Instructions for UVic Supervisors of Banting Applicants
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships 2020-21 Competition

Important Dates
- UVic internal deadline for application documents: **August 15, 2020 (this is a firm deadline)**
- Banting application deadline: **October 1, 2020 (at 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time)**

ORS Contact
Please send all application documents to Jessica Worsley, International Grants Facilitator at igfacilitator@uvic.ca.

Important Links

Eligibility
Please review the [eligibility criteria](http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/app-dem_instit-estab.html) for degree completion date, compatibility with other fellowships, and location of PhD degree.

Note that although candidates already at UVic may be eligible, they will be required to justify in the application the decision to continue at the same location.

Banting Value and Duration
$70,000 per year (taxable) for two years.

**UVic Selection Process**
The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program is distinguished from existing postdoctoral fellowships by its emphasis on the synergy between an applicant and the host institution. **An applicant must complete their application in full collaboration with the proposed host institution.**

Banting fellowships are extremely competitive, and the proposal development requires significant effort from the candidate, the supervisor, and the institution. Before embarking on this effort, we recommend potential supervisors and candidates to discuss options. Only exceptional candidates with excellent fit with supervisor and institution will be considered. The success rate is ~13% and only proposals with a score higher than 7.5 out of 8 points in all criteria are typically approved.

The Banting Program requires universities to only endorse the very best proposals. To assist this selection process, UVic will be creating an internal review committee. Traditionally, UVic has endorsed between 8 and 12 nominations per year to the Banting program.

The UVic review committee normally consists of representatives from the VPR, VPAC and Grad Studies Executive.
Submission of the Application
Applications are submitted by the applicant via Research Net. The Office of Research Services does not do the electronic submission in this competition; applicants must complete the electronic application and attach the required documents themselves before submitting it by the required deadline.

How Supervisors Obtain the Required UVic Institutional Support
Complete Steps 1-4 below and send the required documents in one email message by or before August 15, 2020 to igfacilitator@uvic.ca

Step 1: Complete the one-page UVic Internal Banting Application Form and obtain the Department/School signature

Step 2: Prepare drafts in Word format of the following two institutional documents in support of the application. [For details on the requirements for each of the documents, see http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/app-dem_guide.html#g11. Formatting instructions for all documents can be found at http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/app-dem_guide.html#g14.]

1. Letter of Endorsement (maximum 1 page)
   Jointly Prepared by ORS and Supervisor – To be signed by the Vice President Research

2. Supervisor’s Statement (maximum 4 pages)
   Prepared by Supervisor – on institutional letterhead and to be signed by the Supervisor

   NOTE: DRAFT TEMPLATES FOR BOTH DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY EMAILING igfacilitator@uvic.ca

Step 3: Send the following documents in one email to igfacilitator@uvic.ca by the Aug. 15, 2020 deadline:
   a. Signed UVic Internal Banting Application Form with Department’s approval (a scanned copy is acceptable)
   b. Word drafts of the two letters noted above (signatures are not required at this stage)
   c. Draft copy of the applicant’s application. May be incomplete, but must include at least CV (including list of publications and presentations), significance of research contributions, and description of proposed research.

Step 4: ORS and the Internal Review Committee will review and approve the candidates. Results and comments, if any, on Supervisor’s Statement will be sent to the supervisor on or before Sept. 15, so the supervisor can finalize it and send to the applicant for submission by the October 1 external deadline.

ORS and the Internal Review Committee will review and finalize the institutional letter of support and provide a final signed copy to the supervisor and applicant on or before Sept. 15 for submission by the applicant by the October 1 external deadline.

After Submission of the Application
Step 5: After electronic submission of the final application to the funding agency, please send a copy of the complete application to igfacilitator@uvic.ca by October 15 for ORS records.