

Killam 2023 Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Guidelines

Eligibility

Applicants must have a current or prospective supervisor who is a faculty member at the University of Calgary.

Postdoctoral Scholars who have earned their PhD or equivalent degree at the University of Calgary are **not** eligible to apply.

For the 2023 Killam competition, applicants must have earned their PhD or equivalent degree from another institution after 1 September 2020. If the PhD is still pending, it must be completed before 1 September 2023.

The award is tenable for a two-year term. Tenure of the award may commence anytime between 1 May 2023 and 1 September 2023. Only one fellowship is available per year.

The Killam Fellowship may not be held simultaneously with another fellowship of equal or greater value to the Killam. Exceptions may apply and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact vprwards@ucalgary.ca for more information.

Citizenship

The Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship does not have citizenship restrictions. A successful candidate who is not a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada is responsible for making the appropriate visa/work permit arrangements.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Research Project Proposal

Two (2) pages, plus one (1) page bibliography

Describe the research project you propose to undertake while at the University of Calgary. The proposal will be reviewed by the host faculty and supervisor to determine the merit of the research project and if appropriate facilities and services are in place to support the research.

The proposal will also be used by the supervisor and fellowship committee to judge your ability to conceptualize and plan independent research.

The usual elements of a well-developed research proposal should be present: a statement of the problem or topic of investigation; its significance (scholarly and/or practical); the approach and research methods; sources and resources required; and a work plan. The work plan should set out specifically what you expect to accomplish in the course of the Fellowship. The project description should be clear to both non-specialists and specialists. In all cases, it is a shared responsibility of the applicant and the faculty supervisor to ensure that the facilities and services at the faculty and the university are adequate to support the research.

Applicant's Curriculum Vitae

Free form, no page limit

Include publications, scholarships and awards received. Detail any previous or current postdoctoral experience including any postgraduate employment.

Verification of PhD Completion

If you have received your PhD, provide documentation confirming the degree has been awarded or that all degree requirements have been met. If your PhD is still pending, evidence that the degree has been completed will be required if a Fellowship is offered.

Special Circumstances

One (1) page maximum

You may submit a one page justification if had any career interruptions.

Faculty Supervisor Statement

One (1) page

The Faculty Supervisor Statement is given considerable weight in the evaluation of the applicant. The statement should comment on the applicant's background in relation to the proposed research and discuss how it relates to the current research and scholarship ongoing in the department and the institution. The facilities, services and space requirements of the applicant should be indicated, together with the arrangements proposed to meet those needs.

The Killam Fellowship Committee uses the following criteria in the adjudication:

- The applicant's scholarship (publications, contributions to his, her or their research field, awards and honours)
- The quality of the applicant's publications based on a diverse set of measures beyond Journal Impact Factor, including citations, alternative metrics of measuring output, and community reach.
- Scholarly merit of the proposed research project
- The "fit" between the applicant, the supervisor, and the faculty/department/research group
- Expected benefits or impact of the applicant at the University of Calgary
- Evidence of linkage to the institution's strategic research plan

The supervisor should ensure that these points are addressed in the statement.

Faculty Supervisor's Curriculum Vitae

Two (2) pages

To facilitate review of the Faculty Supervisor's credentials and research environment, the Faculty Supervisor must include an abbreviated Curriculum Vitae which includes, but is not limited to, the following

- Impactful research contributions in the last five years (considered in relation to relevance, innovativeness, citations, and influence on policy, practice and/or scientific approach)
- Major grants and awards received
- Training of highly-qualified personnel

Letters of Reference

Two (2) letters of references are required in addition to the faculty supervisor statement. Letters of reference must be sent directly to vprawards@ucalgary.ca. Reference letters must include the referee's name, title and signature and should be on institutional letterhead. The proposed faculty supervisor cannot be a reference.

Presentation standards for attached documents

- pages must be 8½" x 11"
- minimum margin of 2cm (³/₄")
- minimum font size of 11 (Arial)
- single-spaced
- ensure applicant name and faculty clearly indicated in the pdf. file name of the application package (e.g. *Qi Cheng, Science 2023 Killam application.pdf*)

DEADLINE: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:59 PM MST

- Complete applications submitted online via [online application form](#)
- Reference letters submitted to vprawards@ucalgary.ca