USEFUL TIPS FOR TRI-COUNCIL GRANTS

Salary Payments to Postdoctoral Fellows

The cost of salaries and non-discretionary benefits paid to postdoctoral fellows who are contributing towards a research project funded by NSERC or SSHRC, are considered eligible research expenses. However, both agencies limit the compensation paid to postdoctoral fellows to a maximum of two years.

In some instances, NSERC (only) may approve three years of compensation to postdoctoral fellows, in order to attract exceptional talent. However certain guidelines must be followed in order to pursue a three year appointment. For one, the three-year appointment must be offered to the postdoctoral fellow in advance of the appointment. Secondly, a detailed justification must be provided to NSERC regarding the appointment, within one month of the acceptance of the offer.

If you require additional details regarding the payment of a postdoctoral fellow, please contact Research Accounting directly at research.accounting@queensu.ca

Kind Regards,

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