FAQs about the Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowship

For Applicants

1. Can applicants apply for the Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowship at UofT Scarborough if they did their PhD at UofT St. George? Is it considered a different research environment?

Yes, applicants are permitted to apply to the Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowship at UTSC if they did their PhD at St. George. Different campuses within an Institution would not be considered a different research environment. However, they will need to provide justification for doing so in the Special circumstances attachment of their application.

2. Does the UTSC provide editorial support, feedback or comments on Banting applications?

UTSC does not offer editorial support, feedback or comments on any aspect of the Banting application.

3. Where do I submit the application materials to?

Applications must be compiled into a single PDF in the correct order. They must be submitted to the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, at postdoc-awards@utsc.utoronto.ca. Please see here for more information on what is required in a Banting application.

4. What dates should applicants be aware of?

- July 5, 2023 - UTSC deadline for submitting a Notice of Intent

- July 14, 2023 (5 PM) - UTSC internal application deadline

- September 8, 2023 - Date to receive Letters of Endorsement from the School of Graduate Studies for those selected for the national competition

- September 20, 2023 (8 PM) - ResearchNet deadline for selected nominees for the national competition to upload documents and submit an application

5. If I am selected to go to the national competition, will I be able to revise my application based on the committee's feedback?
Yes, applicants will have a chance to revise their application on ResearchNet prior to submission.

6. Under 'Faculty' on the Banting application form, what should it say?
It should say the University of Toronto, Scarborough.

7. What does it mean to have an arms-length referee? Is someone who collaborated with my supervisor eligible to be a referee?

To have an arms-length referee means to have someone who can provide an unbiased reference to your Banting application. Yes, a referee who has collaborated with your supervisor is eligible to be an arms-length referee. However, the greater the distance between the applicant and the referee, the better.

8. Can my PhD Supervisor act as one of my references?
Yes, your PhD Supervisor is eligible to be one of your references but they will not count as one of your arms-length referee. Applicants are required to have at least one who is at arm's length.

9. What happens after the internal evaluation committee decides on the candidates from UTSC?

Once the internal evaluation committee has decided on which candidates will move forward to the national competition, their names will be forwarded to UofT's School of Graduate Studies (SGS), which will then provide the candidate with UofT's Letter of Endorsement. Selected nominees for the national competition must submit their applications to ResearchNet.

10. What's needed in my application?
Applicants are required to submit the following in this order:
1. Lay Abstract (max 2000 characters)
2. CCV
3. Statement of Research Contributions (max 1 page)
4. Statement of Leadership Contributions (max 1 page)
5. Research Proposal (max 4 pages)
6. Bibliography (max 4 pages)
7. Signed Supervisor's Statement (max 4 pages)
8. Fulfillment of Degree form

Please note that applicants together with their UTSC supervisors should submit <u>a single PDF file</u> which includes all the application documents including the Supervisor's Statement. Please do not include your three referees' letters in your application package.

11. What format do applications have to adhere to?

All attachments to your application must be prepared according to the following standards:

- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm).
- Insert a minimum margin of 2cm (3/4 inch) around the page (top, bottom and sides).
- Text can be either single- or double-spaced.
- Use a minimum font size of 12 point, black type. Maximum of six lines per inch. Do not use condensed/narrow font sizes, type density, or line spacing. Smaller text in tables, charts, figures, and graphs is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%.
- Photo-reduce the supporting documents if the originals are larger than 21.25 x 27.5 cm / 8.5" x 11".
- At the top of each page, indicate your name and the title of the document as it appears in the instructions.
- The Supervisor's Statement must be on institutional letterhead and it must be signed
- For multi-page attachments, number the pages sequentially.
- Attachments must be uploaded in PDF format (unprotected).
- The size of the attached document(s) cannot exceed 30 MB per document.

12. Can I add my references to my ResearchNet application if I know who they will be already?

Yes, you can enter your references' names to your application on ResearchNet, but it will not be considered for the internal evaluation. Please do not press submit on ResearchNet unless you have been selected to move forward to the national competition.

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