



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 fellowship to be completed before the recipient becomes ineligible to be appointed as a postdoctoral fellow under USask 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 a resident of Saskatoon for twenty-four months prior to the start date of the proposed fellowship.
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 scholar 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, 2023.

Deadline

All portions of the application package must be received at postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca by
Tuesday, February 1, 2023 at 4:30 pm
(Saskatchewan time)

Application Process

1. Complete the application package. All information must be typed. Deadline: February 1, 2023 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 postdoctoral.studies@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 postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca.
9. Applicants will be informed of the competition results on, or before, April 1, 2023.

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
postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca

- ☐ Two letters from referees, emailed in confidence to postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca

**Part 1: Application Form**

(To be completed by the prospective Postdoctoral Fellow)

Family, Surname, Last Name	Given First Name	Email Address	
Address	City	Country	Postal/Zip Code
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, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous person <input type="checkbox"/> Member of a racialized group <input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a disability/with disabilities			

Citizenship Status

<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Citizen / Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Canadian	Indicate Country of Citizenship:	Will you have been a resident of Saskatoon for twenty-four months prior to the start date of the proposed fellowship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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PhD completion

Year Ph.D. Obtained / Expected date of completion	University/ Institution
Country	Discipline of Ph.D. Research

Signature Area

<p>Please indicate the signature area under which you wish to be adjudicated. 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.</p> <p>I wish to enter the competition under the following signature area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communities and Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples <input type="checkbox"/> Quantum Innovation</p>

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.

Applicant Signature_____
Date

**Part 2: Supervisor Information**

(To be completed by the prospective Supervisor)

Family, Surname, Last Name	Given First Name	
Academic/Research Unit		College/School
Email Address		Position Title

1. Are you eligible to supervise a Postdoctoral Scholar at the University of Saskatchewan?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will you be the main supervisor of this applicant, if successful?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you agree that if this is a successful applicant, you will contribute at least \$22,000 per year, towards the salary of the postdoctoral scholar for the duration of the fellowship? <i>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 salary of at least \$44,000 per year.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have attached, on a separate page, a Supervisor's Statement (following guidelines in Part 5)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Signature_____
Date



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENTS

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 postdoctoral.studies@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 postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca, by 4:30 pm (Saskatchewan time) on February 1, 2023.

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 scholar, both in their research endeavours and in their professional growth and development.