Postdoctoral Funding
External Funding Competitions

This list provides details on some of the major postdoctoral fellowship competitions in Canada with application deadlines. As competition details can change, potential applicants should check each Funder’s website for all application details and forms, and for other available postdoctoral funding opportunities.

- * Indicates a UVic Internal Deadline - Five business days prior to submission to funder.
- Important Note to Applicants: Before applying, check to ensure you are eligible. Postdoctoral fellows at Uvic must have completed the requirements for their PHD no more than four years prior to starting their fellowship.
- Applicants must submit a completed Research Application Summary Form when submitting their application for signature. The form can be found on the Research Services website under 'Funding Opportunities', 'Forms'.

**CIHR Fellowship - CIHR**

Fellowships provide support for highly qualified candidates in all areas of health research at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

- Internal Deadline

**Connect Canada - Connect Canada Internship Program**

Connect Canada is an internship program that links Canadian companies with graduate students and post-doctoral fellows for research placements. Regardless of the sector or the location, Connect Canada interns will apply the latest in research methods and know-how to the most pressing industrial R&D issues. Companies receive a cost-effective way to conduct R&D, while interns gain relevant industry experience that enhances their graduate studies.

- Internal Deadline

**Government of Canada - Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The purpose of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships is to build world-class research capacity by recruiting top-tier Canadian and international postdoctoral researchers at an internationally competitive level funding. The fellowships will be distributed equally across Canada’s three federal granting agencies, and are offered in addition to their other postdoctoral fellowship programs: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

For more information and internal deadlines and resources, please see our section under Funding Opportunities on the Post Doctoral website - Post Doc Funding Opportunities

**MITACS - Elevate and Accelerate Programs**

Mitacs Elevate supports postdoctoral fellows at Canadian universities to collaborate on cutting-edge research projects in order to build capacity for the next generation of R&D management leaders. This two-year program valued at $115,000 (plus $15,000 non-cash value in training) develops fellows’ professional and R&D management skills as they lead a long-term research project with their private-sector partner.

- Internal Deadline
Mitacs-Accelerate is Canada’s premiere research internship program. It connects companies with over 50 research-based universities through graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, who apply their specialized expertise to business research challenges. Interns transfer their skills from theory to real-world application, while the companies gain a competitive advantage by accessing high-quality research expertise.

- Internal Deadline

MSFHR - MSFHR Trainee Awards

Trainee Awards support highly qualified graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to develop their skills working alongside established researchers. While training on the job, these exceptional students significantly increase the productivity of the research programs with which they are affiliated.

- Internal Deadline

NSERC - NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

The Postdoctoral Fellowships Program provides support to a core of the most promising researchers at a pivotal time in their careers. The fellowships are also intended to secure a supply of highly qualified Canadians with leading edge scientific and research skills for Canadian industry, government and universities. NSERC encourages qualified Aboriginal students who are interested in the program to apply.

SSHRC - SSHR Postdoctoral Fellowships

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships provide stipendary support to recent PhD graduates who are: undertaking original research; publishing research findings; developing and expanding personal research networks; broadening their teaching experience; and preparing to become competitive in national research grants competitions. Fellowships will normally be awarded to candidates affiliated with a university other than that which awarded the PhD. SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship awards are tenable at Canadian or foreign universities and research institutions.