



2023-2024 Faculty Guide: UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowship

Reminder:

- Applicants to the UBCOPF may also be eligible for the Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. To be considered for both fellowships, applicants must submit the [UBCOPF Pre-Application Proposal form as well as the Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Pre-Application Proposal form](#), and select 'yes' to: "I have reviewed the eligibility criteria and would like to be considered for the UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowship".
- It is not necessary to submit two separate full applications to the Killam and UBCOPF; a Killam application will suffice for both fellowship programs as long as this preference has been indicated on the Pre-Application Proposal forms for both Fellowships as noted above. For more information please visit the webpages for the [Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship](#) and the [UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowship](#).

Award Description:

The UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowship (UBCOPF) provides the opportunity to bring top talent to the research community at UBC's Okanagan campus. These fellowships are awarded to the most highly qualified domestic or international postdoctoral researchers who will contribute to research excellence at UBC Okanagan.

As the intent of the UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships is to recruit postdoctoral scholars from outside of UBC Okanagan, CoGS encourages prospective supervisors to seek out external candidates. In order to support the development of newer faculty members, priority will also be given to candidates whose supervisor is in the developmental phase of their career.

The selection process is managed by the College of Graduate Studies.

Overview:

- This guide summarizes procedures for the 2023-2024 UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships competition. For full information on eligibility, selection criteria, and competition timelines, see the [UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships Application Guide](#).
- Deadlines:
 - Pre-Application Proposal: due Wednesday, September 6, 2023 by **12:00 noon**
 - Application and Referees' Letters: due Monday, October 16, 2023 by **12:00 noon**
- Notification of successful applicants: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Duration and Value of the Award: 2 years at \$50,000 per year plus benefits

Note: CoGS' financial contribution to the award is \$50,000 per awardee per year. Faculties are responsible for the annual cost of benefits (\$10,000 per awardee per year), and have the option of increasing the annual stipend for successful applicants in their Faculty.

Important Resources:

- [UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships Pre-Application Proposal Form](#)
- [UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships Application Guide](#)
- [UBC Okanagan Postdoctoral Fellowships Application Form](#)

For more information, please [visit the CoGS website](#) or email Janie Bandringa, Postdoctoral Affairs Coordinator, at postdoc.ok@ubc.ca.



Faculty Roles and Responsibilities

Associate Deans, Research:

- Review pre-application proposals from applicants proposing to work with supervisors within your Faculty and make decisions about which applicants should move forward to submit a full application.
- Assist supervisors with creating the Letter of Support, specifically in regards to Faculty and/or Departmental supports (such as resources, office space, travel funding, and/or teaching opportunities) and any supports available for the applicant's career development.
- If desired, set internal deadlines to review Pre-Application Proposals and/or complete Application drafts prior to submission.

Supervisors:

- Complete a Letter of Support (details included in the [Application Guide](#)).
- Advise and mentor applicants to ensure their Pre-Application Proposal and their full Application are of the highest quality.
- Indicate what financial contribution, if any, you are prepared to make to augment the postdoctoral fellow's annual salary, and the source of this funding.

Financial Commitment for Faculties/Departments:

- Host Departments/Faculties must provide \$10,000 per year for each successful candidate to cover the cost of benefits.
- **Faculty Deans must complete [this form](#) to confirm that the Faculty/Department will cover the full \$20,000 cost of benefits for each UBCOPF awardee in their Faculty.**