

# Supporting Diamond OA Model: A Funder's Perspective – Leaving no one behind

## 3rd Global Summit on Diamond Open Access

Plenary 1 Policy Convergence for Equitable Knowledge Ecosystems: Diamond Open Access, Capacity, and Digital Public Infrastructure - **UNESCO SESSION**

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# The *Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ)* : Provincial Funding Agency (in Canada)

## Mandate (key elements):

- Promotes and financially supports research (including mobilizing knowledge derived from research)
- Establishes any partnership needed to achieve our goal;
- Contributes to uphold research and science in French;
- Trains the next generation of scientists in all fields.

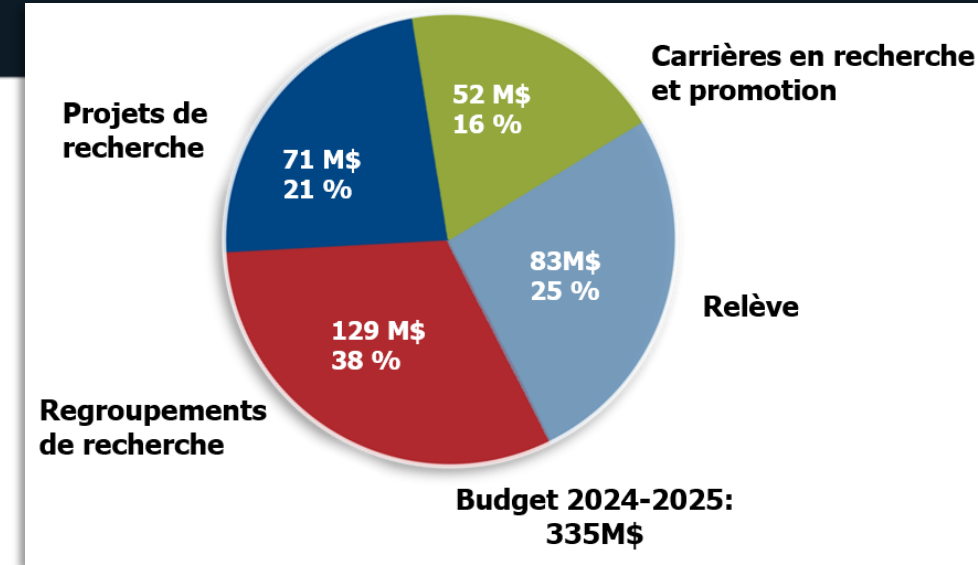
## About us:

- Signatory of DORA.
- First signatory of Coalition S and CoARA in Canada (among very first in North America)
- Global reach & partnerships (a recent example – network of chairs in science diplomacy (8))



Remi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec & DG of FRQ

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# Founding member of INGSA and current president

- Roles of INGSA:

- Build capacity for evidence-informed policymaking
- Connect global communities of practice  
(policymakers, scientists, advisors, and practitioners worldwide)
- Promote science advice and diplomacy in crises and complex policy settings
- One of the few global organizations established first in the Global South. Free memberships
- Bottom-up type with locally-driven Chapters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe & North America
- Open access –a priority. No single model
- Advisor to UN Secretary General
- Réseau International Francophone en Conseil Scientifique
- Triannual global conference (2024 Rwanda; 2027 Malaysia).



# Québec's investment in OA Journals and scholarly-led dissemination ecosystem

- Network of OA Journals - Budget of **\$10M** over five years
- Support to Erudit through Agora (500 000\$/y until 2028)
- Support to journals program (currently 58) with an ultimate Goal to be Diamond OA at the end of this funding cycle. Budget of 1.7 M\$ per year.
- Support to 4 new journals in science 600 000\$ for 6 years



***Diamond Open Access—a  
priority for us at FRQ &  
INGSA***

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