



## 2024-25 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition Instructions for Applicants and Supervisors

### Overview

The [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#) distinguishes itself from other fellowship programs in its emphasis on the synergy between an applicant and the host institution. **Applicants must complete their application in full collaboration with the proposed host institution and supervisor.** An internal pre-selection process applies (see below for details).

### Important Dates

- UVic pre-selection deadline (draft application): **June 5, 2024 (12 noon PST) FIRM DEADLINE**
- Banting external deadline (full application): **September 17, 2024 (5 pm PST)**

### Important Links

- [Banting Application Guide](#)
- [Banting Information for Host Institutions](#)
- [Banting Selection Criteria and Review Process](#)

### Eligibility

Please review the [eligibility criteria](#) for degree completion window, compatibility with other fellowships, and location of the PhD-granting institution. Note that although candidates already at UVic may be eligible to apply, they will be required to justify in the application their decision to remain at the same location.

### UVic Pre-selection Process

Banting Fellowships are extremely competitive and the proposal development requires significant effort from the candidate, the supervisor and the host institution. Only exceptional candidates with an excellent fit between the applicant, supervisor and institution will be considered. The overall Banting external success rate is ~15% and only those proposals with a score above 7.5 out of 8 points for all criteria are typically approved.

The Banting program requires universities to endorse only the highest-calibre candidates. To meet this requirement, applications will be reviewed by an internal selection committee chaired by the Associate VP Research. Applicants and supervisors will be notified of the review outcomes by no later than July 15, 2024, so that they can finalize their applications prior to the external deadline.

**NEW SINCE 2023:** The UVic Banting pre-selection process and the [UVic Aspiration 2030 Postdoctoral Fellowship program](#) are using the same application format and timeline. Make sure to carefully review the eligibility criteria for both programs and indicate on the first page of the application coversheet which of them you are applying to.



## UVic Application Process

**STEP 1:** Please complete and submit the following documents **as a single PDF by June 5, 2024 (12 noon PST)** to [postdocadmin@uvic.ca](mailto:postdocadmin@uvic.ca). The file should be saved as “BantingPDF\_CandidateLastNames(s)\_CandidateFirstName(s)” if applying to the Banting program only or “Aspiration\_BantingPDF\_CandidateLastName(s)\_CandidateFirstName(s)” if applying to both programs.

1. [Application Coversheet](#) signed by Chair/Director and, if applicable, Dean (please indicate which competition you are applying to)
2. A draft version of the following application documents:
  - a. **Supervisor Statement** (max. **1 page** for the internal application)\*
  - b. **Research Proposal** (max. **2 pages** for the internal application)\*
  - c. **Bibliography/References** (max. **4 pages** – References should be in the format used by the primary discipline of the proposed research)
  - d. **Candidate CV** (no page limit – a Canadian Common CVV is not required at this stage)
  - e. **Significance of Research Contributions** (max. **1 page**)
  - f. **Significance of Leadership Contributions** (max. **1 page**)
  - g. **Special Circumstances**, if applicable (max. **1 page**)

Specific requirements and formatting instructions for all application components are available in the [Banting Application Guide](#). \*Please note both the Research Proposal and Supervisor Statement for the external application will need to be 4 pages in length.

Referee Assessments and the Fulfillment of Degree Requirements Form are not required at the UVic pre-selection stage.

**STEP 2:** The UVic Internal Review Committee reviews the draft applications and selects the candidates UVic will recommend. Selection results and comments will be sent to the applicants and supervisors by no later than **July 15, 2024** so that they can finalize their applications by the external deadline.

**STEP 3:** The primary supervisor of the Banting candidate completes a Research Application Summary Form via the [UVic RAIS system](#) and submits it for institutional approval together with a draft application by **September 1, 2024**.

**STEP 4:** Once the RASF is approved, the Office of Research Services (ORS) will prepare the institutional letter of endorsement for recommended applicants and provide a signed copy to the supervisor and applicant.

**STEP 5:** Recommended applicants complete their final application and submit it via ResearchNet by the external deadline (**September 17, 2024**).



**STEP 6:** After electronic submission of the final application to the funding agency, please send a copy of the submitted application to [nsegrants@uvic.ca](mailto:nsegrants@uvic.ca) by **October 15, 2024** for ORS records.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following three criteria, weighted equally:

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

### **Questions?**

Please contact Jessica Worsley, Research Grants Officer at [nsegrants@uvic.ca](mailto:nsegrants@uvic.ca).