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PRESS RELEASE**ARC STUDENT PRIZES AND *RELÈVE ÉTOILE* DESIGNATIONS:
TO SALUTE THE RESEARCH DONE BY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Montreal, March 24, 2025. —The [Association pour la recherche au collégial](#) (ARC) is inviting students from the Québec college and Canadian French-language school networks to submit their applications for this year's edition of the Student Prizes by April 14, 2025. The first prize is a \$1,500 scholarship, the second a \$1,250 scholarship, and the third a \$1,000 scholarship. Once again this year, ARC is offering every student who is recognized as a Québec resident and has entered the ARC Student Prizes competition the opportunity to also receive a *Relève étoile* designation, which is accompanied by a \$1,000 prize.

The [ARC Student Prizes](#) aim to acknowledge student participation in research-learning activities across all programs and disciplines conducted in public and private colleges. Eligible research is any research conducted within such an institution by a candidate enrolled in a program of college studies, regardless of whether it pertains to Society and culture, Health, Nature and technologies, or even an intersectoral project. With respect to the *Relève étoile* designations, a Québec student enrolled in an institution outside Québec is also eligible to be a candidate, if that person provides evidence of residence in Québec. This year, for the first time, four awards instead of three will be granted. In fact, students with a strong interest in intersectoral research may apply for an award. The research activity behind the application may have been conducted by an individual or a team as part of a program of college studies (course, internship), an extracurricular activity, or employment as a research assistant, during the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 academic years. Research projects that did not receive one of the three ARC Student Prizes may be submitted a second time.

There are two stages in the competition: the first is an evaluation of the written portfolios; the second is an evaluation of the oral presentations by the students whose portfolios were selected as the three finalists. These presentations will take place on May 6, 2025, at the ARC and the Réseau des CCTT – Synchronex colloquium ([La recherche collégiale, un moteur pour l'action](#)) to be held during the 92nd Acfas conference. ARC agrees to produce a scientific poster in French for each of the three winning entries, prepared in consultation with the finalists. Acfas will cover the conference registration fees for the finalists, and COOPSCO will give them gift certificates. The ARC Student Prizes are supported by the Fonds de recherche du Québec, Acfas, and COOPSCO.

Students who wish to enter the competition can find more information on the ARC website pages about the [Student Prizes](#).

The mission of the Association pour la recherche au collégial, founded in 1988, is to promote college research by representing the interests of individuals and groups engaged with such research, by organizing activities to recognize excellence in college research, and by providing services to the college research community.

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