

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

2024-25 Competition Launch

Please notify your Dean as soon as possible of your intention to apply, copied to Renee Audet-Martel, Manager of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at postdoc@unb.ca.

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program will fund 70 new two-year awards annually (valued at \$70,000/year) with 140 awards active at any one time at program maturity. The fellowships will be distributed equally across the three federal granting agencies (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC). The goal is to recruit the highest-quality applicants from within Canada and around the world. The program is highly competitive with only the **best and brightest** – “**an elite group of research trainees who have demonstrated both research excellence and leadership potential**” are successful. The Brochure for the Banting program can be found [here](#).

A unique aspect of this program is the requirement that research institutions be closely involved in endorsing applicants. Applications must include elements from the institution that demonstrate the commitment and synergy between the applicant and the institution's strategic priorities.

These include:

- * Letter of endorsement from the institution, accompanied by a statement demonstrating synergy – these documents will be prepared by the Office of the VPR in conjunction with the Supervisor.
- * Supervisor's statement (must include 5 key pieces of information and be a maximum of 5 pages (see Banting's website below for details) – this document will be provided by the Supervisor.

The Office of the Vice-President Research at UNB, with input from the President's Selection Committee will closely review and vet the proposed nominees so that only the applicants of the **highest quality**, who meet the program requirements, will be invited to full application and submitted to Banting for consideration by UNB. This will entail a **two-tier process** with applications being vetted by the Faculty Deans first and then the Deans will submit only their ranked top **two** candidates to the Office of the Vice-President (Research) for final consideration and review by the committee. The timeline and requirements are as follows:

Deadline to Deans Office: On or before **May 31, 2024** nominators will submit to their Dean's their proposed Banting candidate's CV along with a one-page statement demonstrating synergy between the university and the candidate's research program **ONLY**. Again, please cc Renee Audet-Martel (postdoc@unb.ca), Manager, Office of the VP (Research), so she is aware of your intent.

Here is a link to the UNB's *Strategic Plan*: <https://www.unb.ca/toward2030/ourplan.html>

Here is a link to UNB's *Strategic Research Plan*: <http://www.unb.ca/research/vp/srp.html>

Deadline to the Office of the VP (Research): Deans will forward to the Office of the VP (Research) their top **two** candidates only by **4:00 pm on June 14th, 2024**.

Staff from the VPR office will notify the applicants invited to submit full applications no later than **July 12th, 2024**.

The Office of the Vice-President Research will work closely with the chosen candidate(s) and their proposed supervisor to meet Banting's stringent application requirements and submit the strongest proposal possible.

Deadline for UNB to submit Nominations to Banting: September 17th, 2024

Full information and application guidelines can be found at: <http://www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/>.

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