KILLAM ACCELERATOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2021

IZAAK WALTON KILLAM MEMORIAL FUND

Six UBC Killam Accelerator Research Fellowships are provided annually from the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Fund for Advanced Studies established through a bequest from the late Dorothy J. Killam.

Offered on an annual basis, the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowships are intended to support exceptional early career researchers across all disciplines who have the potential for significant impact in their field of scholarship and are ready to launch the next stage of their career.

Nominees must be full-time, recently-tenured faculty, and no more than 15 years post-PhD.

These awards promote research excellence and support early-career scholars around the time that tenure is attained. Through these fellowships, scholars are provided with the time and resources to achieve their potential in their field of study.

Up to six UBC Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship awards will be available each year. A one-time research allowance of $50,000 will be awarded for the two-year term of the award.

Teaching time release to focus on research is highly valued and instrumental if researchers are to make a significant impact in their field of study. Funding of $60,000 will also be provided to the awardee's academic unit over the two-year period to help offset teaching load.

FAQS

Which are the “large” and “small” faculties for purposes of this award?

How many Killam Accelerator Research Fellowships are awarded?

I would like to be nominated for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship, how do I proceed?

What are the terms of the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship?
Do nominees need to be of a particular academic rank? Are tenure-track nominees eligible?

I was recently awarded a NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Memorial (or Arthur B. McDonald) Fellowship, can I be nominated for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship?

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Killam Accelerator Research Fellowships are open to full-time, recently-tenured faculty at the University of British Columbia, who are no more than 15 years post-PhD.
- Faculty members who are more than 15 years post-PhD at the time of nomination who have had legitimate career interruptions remain eligible. Legitimate career interruptions include: maternity or parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training and family care. If applicable these details must be outlined in the submission portion of this nomination.
- Faculty members cannot be nominated for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship and a Killam Faculty Research Fellowship in the same year.
- Faculty members who currently hold a fellowship or salary award that provides funds for full teaching buy-out (e.g. MSFHR Scholar Award, NSERC E.W.R. Steacie or Arthur B. McDonald Fellowship) may not be nominated for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship until the term of their fellowship or award has concluded.
- Each faculty member is eligible for only one Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship in their career. However, receipt of a Fellowship does not affect eligibility for other Killam awards and prizes.

**TERMS OF THE AWARD**

- Awardees receive a one-time research allowance of $50,000.
- The term is for two academic years.
- Up to six UBC Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship awards will be available each year.
- Funding of $60,000 will be provided to the awardee’s academic unit over the two-year period to help offset teaching load. How the teaching load will be adjusted is at the discretion of the unit.
- If a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship recipient already holds an award that provides funds for partial teaching buy-out, that component of the Fellowship award may be used to supplement the research allowance.
- Research proposals submitted should not be under consideration elsewhere simultaneously.

**Questions?** research.prizes@ubc.ca

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Nominations will be evaluated against the following criteria:
Demonstrated outstanding research achievement relative to peer group at a comparable career stage;
Quality, novelty, impact and feasibility of the proposed research;
Potential for the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship to accelerate the nominee’s career

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Larger faculties can nominate up to two candidates; smaller faculties can nominate one candidate (see FAQs above). Nominations must be submitted by the Dean or Dean’s designate. Nominations for faculty members with joint appointments must be submitted by the Dean (or designate) of the primary Faculty.

*Departments, divisions, institutes, schools, and Faculties are encouraged to consider equity, diversity and inclusion in their nomination strategies.*

Nominations will be reviewed by the Faculty Research Awards Committee (FRAC). The committee is composed of UBC faculty members who adjudicate internal awards and prizes that recognize excellence in research by UBC faculty members across all disciplines. Based on the FRAC’s recommendations, the Vice-President Research & Innovation will determine the final awardees.

KILLAM ACCELERATOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Deliver a public lecture within the two-year term describing the research accomplished with the Fellowship, and the impact of that research.
- Acknowledge funding support from Killam Funds in any publications associated with the work;
- Submit a report on research activities at the end of the two-year award term to the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation.

SUBMISSION

In addition to completing the fields in the form below, including a 50-word citation, the following material must also be uploaded to the online portal:

- A four-page statement summarizing the nominee’s most significant research contributions and a description of the research to be pursued during the two-year term.
- Up to two pages of References (optional)
- Official up-to-date UBC CV
- Three letters of support from arms-length referees

Full details and requirements for the letters of support are outlined below.

FACULTY SUPPORT

Nominations for the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship must be selected and approved by the Faculty. Nominations are uploaded on behalf of the nominee, by the dean’s office.

The nominating Faculty, as part of the nomination:
must describe how the department will relieve the nominee of teaching responsibilities during the 2-year term of the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship.

describe the process used to identify and select nominees in the Faculty including considerations for equity, diversity and inclusion.

CAREER INTERRUPTION

Legitimate career interruptions include: maternity or parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training and family care. If you are more than 15 years post-PhD at the time of nomination with a legitimate career interruption, please provide details/dates below.

DEADLINE

October 15, 2021

CONTACT

research.prizes@ubc.ca

Please ensure that ALL nomination material is gathered prior to starting the submission, as the form cannot be saved for later completion once started.

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name *

Position/Title *

Faculty or School *

Years at UBC *

Years Since PhD (minus any career interruptions) *

Legitimate career interruptions include: maternity or parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training and family care. If you are more than 15 years post-PhD at the time of nomination with a legitimate career interruption, please provide details/dates below.

Please enter start and end dates of all relevant career interruptions:
Explanation for leave (optional)

Email address *

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**NOMINATOR/SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

An email confirmation and summary of the nomination will be sent to the person listed as the Nominator.

Nominator Name *

Faculty or School *

Department *

Nominator Email *

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**FACULTY SUPPORT**

Describe how the department will relieve the nominee of teaching responsibilities during the 2-year term of the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship (150 words max) *

Describe the process used to identify and select nominees in the Faculty including considerations for equity, diversity and inclusion. (250 words max) *

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**MOST SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

- The statement of most significant research contributions and project description should be written for a multidisciplinary adjudication committee
The project description should clearly demonstrate how the Fellowship award will enable impact over-and-above what the nominee may otherwise achieve with funding they currently hold, and emphasize the impact of the nominee’s work on their field of scholarship.

The project description should clearly describe the research to be undertaken during the two-year term of the fellowship and demonstrate its novelty, significance and impact.

The project description should include clearly defined objectives, methods, outcomes and a timeline.

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Files must be less than 64 MB.
Allowed file types: pdf.

REFERENCES (OPTIONAL)
List of references (maximum 2 pages)
References

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Files must be less than 20 MB.
Allowed file types: pdf.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT
The letters of support are critical to the selection process and should focus on the nominee’s research.

They must be from individuals who are able to objectively assess the proposed work. Given that nominees represent varied disciplines with different expectations about kinds and quantities of scholarly output, letters of support which place the nominee’s record in the context of their field are recommended.

At least two of the letters must be from individuals from outside UBC

All of the referees should be at arm’s length -- this may not include the nominee’s thesis or dissertation supervisor(s), anyone the nominee has supervised, or anyone with whom the nominee has collaborated (as coauthor or co-investigator) within the last 6 years.

Letters in excess of three will not be considered.
External Letter of Support 1 *

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External Letter of Support 2 *

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Files must be less than 20 MB.
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External Letter of Support 3 *

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CITATION
Please include a brief 50-word citation of the candidate's research written for a non-expert audience.

Citation Field *

CV
Official up-to-date UBC CV including a complete list of publications. Please visit: http://www.hr.ubc.ca/faculty-relations/administrator-tools/forms/

Applicant CV *

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Files must be less than 64 MB.
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Submit Completed Application