

# **The McCain Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Innovation**

## **2021 Call for Nominations**

There is a current need for recent PhD graduates to possess both skills and experience in academia and industry/innovation. To address this need and to help bridge the gap between academia and industry The McCain Foundation has graciously agreed to sponsor the McCain Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Innovation. Those who are selected to become McCain Fellows will enjoy the benefits of becoming highly qualified personnel who possess outstanding experience in teaching and working with industry, government or non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The McCain Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Innovation will be open to researchers who are committed to commercializing/implementing new products and/or finding solutions to innovation problems. They will receive highly specialized training opportunities to ensure a successful career within the combined areas of academia and industry. McCain Fellows will be expected to undertake an industry relevant research project while working alongside faculty members, and applying their knowledge and findings within a real-world business environment. They will have an opportunity to hone their skills as educators while teaching up to 2 term courses per academic year as a stipend instructor consistent with the terms of the CAI collective agreement. This will enhance their ability to translate and transfer their knowledge of innovation concepts to the next generation of researchers. Fellows must submit a research and development proposal that will involve industry, government or NGO collaboration. Successful fellows shall be awarded a two or three year fellowship. These fellowships (valued at \$50,000/year) are awarded competitively on an annual basis.

This award is open to both domestic and international candidates who are within 5 years receipt of their PhD. The successful candidates will begin their fellowship no later than **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

### **Application packages must include:**

- A supervisor's statement – this document will identify the UNB researcher who will supervise the successful candidate. It will include information regarding the supervisor's academic and research background and key contributions/accomplishments. (maximum one page)
- A current version of the applicant's CV (maximum 5 pages)
- An industry-relevant collaborative research proposal aimed at addressing the focus of this award (maximum 5 pages)
- Two letters of reference (one of which must be written by someone external to UNB)
- Memos of acknowledgement/support from both the Chair (if applicable) and Dean of the department/faculty of the identified supervisor (maximum one page for each memo)

### **Formatting instructions:**

- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" with a minimum margin of ¾ inch around the page
- Text can be either single- or double-spaced with a minimum font size of 12 (Times New Roman)
- For multi-page attachments, number the pages sequentially

### **Deadlines:**

**Deadline to Deans from the Faculty Member (Supervisor): May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (by 4:00 pm AST)**

In addition to including a memo for each nomination Deans must also rank all nominations prior to

forwarding them to the VP (Research) office.

**Application deadline for Deans to VP (Research) Office: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (by 4:00 pm AST)**

The Office of the Vice-President Research at UNB, with input from a selection committee, will closely review the applications to ensure the applicants of the highest quality are chosen for this award. All aspects of the nomination package must be remitted electronically to [ypr@unb.ca](mailto:ypr@unb.ca). If there are any questions regarding this program, please contact:

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