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## The GRID Project: Gene Regulators in Disease

**Integrated GE<sup>3</sup>LS Research** Commercialization issues inherent to Public-Private partnerships

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### Summary

Large scale projects such as the Gene Regulators in Disease (“GRID”) project promise important benefits, but also raise commercialisation issues inherent in such public-private partnerships, including:

- 1) conflicts of interest and research integrity;
- 2) confidentiality and open science; and
- 3) research exemption to patents.

This integrated GE<sup>3</sup>LS project will examine such issues from ethical, legal and social perspectives. The project seeks to address which strategies should be adopted to reduce possible adverse impact of commercialisation on genetic research, how such strategies should be implemented and how they might possibly be applied to other types of research, in order to maximize potential benefits to society.

Anticipated outcomes of this integrated GE<sup>3</sup>LS project include:

- providing guidance to partners of the GRID project to enable fruitful collaboration and help maximize economic, scientific and social benefits;
- publishing policy documents for future academic-industry collaborations;
- writing articles on all the three selected issues (conflicts of interest, confidentiality and research exemption) and presenting at national and international conferences to disseminate research findings; and
- archiving research outputs on the HUMGEN website [www.humgen.umontreal.ca](http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca) and IPGen portal <http://www.ipgen.umontreal.ca>

<http://www.genomequebec.com/GQGenomiqueSociete/projets/gridEn.asp?l=e>