

Queen's Research Opportunities Funds: Post-Doctoral Fund

An objective of the [Strategic Research Plan \(SRP\)](#) is to foster greater recognition of trainees as research leaders of the future. This includes supporting post-doctoral fellows (PDFs), their contribution to research and to advancing Queen's University. The Post-Doctoral Fund is intended to attract outstanding PDFs to Queen's University each year. The fund includes salary support for up to three PDFs. In addition, this fund makes travel money available on a competitive basis to all PDFs employed at Queen's.

Programs:

1. *Post-Doctoral Fellowship*

The objective of this program is to attract outstanding PDFs to Queen's. Funding is intended to provide one year of salary support for up to three PDFs who have indicated their intention to hold the post-doctoral fellowship at Queen's University. These post-doctoral fellowships carry a minimum full-time equivalent salary that will be in accordance with the PSAC 901, Unit 2 Collective Agreement.

2. *Post-Doctoral Travel Award*

This program provides support for PDFs to travel to conferences to present their scholarly work, or to take part in workshops, or to travel to research sites to learn new skills and techniques. Such experiences should clearly enhance their training but cannot be funded through other sources (e.g., supervisor's grant, external fellowships). This program provides up to \$1,000 per award.

Who can apply?

1. *Post-Doctoral Fellowship*

Priority will be given to applications submitted by potential PDFs who propose to work with early career faculty members or with researchers in existing or emerging areas of research strength who propose to accelerate or reposition their research programs. PDFs will be evaluated on the excellence of their scholarly achievements and on their potential to develop as researchers. Preference will be given to applications from potential applicants not currently enrolled at Queen's University as a PhD candidate or employed at Queen's as a PDF.

2. *Post-Doctoral Travel Award*

All Queen's PDFs are eligible to apply for this award, but they can only receive this award once during their appointment. If the award is to be used to present



scholarly work at conferences, preference will be given to research developed at Queen's University. Successful PDFs should expect to provide information after the travel that would allow the university to showcase their research.

How to apply?

1. Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Once per year in the fall, the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) will circulate a call for applications, which will be due the following January 30. Potential PDFs are expected to coordinate well ahead of this deadline directly with the faculty member(s) with whom they intend to work. Start date will normally be July 1. Materials to be submitted are outlined in the application and guidelines.

2. Post-Doctoral Travel Award

The Office of Post-Doctoral Training will release two calls per year.

How will applications be adjudicated?

1. Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (or his/her delegate) will sit on the committee for the evaluation of PDF applications. The committee will make recommendations to the Vice-Principal (Research).

2. Post-Doctoral Travel Award

Decisions on successful applications will be made by a committee struck and chaired by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (or his/her delegate).

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