



## Launch of the Focus 2011-2012 Competition

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** CQDM is pleased to highlight the launch of its fourth Focus competition that will end in April 2012. CQDM's Focus program is designed to support the development of new tools or promising technologies that can accelerate the discovery of more effective and safer drugs. It is not only intended for research fields directly related to drug development, but also for all sectors that can provide solutions to the challenges faced in biopharmaceutical research (for example, engineering, nanotechnology, medical instrumentation, diagnostic products, translational medicine, imaging tools, etc.).

In this program, CQDM provides grants for up to \$2M, for a maximum period of 3 years. The Focus program is designed for academic research institutions as well as for private companies. Multidisciplinary collaborations between public and private sectors are strongly encouraged in this program.

Since the beginning of its Focus program, CQDM has financed 11 research projects for a total of \$19.2M disbursed amongst 17 research entities (9 academic research centers and 8 private companies). Even though the first projects financed by this program will end in August 2012, several deliverables with high impact have already been generated. The Focus program is an excellent tool to fund innovative and translational research and to stimulate partnerships with the biopharmaceutical industry.

Deadline for the submission of letters of intent: **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Please refer to the 'Competition and Funding' section and the call for proposals 2011-2012 for more details.