

2025 *Rendez-Vous* Génome Québec

Emerging Talent Awards

Call for Applications

About Génome Québec

Mission

Génome Québec's mission is to catalyze the development and excellence of genomics research, as well as its integration and democratization.

Vision

Genomics-based innovations will lead to equitable and inclusive solutions to challenges in health care, the environment, technology, society, and public policy.

The [Centre d'expertise et de services Génome Québec](#) (CES-GQ), located at the CHU Sainte-Justine in Montréal, offers the scientific community complete genomic and multiomic services of the highest quality in many application sectors. With a solid team of highly qualified technicians and managers, the CES-GQ supports university and industrial research teams from more than 50 countries.

The *Emerging Talent Awards* as part of the 2025 *Rendez-Vous* Génome Québec

Génome Québec is celebrating 25 years of innovation in genomics this year and would like to use this opportunity to recognize and highlight the excellence of the next generation by awarding four \$25,000 prizes. The aim of the competition is to encourage early career omics researchers in all application sectors (health, bio-food, environment and natural resources). The opportunity is open to all academic disciplines, as long as the research topics relate to the advancement of genomics¹ or genomics-related issues. Applications must clearly explain:

- The relevance, quality and originality of the research program to be implemented or pursued by the candidates;
- The advances and results obtained to date as well as the potential impact of genomic technologies in the research field;
- The usefulness of the cash prize for the advancement of the research program;
- The quality and productivity of the researcher's career to date.

Eligibility

This competition is open to individuals who have held for five years or less² their first position as an independent researcher in a Québec university, research centre or hospital. To be eligible for the funding awarded by Génome Québec, applicants must submit a proposal that meets the objectives of the competition, using the application form, and provide a three-page curriculum vitae inspired by the Biosketch³. The Biosketch (CV) should outline your professional background, but also include any non-academic achievements, social involvement or any other aspect that could strengthen your application.

¹ The term genomics is defined here as the comprehensive study of the genetic information of a cell or organism and its functions. The definition also includes related disciplines such as epigenomics, metabolomics, metagenomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, bioinformatics and synthetic biology as long as the link to genetic information is clear.

² Based on the CIHR definition of [Early Career Researcher](#).

³ Based on the CIHR proposed format of a [Biosketch](#).

Evaluation Criteria

Winners will be chosen after evaluation by an independent external committee. The committee will ensure that each entry meets the eligibility criteria and will rank the applications received according to:

- Excellence and originality of the research program proposed;
- The candidate's career to date;
- Potential benefits for the Québec research ecosystem and the field of application;
- The relevance of using the monetary prize to advance the scientific program.

Timeline

Date	Contest step
June 2, 2025	Launch of the <i>Emerging Talent Award</i> competition
September 17, 2025 at noon (EDT)	Deadline for submitting applications to Génome Québec by email to ctelekawa@genomequebec.com
No later than October 9, 2025	Recipients announced by email.
October 23, 2025	Awards ceremony during the 25 th anniversary celebration at the 2025 <i>Rendez-Vous</i> Génome Québec in Montréal

Award Details

The award will take the form of a single monetary contribution in the amount of \$25,000, which will have to be used to cover eligible expenses for the research program in accordance with [Génome Québec's project management guidelines](#). Four (4) winners will be selected; two (2) from the health sector and two (2) from the agriculture and biofood, forestry and environment sectors. No cofunding is required for this opportunity, and the installment for the prize will be paid to the recipient's institution following the award ceremony. This funding will not require recipients to submit any reports to Génome Québec. **Recipients must make themselves available to receive their prize during the 2025 *Rendez-Vous* Génome Québec held in Montréal on October 23, 2025.**

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