

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 a supervisor 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 and SSHRC. The awards are valued at \$70,000 per year for 2 years (non-renewable). Institutions are expected to be highly selective in the applications that they submit.

Applicants must fulfill or have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree between **September 15, 2016 and September 30, 2020**. Applicants who have not fulfilled all requirements for their degree at the time of application must submit proof no later than October 15, 2020.

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. For additional eligibility information, please consult the [Banting Website](#).

Brock University Internal Banting Application Process

Brock University will hold an internal review to determine the application(s) that will be supported. Applicants must submit, by email, a review package to Research Officer, Biljana Vasilevska (bvasilevska@brocku.ca). Review package components are on pages 2 and 3.

The internal review package is due at 12:00 noon on Monday June 24th.

Assessment Criteria:

1. 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

Date	
Monday June 24th at 12:00 noon	Internal Review Package Deadline –by email to bvasilevska@brocku.ca
Friday July 12th	Notification of Brock Internal Review results
Monday August 19th	Complete Banting PDF package due for internal review
Wednesday September 18th	Banting Submission Deadline through ResearchNet

Internal Review Packages consist of the following Five (5) items. Please submit these in one email, preferably as one document in PDF format.

1. **Canadian Common CV (CCV)**– using the Vanier-Banting academic template.
2. **Significance of Research Contributions** – Maximum 1 page
 - a. From the research-related contributions listed in your CCV, select up to three that you judge to be your most important contributions.
 - b. Describe their significance in terms of influence on the direction of thought and activity within the target community and in terms of significance to, and use by, other researchers and knowledge users.
3. **Significance of Leader Contributions** – Maximum 1 page
 - a. From the activities and memberships listed in your CCV, select up to three contribution that you judge to be the most significant and relevant to your proposal and your professional intent.
 - b. Describe their significance in terms of demonstrating your leadership and sphere of influence at the institutional level and beyond.
 - c. Discuss the impact and importance of these activities in terms of your career aspirations.
4. **Research Proposal** – Maximum 4 pages. An overview of the proposed research using language suitable for a multidisciplinary committee. Include the following, as applicable:
 - the objectives of the proposed research program
 - the research questions and/or hypotheses
 - the theoretical approach or framework
 - the position of the proposed research within the context of current knowledge in the field
 - the position of the proposed research within the context of ongoing work by the proposed supervisor
 - an explanation of the novelty and potential significance of the proposed research
 - the methodology (including timelines) and the rationale for choosing it
 - the outline of any plans for collaboration
 - the role and impact of the applicant’s culture in knowledge production related to the proposed research
 - the roles and responsibilities of the applicant, the supervisor and/or other collaborators in the proposed research
 - the contribution that the research will make to the advancement of knowledge
 - any ethical considerations pertaining to the research
 - the plan to disseminate the findings and/or enhance the potential for impact
 - the rationale for selecting the proposed host institution and supervisor(s)

If the proposed research is closely related to, or a continuation of the PhD thesis, explain how it will develop and expand on the thesis. If the proposed research is outside your documented expertise, outline the steps taken to address this to ensure feasibility of the research.

You are also encouraged to indicate, when applicable, how diversity (gender, sex, age, culture, religion, etc.) has been taken into account in your proposed research. While accounting for diversity is not an evaluation criterion, doing so has the potential to increase the rigour and usefulness of the research.

If you are proposing to conduct research that respectfully involves Indigenous communities, the research proposal should reflect that you and your supervisor are aware of and referring to relevant principles and protocols established for this kind of research.

5. **Supervisor's Statement (to be written by the proposed supervisor)**– Maximum 4 pages
 - a) **Supervisor's biography:** Describe the supervisor's academic and research background, key contributions/accomplishments and funding to date. This section must be concise and include only information that is relevant to the application.
 - b) **Appropriateness of the supervisor(s):** Describe the fit between the research interests/background of the supervisor and applicant, and the anticipated mutual benefits. Provide specifics about how the proposed research complements the supervisor's ongoing projects and/or new research directions. Detail the contributions of the supervisor and applicant in the design and development of the proposed research.
 - c) **Research environment:** Provide details concerning the applicant's proposed research environment, clearly stating the supervisor's and laboratory/department's commitment. Examples of commitment include (but are not limited to) mentorship, opportunities for collaboration, dissemination, and/or knowledge translation, resources (e.g., funding, facilities, personnel) that will be available to support the applicant as they carry out their proposed research and develop their leadership potential.

In the case of applications in which the proposed research respectfully involves Indigenous communities, describe how relationships are being developed with relevant Indigenous communities to engage their collaboration in the proposed research and to promote reciprocity in terms of the benefits derived from the research process and outcomes. Describe any support provided to facilitate collaborations between the applicant, the host institution and Indigenous communities/partners.

Formatting:

Please assemble the above five items, in the order indicated, in .pdf format, and send as one email.

- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm).
- Minimum margin of 2cm (¾ inch) around the page (top, bottom and sides).
- Text can be either single- or double-spaced.
- Use a minimum font size of 12 point, black type. Smaller text in tables, charts, figures, and graphs is acceptable, if it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%.

Note

Successful internal applicants will be expected to complete the full Banting PDF application which will include three letters from referees (of which one must be at arm's length). For additional information on the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships, please contact Biljana Vasilevska in the Office of Research Services (bvasilevska@brocku.ca or ext. 4291) or visit the [Banting Website](#).