**2019 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program Guidelines**

# Overview

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program is intended to attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent, both nationally and internationally; develop their leadership potential; and position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social, and research-based growth through a research-intensive career. Canadian citizens, permanent residents of

Canada and foreign citizens are eligible to apply.

**Value of Fellowship: $70,000 (taxable) per year for 2 years (non-renewable)**

# Endorsement Process

Given the limited number of fellowships and the competitive nature of the program, universities are encouraged to be highly selective in the endorsement of applications from both Canada and abroad. In light of this, not all candidates that are nominated to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies will be forwarded on to the national competition for further consideration.

# Timeline and Process for the ADR&GS

**Application Documents Due to ADR&GS:** Internal deadline to be set and communicated to applicants after receiving the Intent to Apply information. It is recommended that supervisors/Colleges communicate the deadline to the applicants they will be supporting via e-mail before or by **July 12, 2019.\*** If the College will not be supporting the applicant moving forward, please also notify them of this before or by the same date.

*\*The College is encouraged to set an internal deadline that leaves the ADR&GS sufficient time to review all materials and write a letter endorsing the applicant on behalf of the College.*

Although candidates apply and submit their documents on ResearchNet we are unable to access them, therefore, applicants must email the following application documents to the College Dean’s Office, care of the ADR&GS:

1. Copy of ResearchNet application
2. Copy of Canadian Common CV (CCV)
3. Attachments:
   1. Significance of research contributions (max. 1 page)
   2. Significance of leadership contributions (max. 1 page)
   3. Fulfillment of degree requirements form (max. 1 page)
   4. Special Circumstances (if needed)
   5. Research Proposal (max. 4 pages)
   6. Bibliography (max. 4 pages)
   7. Supervisor’s statement – to be completed by proposed supervisor (max. 4 pages) (Recommendation\* – please outline any additional financial contributions and/or supports that the supervisor, department, and/or College will offer the applicant if/as applicable in this portion of the application package).

**Three referees** must email a pdf or Word copy of their referee assessment form (saved copy of their online assessment) to the College Dean’s Office. It is the applicant’s responsibility to inform their referees of this requirement and the due date. The referee assessments are uploaded directly to ResearchNet so the applicant is unable to access them and neither are we. The assessments are an important tool in determining which candidates to endorse. Please note that an assessment can no longer be completed by the proposed supervisor, unless that person is currently the applicant’s primary supervisor or has been their primary supervisor in the past.

**Nomination Due to OGPS: August 16, 2019**

After careful consideration by the ADR&GS, **one - two applicants** per College may be nominated to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. The nomination package must include a complete copy of the application package including copies of the three referee assessments, and a Letter of Nomination from the ADR&GS.

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The Letter of Nomination from the ADR&GS should include information that will be required in the institutional Letter of Endorsement to be signed by the Assistant Vice-President, Graduate Studies, should the nominee be selected for further consideration. The Letter of Nomination should not exceed 1 page.

1. Describe the process by which the College chose to nominate the applicant, including the number of applications that were reviewed.
2. Confirm agreement with the supervisor’s statement of synergy between the institution’s strategic priorities and applicant’s proposed research program.
3. Confirm the College’s commitment to gender equity and involvement of institutional equity officers (or equivalent) in the nomination of the applicant.

# Application Review and Selection Committee Meeting

Applications will be reviewed by the Graduate Awards Committee, to select the University of Guelph nominee(s).

# Letter of Endorsement Due to Nominees: September 13, 2019

Nominated applicants will be notified by email by the OGPS staff if the application will or will not be endorsed by the University of Guelph. Applicants who are endorsed will receive a pdf copy of the institutional **Letter of Endorsement** which they can then attach to their online application on ResearchNet. Providing all other components of their application are completed, this should be the final step in allowing them to submit their application by the **September 18, 2019**, deadline.

Questions? Please contact the Graduate Awards Officers at [grschol@uoguelph.ca](mailto:grschol@uoguelph.ca).