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**Have you demonstrated ingenuity, determination and leadership? Have you become involved in your community? Have you participated in a project that has had a significant impact in your community or specific field of activity?**

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Forces AVENIR aims to recognize, honour and promote the engagement of students in projects that contribute to the development of socially conscious, responsible, active and persevering citizens who are both dedicated to their community and open to the world.

## **GRANTS**

### **PROJECT AVENIR**

The finalist projects will receive **\$2,000** and the winners **\$4,000** as well as a trophy.

### **PERSONALITY AVENIR – UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES**

The finalists will receive **\$2,000** and the winners **\$4,000** as well as a trophy.

### **PROJECT AVENIR PAR EXCELLENCE**

The winning project will receive **\$15,000** as well as a trophy.

### **PERSONALITY AVENIR PAR EXCELLENCE**

The winner will receive **\$15,000** as well as a trophy.

The project representatives are responsible for taking the necessary administrative steps to open a bank account specific to the project. For all project categories, Forces AVENIR will under no circumstances make a cheque out to an individual or a member of the project. In the event that the project is not the holder of a specific bank account, Forces AVENIR will issue a cheque for the grant made payable to the project's home university. In such case, the university will be responsible for distributing the grant to the project members.



# CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

## PROJECT CATEGORIES

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The project must not be carried out as part of a university undergraduate program worth more than three credits;

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The project must not take place in the context of a course or a research program that is part of the requirements for obtaining a graduate degree;

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At least 80% of the students involved in the project must meet the criteria of the personality categories;

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The project must be initiated, made operational or be carried out during the period of eligibility, that is to say from **April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**;

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The project must not be a former recipient of a University Program AVENIR award in the Project AVENIR category.

## PERSONALITY CATEGORIES

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Be an undergraduate or graduate student. If a candidate is enrolled in both a certificate or undergraduate program and a graduate program, they must submit their application in the Personality AVENIR - Graduates category.

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Be registered as a full-time student (or be recognized as such by their university) for at least one semester during the period of eligibility, that is to say from **April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**;

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Be no more than 35 years of age on March 31, 2018;

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Not have been paid to participate in any project;

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Not be a former recipient of a University Program AVENIR award in the Personality AVENIR category.

# APPLICATION FILES



All application files must be completed online following the procedure provided below. You have until **March 31, 2018** to register.

1

Goto [inscription.forcesavenir.qc.ca](http://inscription.forcesavenir.qc.ca) and click on *Créer une candidature universitaire*.

2

Enter all the requested information to create your account.

3

Select the appropriate category and complete the application form.

**IMPORTANT:** The Forces AVENIR program aims to recognize engaged students. In participating, you should be aware that you will be promoted in various media as a means of advocating positive role models for society.



From left to right; Mrs Kate Whitmore spokesperson of Empower McGill, Mrs Ève Courtois spokesperson of Ruche Campus, Mrs Mélanie Napartuk, Mr Mohamed Khalil spokesperson of PYROCYCLE, Mrs Émilie Tremblay-Wragg spokesperson of Thèsez-vous?, Mrs Myriam Nadeau spokesperson of Création d'outils didactiques et d'un groupe d'enseignement de points de suture, Mrs Laura-Joy Boulos spokesperson of NeuroSymposium, Mrs Rabia Sabah Meziane spokesperson of Programme StimuLER, Mrs Manuelle Alix-Surprenant, Mrs Rosie Belley spokesperson of Festival de théâtre de l'Université Laval, Mr Pascal Laferrière-Langlois, Mr Jean-François Leclerc spokesperson of Création d'outils didactiques et d'un groupe d'enseignement de points de suture, Mr Raphaël Gagnon-Paradis, Mr David Bergeron.

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# CONTENT OF THE APPLICATION FILES

## The online application form for the PROJECT CATEGORIES includes:

A 200-word summary of the project and a 1,200-word presentation explaining how the project meets each and every criterion for selection;

Three letters of recommendation supporting the Forces AVENIR application;

A press review (optional);

Ten colour photographs of the project and its members with the names of the people in the photos in order.

## The online application form for the PERSONALITY CATEGORIES includes:

A 200-word summary of the student's educational path and involvement and a 1,200-word presentation explaining how the candidate meets each and every criterion for selection;

An essay of a maximum of 750 words in answer to the following question: "Based on your engagement and your studies, how do you perceive your role as a citizen in the society of the future?";

A detailed curriculum vitae;

Three letters of recommendation supporting the Forces AVENIR application;

Transcripts for all university studies (undergraduate and graduate studies, if applicable);

Ten colour photographs of the candidate bearing witness to his/her involvement.

## PHOTOGRAPHS (TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS)

You must provide two photographs of yourself, alone and cropped to size, one in portrait format AND one in landscape format. These photos have to be dynamic; passport style photos taken in front of a wall should be avoided. The other photos must show you in action during your involvements.

### All photographs must meet the following specifications:

- Colour, unmodified photographs;
- JPEG format;
- Minimum resolution of 72 dpi;
- Minimum size of 1920 x 1080 pixels;
- Copyright-free photographs.

# SELECTION CRITERIA



## PROJECT AVENIR

Tangible results	30 POINTS
Relevance	15 POINTS
Innovative nature	15 POINTS
Influence	15 POINTS
Organization's scope	10 POINTS
Educational impact	5 POINTS
Pursuit of funding	5 POINTS
Quality of the language (structure, grammar and argumentation)	5 POINTS

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TOTAL	100 POINTS
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## PERSONALITY AVENIR - UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES

Balance between social engagement, academic success and personal qualities	20 POINTS
Responsibilities and leadership	20 POINTS
Achievements and tangible results	20 POINTS
Consistency in all specified criteria throughout the course of studies	20 POINTS
Multidisciplinary nature	15 POINTS
Quality of the language (structure, grammar and argumentation)	5 POINTS

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TOTAL	100 POINTS
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## AVENIR PAR EXCELLENCE

The recipients of the Personality Par Excellence and Project Par Excellence AVENIR awards are determined based not only on the same criteria as the other categories but also on the exceptional nature of the application file.

A separate application is not required for these two awards.

### IMPORTANT FOR ALL THE CATEGORIES

- A project can only be submitted in one category;
- The contact information for the candidate or the project's spokesperson must be valid until December 2018;
- A file that does not meet the established criteria and expected standard of quality in the presentation and the language may be rejected. Forces AVENIR reserves the right to forward additional information to the juries;
- The grants for the Personality Par Excellence and Project Par Excellence AVENIR awards are not cumulative;
- In order to allow us to award AVENIR trophies to as many people as possible and to better allocate the grants, the Par Excellence award winner will only receive one official token of recognition.



# SELECTION PROCESS

## PROJECT CATEGORIES

**The selection process is divided into three steps.**

**For the first step,** a jury at each participating university will select, when necessary, no more than 2 applications per category. There are a total of 7 categories. For this step in the selection process, the participating university is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the jury.

**\*For the second step,** a jury made up of 3 members called the *specialist jury* will select the 3 finalists in each of the 7 categories and then select a winner for each category from among these 3 finalists. For this step in the selection process, Forces AVENIR is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the 7 specialist juries.

**For the third step,** a final jury called the *Project Grand Jury* made up of between 5 and 7 members will select the Project Par Excellence award recipient from among the 7 winning projects. For this step in the selection process, Forces AVENIR is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the Grand Jury.

**\* MANDATORY SELECTION INTERVIEWS:** In order to select the 3 finalists and the AVENIR trophy recipient for each of the categories, the juries will request an interview with the representatives of the 4 best applications. These interviews will take place in May or June. It is mandatory that the representatives attend this interview, either in person, by phone or by videoconference.

## PERSONALITY CATEGORIES

**The selection process is divided into two steps.**

**For the first step,** a jury at each participating university will select, when necessary, no more than 2 applications per category. There are 2 categories: the Undergraduates category and the Graduates category. For this step in the selection process, the participating university is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the jury.

**\*For the second step,** a final jury called the *Personality Grand Jury* made up of 5 to 9 members will select 9 finalists in the Undergraduates category and then select the 3 winners from among these 9 finalists. The Personality Grand Jury will also select 3 finalists in the Graduates category and then select the winner for the category from among these 3 finalists. Lastly, the Personality Grand Jury will select the Personality Par Excellence award recipient from among the 9 finalists in the Undergraduates category and the 3 finalists in the Graduates category. For this step in the selection process, Forces AVENIR is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the Grand Jury.

**\* MANDATORY SELECTION INTERVIEWS:** In order to select the finalists and winners for each of the categories, the Personality Grand Jury will request an interview with the 10 best candidates in the Undergraduates category and the 4 best candidates in the Graduates category. These interviews will take place in May or June. It is mandatory that the candidates attend this interview, either in person, by phone or by videoconference.



# PROJECT CATEGORIES

These categories aim to recognize, honour and promote students or groups of students who have distinguished themselves by carrying out projects relating to one of the following fields:

## **ARTS, LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

Project pertaining to the performing arts, visual arts, cinema, arts and crafts, literature, architecture, design or heritage.

## **MUTUAL AID, PEACE AND JUSTICE**

Project aimed at promoting community service, humanitarian cooperation, the respect for human rights or the establishment and promotion of a just society.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP, BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

Project relating to economic growth or to the creation, expansion or recovery of a business venture.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Project concerned with the environment, whether it promotes environmental protection, recycling, reuse, recuperation, sustainable development, natural resources or environmental education.

## **HEALTH**

Project connected with health awareness and prevention, research or improving public health in areas such as nursing, diet, physical fitness, mental health and medicine.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Project of a scientific or technological nature, which involves research, experimentation or popularization in the field of science and technology.

## **SOCIETY, COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION**

Project of a social nature linked with communications, education or political action and which addresses social issues or public concerns.



# PERSONALITY CATEGORIES

## PERSONALITY AVENIR - UNDERGRADUATES

The Personality AVENIR - Undergraduates awards will be presented to undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves through a balance of academic, personal and social achievements, as well as by their leadership, the concrete impact of their engagement and consistency in all the specified criteria throughout their studies.

## PERSONALITY AVENIR - GRADUATES

The Personality AVENIR - Graduates award will be presented to a graduate student who has achieved distinction through a balance of academic, personal and social achievements, as well as by their leadership, the concrete impact of their engagement and consistency in all the specified criteria throughout their studies.

## AVENIR PAR EXCELLENCE

The Personality AVENIR Par Excellence and Project AVENIR Par Excellence award recipients will be selected from among all the candidates. The winners will have distinguished themselves from all the other candidates and the student or group of students will have demonstrated a constant pursuit of excellence in all their activities.

## RECONNAISSANCE

The candidates who are selected as finalists will be invited to the Forces AVENIR Gala and will share and gain recognition for their engagement:

In an interview with the host Stéphan Bureau,  
In the gala evening program,  
During the live stream of the Gala,  
Through promotion on Forces AVENIR's social media.

Moreover, the candidates who are crowned winners will, in addition to the above, benefit from:

Significant visibility on the RDI television channel in a televised vignette illustrating their engagement.

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2017 Winner

**Thèsez-Vous?**

(Project Par Excellence AVENIR)

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