



University of Saskatchewan Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship

Misiwêskamik is a Plains Cree word and signifies all over the land, all over the world

Terms of Reference

1. The Award:

- a. Shall be named University of Saskatchewan Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship;
- b. Shall be awarded annually.

2. Purpose:

This postdoctoral fellowship, funded through the University of Saskatchewan's International Blueprint for Action (see attachment), will strive to reflect the four pillars of the International Blueprint: Internationalizing Learning Experiences; Diversifying our University Community; Strengthening our Global Impact through Discovery; and Growing our Global Citizenship and International Community Service.

3. Source of Funding:

- a. Funds will be made available to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies who will act as the fund manager;
- b. Funds in the amount of \$44,000 each year are available to be divided between two recipients;
- c. The fund will provide \$22,000 each year and the recipient's supervisor will also provide \$22,000 to create total award amounts of \$44,000 for each year of the two-year fellowship.

4. The Fund Committee:

- a. Is a subcommittee of the Postdoctoral Advisory Committee;
- b. Shall consist of: the Associate Dean of the College of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies; the Chair of the Postdoctoral Studies Advisory Committee; the Managing Director of the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars; with support provided by Coordinator of Postdoctoral Studies;
- c. Shall determine the allocation of funds available after consultation with the Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies;



- d. Shall determine the Signature Area(s) (see attachment) to receive nominations for a given competition;
- e. Shall ensure competition advertising and management of nominations is done on schedule;
- f. Shall ensure that the Selection Committee is formed prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations;
- g. Shall ensure that broad recognition of the recipient is carried out.

5. The Nominee(s):

- a. 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.);
- b. Must **not be** a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident;
- c. Ph.D. must have been earned outside of Canada;
- d. Cannot have been a resident of Saskatoon for twenty-four months prior to the start date of the proposed fellowship;
- e. May only receive fellowship once;
- f. Has demonstrated strong achievement and early success in their chosen field of specialization.

6. Nominations and Nominators:

- a. A call for nominations will be sent out by March 15 in 2018. In subsequent years (starting in November, 2018), the call should go out by November 1 for the next year(s);
- b. Nominations must be received by April 16 (in 2018) and by February 1 in subsequent years;
- c. Nominations shall be submitted electronically (by the prospective Postdoctoral Fellow) to the Postdoctoral Studies Coordinator in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies;
- d. Nominations shall consist of: Application form, CV, Applicant's (Nominee's) Research Statement (not more than 1000 words), Nominator's Statement, Two letters of Reference (sent confidentially to PDF Coordinator);



- e. Nominators must be eligible to supervise a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Saskatchewan;
- f. Nominators will be the main supervisor of the fellowship recipient;
- g. Successful nominations should be able to start the appointment, ideally, by September 1 of the same calendar year.
- h. If no qualified nominations are received, or the Selection Committee feels it is appropriate, qualifying nominations received in prior years can be considered. The Selection Committee may decide to not award a fellowship if there are no suitable candidates.

7. Selection Committee:

- a. The Selection Committee will consist of five faculty members, of which three or four are active researchers within the Signature Area(s) being awarded that particular year. One to two members will be active researchers from outside of the selected signature areas for that year (see attachment for the Signature Areas). The Chair will be one of the members from outside the signature area(s) under discussion;
- b. Will be responsible for reviewing all nomination materials received and selecting a recipient(s);
- c. Membership on the Selection Committee will disallow a nomination from that faculty member for the current year;
- d. Committee support will be provided by the Coordinator of Postdoctoral Studies.

8. The Selection Process:

- a. Each Committee member will independently review and then rank each nominee;
- b. The Committee will, then, meet and make recommendations for recipient(s) and alternates by May 30 (2018) and by April 1 for subsequent years.
- c. The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will inform the successful nominee and their supervisor;
- d. Should the proposed recipient reject the award, the award will be offered to the next nominee on the final, ranked, list.



9. Recognition of the Recipient(s):

- a. The recipient will be presented with a certificate and
- b. A letter of recognition from the President or Vice-President, Research;
- c. Publicity will appear in the Green & White, Beyond the Bowl, OnCampus News and the University will distribute a News Release to local media.

University of Saskatchewan Signature Areas of Research

1. Indigenous Peoples: Engagement and Scholarship
2. Agriculture: Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future
3. Energy and Mineral Resources for a Sustainable Future: Developing Clean Energy Solutions and Working for Equal Access for All
4. One Health: Solutions at the Animal-Human-Environment Interface
5. Synchrotron Science: Innovation in Health, Environment and Advanced Technologies.
6. Water: Health, Equity, Access, Security and Sustainability of our Planet's Freshwater Resources
7. Communities and Sustainability: Exploring the Interrelatedness of Human Communities and Natural Ecologies
8. Health and Wellness: Combining the Arts, Social and Hard Sciences to Make Canadians Healthier
9. Quantum Innovation: Creating Big Changes from Tiny Particles

In addition to the nine University of Saskatchewan Signature Areas of Research, a tenth area shall be included:

10. Foundational Research