

Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowship Call for Expression of Interest

Research Domain: Neighbourhoods and Health—mechanisms, interventions, and policy

Setting: Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), Geography and Planning, Spatial Analysis for Innovation in Health Research (SAFIHR), University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada

Mentors: Nazeem Muhajarine, PhD and Scott Bell, PhD

The University of Saskatchewan is recruiting highly qualified candidates in the health domain with specific interests and expertise in place and health, health disparities, active living, health GIS, or health geography. Researchers at the University of Saskatchewan have several ongoing and proposed collaborative projects that focus on neighbourhoods as relevant to health and healthy living. The collaborative teams include members from geography, community health and epidemiology, kinesiology, local health regions, and local government and planning units. The successful candidate will have a unique opportunity to work closely with a transdisciplinary team of researchers, in multiple settings (including in local health authorities), and will be mentored by one of two principal investigators on Canadian Institutes of Health Research operating and strategic team grants.

The Government of Canada allocated \$45 million over five years in Budget 2010 to establish a high-profile, prestigious Postdoctoral Fellowships Program. The fellowships will be known as the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships, in memory of Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian physician, researcher, Nobel laureate and war hero who, together with his assistant Dr. Charles Best, is credited with the discovery of insulin. The objective of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program is to attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent, both within Canada and internationally, to develop their leadership potential and to position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social and research-based growth through a research-intensive career. Applications to the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed host institution.

- **Value and Duration:** The postdoctoral fellowships will be valued at \$70,000 per year (taxable) for two years
- **Eligibility Requirement**
 - Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and foreign citizens are eligible to apply
 - Must fulfill or have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, or Health Professional Degree, on a date within the eligibility window of November

3rd, 2007 through December 31, 2010. Applicants who have not fulfilled all requirements for their degree at the time of application must do so not later than December 31, 2010 and submit related proof to the Banting program accordingly not later than January 15, 2011.

- **Location and Timing:** Based at the University of Saskatchewan in one of the above mentioned units (SPHERU, Geography and Planning, or SAFIHR), Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships 2010-2011 must be taken up as early as April 1, 2011 and no later than October 1, 2011. All awards are for two years from the date of up-take.

Deadline for receiving expression of interest: August 10, 2010
Submit the following documents in electronic form (pdf or word) to both scott.bell@usask.ca and nazeem.muhammad@usask.ca

1. Cover Letter

- Describe your research achievements and contributions; listing up to three contributions and describe their significance
- Describe your leadership in the research domain defined by the sphere of influence achieved to date; list up to three contributions and describe their impact and importance
- Proposed Mentor -- whom you wish to work with, and why
- Describe career aspirations and fit with the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship program opportunity and with the University of Saskatchewan
- Proposed research or area of research interest (brief; approximately 150 words)

2. Up to date CV

For further information about the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship program, write to: Nazeem.Muhammad@usask.ca or Scott.Bell@usask.ca