



## Launch of the 2012 Explore competition

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.** It is with pleasure that CQDM launches its second annual Explore competition. The main goal of this program is to support unconventional and highly innovative projects that could lead to the development of cutting edge tools or technologies addressing critical needs of the biopharmaceutical industry.

In this program, CQDM provides grants for up to \$300,000 over 2 years. This competition is widely open to the Quebec scientific community (including junior researchers) from private organizations or academic research institutions. It should be emphasized that all the disciplines that have the potential to impact drug development are relevant and of interest for Explore, including the sectors of activities that are furthest from pharmacological research, such as engineering, biomaterials, informatics, instrumentation, imaging, etc.

Following its first Explore competition, CQDM financed 4 outstanding research projects totalizing \$1.2M that involve the participation of 12 researchers from 3 universities, 3 research centers and 1 private company. For a brief description of these projects, please consult the CQDM web site at [www.cqdm.org](http://www.cqdm.org).

For this second annual competition, there will be a 2 steps evaluation process (letter of intent + full application). The deadline for the submission of letters of intent is **February 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**.

For additional details, please refer to the CQDM web site ([www.cqdm.org](http://www.cqdm.org)).