



## Quebec Public Interest Group at McGill

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## Call for Applications: Summer Research Stipends

The Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) at McGill is a non-profit, student-run organization that conducts research, education, and action on environmental and social justice issues at McGill University and in the Montreal community.

The broad mandate of QPIRG McGill is to help McGill students link up with the broader Montreal community through social and environmental justice organizing; since 1988, we've served to bridge the gap between the frequently isolated McGill community and the rest of the city, through the social and environmental issues that affect all of us.

### Program Description

QPIRG-McGill's summer research stipends are intended to provide individuals or groups with a budget/honoraria to work over the summer (June-August), doing research leading towards action and change within the Montreal community. This year we have two \$3000 stipends available. We encourage all interested groups or individuals to apply!

Examples of past summer research stipends:

- Building a blog about sexuality and disability in Quebec, including articles, interviews, sex-ed information and resources
- Creating a radio art project documenting the stories of Black people who have been incarcerated in Canada

- Developing a resource guide designed to provide accessible, anti-oppressive mental health skills training for youth aged 16-25
- Producing a documentary film on the Live-In Caregiver Program (LCP)
- Organizing a bilingual walking tour of Montreal's southwest neighbourhood that aimed to draw out the history of struggle and present day battles against gentrification.

## Details

**Length:** 4 months, May - August 2022

**Location:** remote work, projects must be relevant to Montreal context

**Compensation:** two \$3000 stipends available

**Application Deadline:** Monday, May 9th at 11:59pm

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Complete the research project as outlined in your initial application, with major changes to the project to be approved by QPIRG-McGill Board or staff
- Outline with the QPIRG Finance Coordinator the method and payment plan for the stipend (NOTE: funding is allotted by project, so if applying as a group, it is your responsibility to divide the stipend among group members);
- Meet with a staff liaison and/or QPIRG board member to give updates on the progress of the project/get support at least once per month through the duration of the summer;
- Give at least two reports to the QPIRG Board through the summer;
- Produce a final written report of the project giving a summary of the organizing that was done;
- Provide QPIRG with final results of the summer research project;
- Consider presenting the research at a QPIRG-McGill event in the future (such as: Rad Frosh, Social Justice Days, Culture Shock, Radical Research Days or otherwise!);
- Present the project at QPIRG's Annual General Meeting in April 2023;
- Acknowledge QPIRG-McGill's contribution to the project on all publicity material.



## A successful application will possess the following:

- The project fits into QPIRG mandate to promote social and environmental justice, and operates on principles of anti-oppression;
- The project takes direction from communities directly impacted by the subject being researched;
- The project is local in scope and fits into a grassroots model;
- The project addresses a gap in the community and has long-term viability;
- The applicant(s) has appropriate experience and background to undertake the project, and can reasonably be expected to finish the project within the allotted time frame (by the end of August)
- Note: Projects with long-term action and/or campaign-oriented goals and/or applicability to other projects and campaigns will be prioritized

## How to Apply

The application should be submitted in PDF format & should include:

- A letter of introduction that outlines the objectives of the project, the needs it addresses, and how it fulfills the above criteria (max 2 pages)
- A CV of the main coordinators, or group, including the contact information of two references
- A timeline of your project, with clear goals for each month as well as any follow-up work to occur throughout the Fall and Winter
- A budget of estimated expenses for the project (i.e. long distance calls, material purchases, travel, printing, etc.). Your budget is meant to cover both project expenses and a honorarium for the researchers. Applicants may use the entire amount of the stipend as a honorarium should they not foresee other ancillary costs. Your budget can be formatted like [this sample](#).

Please note: QPIRG-McGill will be funding two research projects this summer, and will allocate \$3000 to each project. Please ensure that your budget is within this range, and include information about any expected funding from other sources.



## Employment Equity:

QPIRG values the contributions that individuals who identify as members of marginalized communities bring to our organization. We encourage Indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, people identifying as LGBTQI, women, immigrants and people from working class backgrounds to apply. We recognize that this list is neither exhaustive nor representative of the intersectionality present within each individual. We encourage these individuals to apply for these positions, and to describe their unique contributions in their applications. Work experience at QPIRG is not a prerequisite for the position, nor will it privilege your application. Please indicate in your proposal if you would like to be considered for employment equity (full policy available upon request).

