Hi All,

Nominations for this year’s Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowships are due at Grad Studies in November. Our department is allowed to nominate one person. Our internal competition deadline will be **September 22, 2023**. Please see below for application instructions for the internal selection process. International postdocs are eligible, as are postdocs currently appointed at UBC (see website for eligibility criteria).

The research committee will rank the applicants and select the top candidate. We will then work with the candidate and the proposed supervisor to finalize the application. Please keep in mind that these fellowships are UBC-wide and extremely competitive and only outstanding postdocs should apply (e.g., top-tier publications, research environment – see adjudication criteria below).

We are also emailing this out to everyone in the department instead of just faculty to encourage self-nomination by eligible potential applicants. Trainees, please reach out to your supervisors to prepare the application. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted per lab.

If you have any questions/concerns please email me. Applications should be directly emailed to me by September 22, 2023.

- Janel (janelk@mail.ubc.ca)
Details:

Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The UBC Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are provided annually from the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Fund for Advanced Studies and are available for most fields of research. The number of awards offered presently varies between three and five per year.

Value: Annual stipend of $50,000 for a maximum of two years plus a travel and research allowance of $4,000 over two years.

The application and nomination process is summarized briefly below. Refer to the Application Guide and Nomination Guide posted on our Killam webpage for complete details.

These items from the final application are necessary for the departmental review process.

1. Applicant’s application form
   https://www.postdocs.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/award/2023-2024_Killam-Postdoc_application_form.docx
2. Research proposal (maximum of two pages)
3. One page of ancillary materials (if applicable)
4. Personal statement (maximum of one page)
5. Special circumstances (one page)
6. Applicant’s curriculum vitae from the Canadian Common CV site, using the Vanier-Banting CCV template.
7. Proposed UBC supervisor’s letter of support
8. Unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts, degree confirmations, and English translations Please include the reverse side of transcripts, if applicable (ie. grading key/legend)
9. Confirmation of PhD enrollment and progress, typically from the applicant’s current institution graduate studies office or registrar’s office (if the applicant has not completed his/her PhD)

For complete application and nomination details for the final application, as well as detailed eligibility requirements, refer to our webpage. Please visit: https://www.postdocs.ubc.ca/award/killam-postdoctoral-research-fellowship.
Adjudication:

Excellence in scholarly work and independent research - 60%

- quality of contributions to research to date
- scholarships and awards held
- duration of graduate studies, taking into account the nature of the program and relevant personal circumstances

Quality of proposed research project - 30%

- merit, potential significance, clarity, feasibility of the proposed project
- relevance of applicant’s work experience and academic training to field of proposed research
- suitability and quality of research environment (proposed supervisor, facilities, support of academic unit)

Personal qualities of the applicant - 10%

- character: integrity, collegiality and respect for others
- communication skills
- leadership abilities
- as demonstrated by employment, athletic/artistic achievements, community engagement, volunteering, etc.
- determination and ability to complete projects within an appropriate period of time
- critical thinking, judgment, originality, initiative and autonomy

Preference will be given to applicants who have not already held a postdoctoral award or fellowship.