

### **3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

#### **3.1 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1.1 An active member must be an independent researcher (according to the FRSQ definition<sup>1</sup>) who is actively engaged in research on aging.
- 3.1.2 Any independent researcher working in the field of aging may apply for active membership in the Network by submitting an application to the Director of the Network. ([http://www.rqrv.com/en/membre\\_adhesion.php](http://www.rqrv.com/en/membre_adhesion.php))
- 3.1.3 Every application for active membership must be approved by the Network's Steering Committee. The committee's approval is based on the applicant's potential to make a scientific contribution to the Network.
- 3.1.4 Active membership is valid for three (3) years and is renewable.
- 3.1.5 Active membership confers the right to vote at the General Assembly of the RQRV.
- 3.1.6 Active membership provides the opportunity to access administrative functions of the RQRV.
- 3.1.7 Active membership provides the privilege to apply for funding as a principal investigator within the context of the Leverage Funding Programs of the RQRV.
- 3.1.8 Active membership shall be terminated if the member does not engage in any scientific activities or participate in any Network activities for two (2) years.

#### **3.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.2.1 An associate member may be any of the following: a clinician or other health care professional who is involved in the Network's research activities; an independent researcher whose research interests are not represented within any of the Network's Research Sections; a research assistant or research officer who has been participating in research projects on aging full-time for at least two years. An individual's application for associate membership must be submitted to the Director of the Network according to the instructions on the RQRV website.
- 3.2.2 The membership application is then evaluated by the Network's Steering Committee. The committee's approval is based on the applicant's potential to make a scientific contribution to the Network.
- 3.2.3 Associate membership is valid for two (2) years and is renewable.

#### **3.3 STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.3.1 A student member may be a student enrolled in a master's, doctoral, or post-doctoral program, or a medical resident or other health care professional enrolled in a research training program related to the field of aging and under the supervision of an active member of the Network.
  - 3.3.2 A student's application for student membership must be submitted to the Director of the Network according to the instructions on the RQRV website.
  - 3.3.3 The membership application is then evaluated by the Network's Steering Committee.
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- 3.3.4 Student membership is valid for two (2) years. A new application must be submitted after two years.
- 3.3.5 Annual participation in an activity of network annually is required to be considered an active student member (eg Summer Program in Aging, Research Day, master classes, specialized courses, knowledge transfer activity, meetings with the RQRV student Committee).
- 3.3.6 Active membership provides the privilege to apply for funding within the context of the Stimulus Funding Programs of the RQRV.

<sup>1</sup> *An independent researcher must have a doctoral degree (or the equivalent) and either teach or carry on research in a Québec university or college or else carry on research in an institution within the health and social services network, normally a university-affiliated institution. Individuals with a professional degree must have completed at least two years of full-time research training. Clinical investigators must have received basic academic training and have a degree in the discipline in which they practise their profession. They also need a valid license to practise in Québec. (FRSQ definition as of January 2006; any changes that the FRSQ may make in this definition shall take precedence over the preceding wording.)*