5274	Conduite de machines de traitement du minéral	5774	Machine Operations, Mineral and Metal Processing	900h
5281	Électromécanique systèmes automatisés	5781	Automated Systems Electromechanics	1 800h
5368	Extraction de minéral	5868	Ore Extraction	930h
5381	Transformation des métaux en fusion	-	-	1 170h
5260	Mécanique industrielle de construction et d'entretien	5760	Industrial Construction and Maintenance Mechanics	1 800h
5359	Mécanique de machines fixes	5859	Stationary Engine Mechanics	1 800h
5244	Tôlerie de précision	5744	Precision Sheet Metal Work	1 275h
5371	Usinage	5871	Machining	1 800h
Aerospace sector				
5363	Fabrication de pièces industrielles et aérospatiales en composite	-	-	1 005h
5197	Montage de structures en aérospatiale	5697	Aircraft Structural Assembly	975h
5307	Montage mécanique en aérospatiale	5801	Aircraft Mechanical Assembly	1 185h
Other sectors				
5328	Conduite de procédés de traitement de l'eau	-	-	1 800h
5298	Mécanique automobile	5798	Automobile Mechanics	1 800h
5330	Mécanique de véhicule lourds routier	5830	Heavy Vehicles Mechanics	1 800h

APPENDIX 2

Prioritized administrative regions

Code of region	Name of region	Code of region	Name of region
01	Bas-Saint-Laurent	09	Côte-Nord
02	Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	10	Nord-du-Québec
04	Mauricie	11	Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine
05	Estrie	12	Chaudière-Appalaches
08	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	17	Centre-du-Québec