Faculty of Nursing
Postdoctoral Fellowship

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Background
The Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta is one of the largest nursing education institutions in the country and an international leader in research. Our mission is to inspire a quest for knowledge that advances the philosophic, historic, scientific, and practice foundations of Nursing. Through our leadership in teaching, research, and practice, the Faculty strives to contribute to the attainment of health equity in the global community, to the development of nursing and health care services, and to the promotion of optimal health for all.

Purpose
The purpose of this postdoctoral fellowship is to provide support to exceptional researchers pursuing post-graduate nursing research at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta. It is intended to support research trainees whose work advances the strategic priority areas of the Faculty of Nursing. This opportunity will attract and develop high quality researchers to the University of Alberta.

This fellowship has a term of 1-year and is intended for recent PhD graduates (within 5-years).

Value of the Award
The postdoctoral fellowship will be $70,000 per year for a term of 1 year. All fellowships are tenable at the University of Alberta only. Funding is non-transferable and non-renewable. The number of Faculty of Nursing Postdoctoral Fellowships is dependent on the availability of funds.

Eligibility Criteria
Applicants will be enrolled in and be in good standing, or have recently completed (last 5-years), a doctoral degree program at a recognized university, and will have relevant employment or life experience and the academic/other skills necessary to complete the fellowship requirements. We would encourage applicants who received their PhD, or are completing their PhD at the University of Alberta to apply.

Applicants must have a background in nursing and hold active registration with the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) to practice nursing in Alberta.
Applicants must have identified a Faculty of Nursing University of Alberta supervisor prior to submitting their application. For Faculty of Nursing University of Alberta PhD graduates, their post-doctoral fellowship supervisor should not be their PhD supervisor.

This program is open to Canadian citizens and those with Canadian Permanent Residency only.

How to Apply

Completed applications should be emailed as a single PDF to: nursing.research@ualberta.ca by: January 31st, 2018

A complete Application Package is comprised of:
1. Application Form
2. Applicant’s CV
3. Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
4. Application Signatures Form
5. Postdoctoral Supervisor Endorsement Letter
6. Postdoctoral Supervisor’s CV

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic track record
  - Does the applicant’s academic record of accomplishments show evidence of solid and sustained academic excellence and performance throughout their training?
  - Has the applicant received academic recognitions?
  - Has the applicant received prizes/awards?

- Relevant work and/or research experience
  - Does the applicant demonstrate how their previous research training relates to the present proposal?
  - Is the applicant’s research experience of high quality?
  - Does the applicant demonstrate research excellence evidenced by presentations, abstracts and publications appropriate for their stage of career?

- Career development plans
  - Does the applicant clearly describe how the training they expect to acquire will contribute to their productivity and to the research goals they hope to achieve?
  - Does the applicant describe how this award will enable them to establish themselves as independent investigators?
  - What is the likelihood that the award will contribute substantially to the continued scientific development and productivity of the applicant?

- Postdoctoral supervisor’s record and mentorship plan
  - Does the application demonstrate the commitment of the proposed supervisor(s) and their institution to support the development of the applicant’s research project and professional development?
  - Do the mentor(s) adequately address the applicant’s potential and their strengths and areas needing improvement?
• Research proposal
  o Is this section written in general scientific language, demonstrating the applicant’s ability to obtain future success in grant writing?
  o Does the proposal clearly describe the applicant’s role in the project?
  o Does the proposal provide a concise account of the subject matter, an overview of each part of the research plan, specific project aims and the methodology? The project summary should reflect the significance of the project.
  o Is the research plan relevant to the applicant’s research career objectives?
  o Is the research plan appropriate to the stage of research development of the applicant?

Important Dates

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Contact for Further Information

For questions about the Postdoctoral Fellowship Call for Applications, please contact:

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