



## University of Saskatchewan Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship Application

### Eligibility

1. The applicant must have completed a Ph.D. no earlier than three years prior to the start date of the proposed fellowship. This will allow the two-year fellowship to be completed before the recipient becomes ineligible to be appointed as a postdoctoral fellow under U of S Postdoctoral Fellow Guidelines (within five years of earning Ph.D.).
2. The applicant must not be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
3. The applicant's Ph.D. must have been earned outside of Canada.
4. The applicant cannot have been resident in Saskatoon during the past twenty-four months.
5. The applicant may only receive this fellowship once.
6. The applicant must have demonstrated strong achievement and early success in their chosen field of specialization.

### Nomination from University of Saskatchewan

1. Nominators must be eligible to supervise a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Saskatchewan.
2. Nominators will be the main supervisor of the fellowship recipient.
3. Nominations, if successful, should be for work that will start on or around September 1, 2019.

#### **Deadline**

All portions of the application package must be received at [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca) by **Friday, February 1, 2019 at 4:30 pm** (Saskatchewan time)

### Application Process

1. Complete the application package. All information must be typed. Deadline: February 1, 2019 at 4:30 pm (Saskatchewan time).
2. You must arrange for two confidential letters of reference from persons familiar with your academic work. The letters must be sent directly, by the referee, to [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca). Please ensure they discuss the points given in Part 3.
3. Include a scanned copy of your Ph.D. certificate. If you have not completed your Ph.D., a statement is required from your home institution with the expected date of degree conferral (include certified translation, if necessary).
4. Copy of passport's biographical page.
5. Your C.V.
6. Research proposal (see Part 4).
7. Your supervisor's form and statement (see Part 5).
8. Send the entire application package (except for letters of reference) as a **single pdf** to [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca).
9. Applicants will be informed of the competition results on, or before, April 1, 2019

#### **Application Checklist**

- Application Form (signed)**
- Passport (copy of biographical page)**
- Copy of Ph.D. certificate**
- C.V.**
- Applicant's Research Proposal**
- Supervisor's Form (signed)**
- Supervisor's Statement**

Compile all documents and send as a single pdf to [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca)

- Two letters from referees, emailed in confidence to [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca)**



### Application Form

(To be completed by prospective Postdoctoral Fellow)

**Part 1: Personal Information**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship status (indicate only one):**

Canadian citizen/Permanent Resident

International

Indicate Country of Citizenship (below): \_\_\_\_\_

It is your choice to self-identify if you belong to one or more of the following groups that have been designated by the University's equity policy.

Indigenous/Aboriginal person

Member of a visible minority/racialized group

Woman

Person with a disability

Have you resided in Saskatoon during the past 24 months?  
Yes  No

**Academic Record**

Year Ph.D. obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

University/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline of Ph.D. Research: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter the competition under the following Signature Area. Check one only (see Part 6):

- Agriculture: Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future
- Indigenous Peoples: Engagement and Scholarship
- Water Security: Stewardship of the World's Freshwater Resources

Declaration: I, the applicant, certify that the information furnished in this application is true and complete in all respects and that no relevant information has been withheld.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



### Supervisor

#### Part 2: Supervisor's Information

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Academic/Research Unit \_\_\_\_\_

College/School \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you eligible to supervise a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Saskatchewan? Yes  No
2. Will you be the main supervisor of this applicant, if successful? Yes  No
3. Do you agree that if this is a successful applicant, you will contribute at least \$22,000 per year, for two years, towards the stipend of the postdoctoral fellow? Yes  No   
*You may contribute more than that amount. The fellowship will provide \$22,000 per year, which, combined with the supervisor's funds, will provide a stipend of **at least** \$44,000 per year.*
4. I have attached, on a separate page, a Supervisor's Statement (following guidelines in Part 5) Yes  No

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the University of Saskatchewan  
Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



### Part 3: Instructions for Referees

Provide a detailed letter of reference for the applicant. Letters of reference are given substantial weight in the assessment of research quality and productivity and of performance. Send letters, in confidence, to [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca).

Discuss the following points:

- The length of time and capacity in which you have known the applicant.
- The applicant's academic background and preparedness.
- The applicant's research productivity and/or potential.
- The quality of the venues in which the applicant's works have been published/presented.
- The applicant's leadership and interpersonal skills.
- Any other outstanding achievements of the applicant.

Reference letters must be on letterhead (if applicable), signed by the referee, and emailed to the address, above, by 4:30 pm (Saskatchewan time) on February 1, 2019.

### Part 4: Instructions for Applicant's Research Proposal

(On separate page(s); maximum of 1000 words, excluding bibliography. Text should be double-spaced with a 12-point font size.)

The research proposal should demonstrate evidence of a solid and wide knowledge of the discipline and **must be written by the applicant** (in consultation with the supervisor).

Applicants must provide a detailed description of their proposed research including the following elements:

- the objectives of the proposed research program
- the theoretical approach or framework that will be used
- discussion of the methodology
- the contribution that the research will make to the advancement of knowledge

The proposal must be written with the understanding that it will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary selection committee.

### Part 5: Instructions for Supervisor's Statement

(On separate page(s); maximum 1000 words. Text should be double-spaced with a 12-point font size.)

To be completed by the supervisor:

- Provide description of the supervisor's academic and research background.
- Describe how the research interests/background of the applicant and supervisor correspond and how this relationship may provide mutual benefits.
- Include details that clearly describe the proposed research setting. Outline the supervisor and unit's commitment to the successful applicant. Include examples of funding, facilities/resources and personnel that will be available to assist the postdoctoral fellow, both in their research endeavours and in their professional growth and development.



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## Part 6: Signature Area of Application

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in one of the following signature areas in 2019. On the application form, applicants should indicate the signature area under which they wish to be adjudicated. If the applicant's work pertains to multiple signature areas, they should choose the one they think best reflects their proposed work at the U of S. If the work does not clearly fit under one of this year's chosen signature areas, please do not apply. Each year the competition will centre on varying University of Saskatchewan signature areas of research.

### The Signature Areas for 2019:

1. Agriculture: Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future
2. Indigenous Peoples: Engagement and Scholarship
3. Water Security: Stewardship of the World's Freshwater Resources