



Government of Canada Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships 2011-12 Bourses de recherche postdoctorale du gouvernement du Canada 2011-12

A program of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
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GUIDELINES

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships 2011-2012

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

As part of the **Government of Canada Awards (GCA)**, the **Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program (CCSP)** and the **Canada-Mexico Awards (CMA)**, the Government of Canada offers one-year post-doctoral research fellowships tenable at recognized public Canadian universities and affiliated research institutes.

The Government's objective in establishing the **Canadian Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships (PDRF)** is to attract recent Ph.D. graduates to do research in Canada. The Government wishes to support research that clearly advances the scholar's own career and that is useful to Canada or to the research team within which the scholar proposes to work.

The PDRF is designed to provide research opportunities to promising recent doctoral graduates in the natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities. Fellowships are not offered to professional artists or to those wishing to do clinical research and training involving patient-care. Priority will be given to candidates who have not previously studied in Canada under a Canadian government scholarship.

The PDRF is funded by **Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT)**. The Canadian Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of faculty members from universities across Canada and is responsible for recommending selected candidates to DFAIT. The agency responsible for financial and administrative matters is the **Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE)**.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be citizens of one of the above-mentioned countries. Applicants who have obtained Canadian citizenship or applied for permanent residency in Canada are ineligible;
- have completed a Ph.D. degree within the last three (3) years or have completed the Ph.D. degree requirements before taking up the award (evidence of submission of dissertation for defence provided by the responsible department head); and
- be accepted into a post-doctoral position at a recognized public Canadian university or affiliated research institute of their choice.



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VALUE

Total value of the fellowship is **\$36,500 CAD** and it is taxable in Canada. As no dependant allowance is payable, it is essential that fellows who plan to bring their family to Canada have sufficient financial resources for their support.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for regulations about holding the award, such as the start date, holding other funding and employment.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Note: This is a two-step process.

To be considered for a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (PDRF), an applicant must:

1. Complete and submit an online application; and
2. Send all required supporting documents to the embassy or agency in the country of application.

Read the instructions below for more information.

STEP ONE: Online Application

Complete and submit an online application to be considered for the program. Late or incomplete submissions will be ineligible. Access the online application through www.scholarships.gc.ca.

The deadline for the online application is NOVEMBER 15th, 11:59 PM (EST)

STEP TWO: Supporting Documentation

Ensure all documents listed in the Checklist of Supporting Documents are sent to the embassy or agency by their respective deadlines. For country specific deadlines, please refer to www.scholarships.gc.ca.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all necessary supporting material is received by the embassy or agency deadline. Online applications and supporting documents submitted past their respective deadline will not be accepted.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications are reviewed by the embassy or agency which coordinates the competition in the country of application. The applications will be reviewed for completeness, deadlines, eligibility and merit. Those applications which pass this review are sent by the embassy or agency to the program administrators in Canada, the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).

Note that pre-selection is not a guarantee of an award. There are limited numbers of awards (approx. 2 to 8) available to citizens of each eligible country. Only those applications pre-selected by the embassy or agency will be sent to Canada for review by the Canadian Scholarship Selection Committee.



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The Canadian Scholarship Selection Committee is made up of fourteen (14) individuals from the academic community representing all regions of Canada, both official language groups and a wide variety of academic disciplines. This Committee reviews, evaluates and ranks pre-selected candidates to make the final selection.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In evaluating each application, the following criteria will be considered:

1. *Proposed Research*

The evaluation of the merit of the proposed research plan will be based on the following:

- a. the research he/she wishes to pursue: its precise nature, its purpose, and the proposed methodology or approach;
- b. the rationale for the institution(s), and the supervisor(s) he/she has chosen; and
- c. the relevance of doing research in Canada.

2. *Candidate's Aptitudes*

The evaluation of the candidate's aptitude and potential will be based on the entire application including the letters of reference.

3. *Communication, Interpersonal and Leadership Abilities*

The evaluation of communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities will be based on how well the applicant has organized his/her studies and research to meet worthy goals.

The final selection is based on academic merit, aptitude, motivation and the quality of the research plan as presented by the nominee and in the reference letters.

NOTIFICATION

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) notifies all pre-selected candidates of the results by email by the end of April. Please ensure that a permanent email address is included in your application.

CONDITIONS

- All rules and procedures of the Government of Canada Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships apply to this competition.
- Applications and documents submitted to the Embassy of Canada or designated agency in the country of application will not be returned.
- Fellowships are subject to the availability of funding.