

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship – Call for nominations

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social and research-based growth.

The objectives of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program are 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

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program is unique in its emphasis on the synergy of research goals and projects between the following:

- applicant—individual merit and potential to launch a successful research-intensive career
- host institution—commitment to the research program and alignment with the institution's strategic priorities

https://www.mcgill.ca/research/files/research/g180647_srp_brochure_eng_final01.pdf

Seventy fellowships are awarded annually, divided evenly between Canada's three federal granting agencies (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC). There is a total of 140 awards active at any one time.

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact their proposed supervisor to discuss this opportunity.

Value and Duration of Award - \$70,000 per year (taxable) for two years

Eligibility - For complete eligibility details, please refer to the [eligibility criteria](#) page on the Banting website.

Endorsement Process - In light of the limited number of awards for this program and the demands of the application and selection processes, universities are encouraged to carefully select only the highest-quality applicants from both Canada and abroad. McGill University's Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) office has determined the number of applicants per Faculty (based on current postdoctoral fellow enrolment) that may be endorsed by the University as candidates for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship. For this reason, the Faculty of Medicine has an internal application deadline and a pre-selection process.

Faculty of Medicine – Deadlines and Guidelines

Internal Application Procedures

The Faculty of Medicine will conduct an internal review to select candidates for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship competition.

The prospective McGill supervisors of Banting applicants should submit:

- a letter of support (two pages maximum)
- the applicant's standard CV (not CCV)
- a one-page research statement outlining the applicant's proposed postdoctoral research program

- the names of the three proposed referees, including the applicant's association to them and a URL link to the referees' websites.

Please **email** these materials to Leah Giannakis gradadmin.med@mcgill.ca by **noon on Monday, May 14th, 2018**. Please attach all documents to the email as a **single PDF file**. **Incomplete or incorrect format will be removed and not reviewed.**

For assistance in preparing these materials, it will be valuable to consult the Banting selection committee's evaluation criteria (Section 3.1.3) http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/rev-eval_guide.html

Deadlines

- **May 14th, 2018 (noon)** - Pre-selection documents due by noon to gradadmin.med@mcgill.ca as **one single PDF**
- **May 29th, 2018** - Prospective supervisors and applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision
- **May 30th, 2018** - Documents from selected applicants will be forwarded to GPS by the Faculty. Selected applicants will start to prepare their full application
- **July 13th, 2018 (noon)** – Complete* version of the Banting application (one single PDF) needs to be sent to the Faculty via email to Leah Giannakis gradadmin.med@mcgill.ca. A Faculty Review Committee will review the full application and send feedback, if applicable. ***"Complete" version must be a single PDF of the ResearchNet application - no other version will be accepted. Incomplete or incorrect format will be removed and not submitted***
- **August 1st 2018 (noon)** - If changes have been requested, re-submit a revised, complete version (one single PDF) of the Banting application to Faculty via email to Leah Giannakis gradadmin.med@mcgill.ca
- **August 6th, 2018** - Complete applications will be submitted to GPS by the Faculty of Medicine
- **September 1 to 18, 2018** - GPS to provide feedback to applicants (if applicable)
- **September 18, 2018** - Institutional Endorsement Letters will be sent electronically to nominated applicants with a copy to Supervisor
- **September 19th, 2018 (8:00 pm EDT)** - National Banting Fellowship application deadline.

Other Important Dates

- **June 1 - July 1st, 2018 (TBC)** - Selected applicants must participate in person or via Skype a Banting application workshop offered by Graphos (McGill's Writing Centre)
- **June 11th, 2018** - Mandatory Supervisor Information Session (facilitated by Dr. Josephine Nalbantoglu)

Please consult the Banting website <http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/home-accueil.html>, McGill's GPS website <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/postdoc/banting> and the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Studies office website <http://www.mcgill.ca/medresearch/students-postdocs/graduate/funding/postdoc/banting-postdoctoral-fellowship> for further details on the fellowship and for the responsibilities of the applicant, supervisor and other university offices.

On the Banting website, it is especially important to review the selection criteria – **Section: 3.1.3 Review and pre-scoring of applications**. This tells you what the Faculty of Medicine and the National Banting Reviewers are looking for: http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/rev-eval_guide.html