



**Office of Research Services  
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships  
INTERNAL ADJUDICATION GUIDELINES 2023**

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at noon**

The [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships \(PDFs\) program](#) funds the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social, and research-based growth. The objective of the Banting PDFs program is to:

- Attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent, both nationally and internationally.
- Develop their leadership potential.
- Position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow.

Potential candidates must work closely with an advisor who supports their candidacy. The Banting PDFs program is highly competitive, with only 70 fellowships per year distributed equally among the three granting agencies: CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC. The awards are valued at **\$70,000 per year for 2 years (non-renewable)**. Additionally, successful applications will receive research support (not stipend top-up) from Brock's Vice-President of Research (\$7,500 per year for 2 years). Institutions are expected to be highly selective in the applications that they submit, and Brock will therefore hold an internal adjudication and select the applications that will move forward (details below).

To be eligible, **applicants must fulfill or have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree between September 15, 2020, and September 30, 2024, and before the start of their award.** Applicants who have not fulfilled all requirements for their degree at the time of the application must submit proof no later than October 15, 2024.

*Note that only in exceptionally rare circumstances will a Banting PDF be awarded to an applicant who is staying at the same institution or within the same research environment where they completed their PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree. For additional eligibility information including allowable extensions to eligibility window (e.g., parental leave), please consult the [Banting Website](#).*

### **Brock University Internal Banting Application Process**

Brock University will hold an internal review to determine and select the application(s) that will proceed to the external competition. The internal review panel will include the Dean of Graduate Studies, the Associate Deans of Research, and a representative from the Office of Research Services.

**Applicants must submit, by email, a review package to Laura Smithson, Research Officer ([lsmithson@brocku.ca](mailto:lsmithson@brocku.ca)), by noon on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. The components of the review package are listed below.**

Brock University is actively engaged in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion, as well as decreasing unconscious bias in the review process. To this end, the internal review committee will have had training in equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

### **Assessment Criteria:**

1. Applicant's research excellence and leadership in the research domain.
2. Quality of applicant's proposed research program.
3. Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities.

Important Dates	
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 by noon ET	Internal Review Package Deadline – submitted as one PDF file to <a href="mailto:lsmithson@brocku.ca">lsmithson@brocku.ca</a>
Expected Mid/Late August	Notification of Brock Internal Review results
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 by noon ET	Complete Banting PDF package Deadline for Internal Review ( <i>if selected by adjudication committee</i> )
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 by 8pm ET	Banting PDF External Submission Deadline through ResearchNet (done by applicant)

**Internal Review Packages should consist of the following 6 items (plus 1 optional item).** Please submit these in an email, as one PDF document. For more information about what each item requires, please see the Application Guidelines on the [Banting Website](#).

1. [Canadian Common CV \(CCV\)](#) - Task 4 on the Banting website (using the Vanier-Banting academic template).
2. Significance of Research Contributions - Task 7 on the Banting website.
3. Significance of Leadership Contributions - Task 7 on the Banting website.
4. [Fulfillment of Degree Requirements Form](#) - Task 7 on the Banting website. Please note that institutional signatures for this form are not required at the internal review stage.
5. (Optional) Special Circumstances (career/research delays, max 1 page) – Task 7 on the Banting website.
6. Research Proposal (max 4 pages) - Task 10 under ‘Attachments’ on the Banting website.
7. Supervisor’s Statement **(to be written by proposed Advisor/Supervisor)** Task 10 under ‘Attachments’ on the Banting website.
  - a. Supervisor’s biography
  - b. Appropriateness of the supervisor(s)
  - c. Research environment
  - d. Professional development
  - e. Institutional synergy

**\*\*See Task 13 in the Application Guidelines for specific formatting requirements**

**Note:** Successful internal applicants will be expected to complete the full Banting PDF application, which will include 3 letters from referees (one of which must be at arm’s length). For additional information on the Banting PDFs, please contact Laura Smithson, Research Officer ([lsmithson@brocku.ca](mailto:lsmithson@brocku.ca)), or visit the [Banting PDF website](#).