Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship 2020

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 (generally defined as within 3-4 years past tenure) who are no more than 15 years post-PhD.

These awards promote research excellence and support early-career scholars around the time that tenure is attained. 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 be provided over the two-year period to help offset teaching load.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominees must be full-time, recently-tenured faculty (generally defined as within 3-4 years past tenure) who are no more than 15 years post-PhD.
- Faculty members who are more than 15 years post-PhD at the time of nomination, and with 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.
- Nominees cannot be nominated for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship and a Killam Faculty Research Fellowship in the same year.
- NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship recipients may not be considered for a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship until after the Steacie fellowship 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 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.

FAQs

View the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowships FAQs

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Nominations will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding research achievement relative to peer group at a comparable career stage;
- Quality and impact of the proposed research;
- Nominee’s overall suitability for the award.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Larger faculties can nominate up to two candidates; smaller faculties can nominate one candidate. 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.

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.

DEADLINE: December 7, 2020

CONTACT:

Brenda Carrier, Manager, Faculty Awards & Prizes
Email: brenda.carrier@ubc.ca
Tel: 604-822-6010
**SUBMISSION:**

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

- A four-page statement summarizing research accomplishments and research to be pursued during the two-year term.
- Official UBC CV
- Three letters of support from arms-length referees

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

*Note – Nominations submitted through the Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship online portal must be selected and approved by the Faculty. Nominations are uploaded on behalf of the nominee, by the dean’s office*

**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.

**RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROJECT INFORMATION:**

- This summary should provide an overview of career research accomplishments and should be stated in language that can be understood by an interdisciplinary adjudication committee
- Project information 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 research plan should clearly describe the proposed study and research to be undertaken during the period of the fellowship.
- Fellowships will be awarded for projects that have clearly defined objectives and methods meeting the award criteria.
- The research accomplishments and project information statement should be a maximum of four pages in length, font size no smaller than Times New Roman 10 pt.

**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 and all of the referees should all 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 past 24 months.
- Letters in excess of three will not be considered.
CITATION

Please include a brief 50-word citation of the candidate's research in lay language that a non-expert will be able to understand.

CV

Official UBC CV format required (please be sure to include an up-to-date version with a complete list of publications.) Please visit: http://www.hr.ubc.ca/faculty-relations/administrator-tools/forms/

DEADLINE: December 7, 2020

TIMELINE:

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.

Results will be announced in the spring of 2021. Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship winners will be recognized at an annual reception.