

Objective

The purpose of this fellowship program is to highlight the role of women in devising scientific solutions to problems confronting humankind in the 21st century. The program supports major research projects undertaken by Canadian women scientists at the postdoctoral level in Canada.

More information about the For Women in Science program, at both the national and international levels, can be found here: <https://www.forwomeninscience.com>

Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

Up to two (2) postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded. These fellowships are valued at \$20,000 CAD each, tenable for one academic year.

Eligibility

Applicants to the fellowship program must be:

- female Canadian citizens or permanent residents;
- planning to start or currently involved in research at the postdoctoral level at a recognized Canadian institution/organization;
- willing to participate in at least 2 events in support of women and girls in science (e.g. mentoring, classroom visits, media events, etc.);
- available the week of November 22, 2021 to attend the “*For Women in Science Award Ceremony*” in Ottawa, Canada (travel expenses will be paid for by L'Oréal Canada).

Applicants who have previously held a “*L'Oréal Canada For Women in Science Research Excellence Fellowship, with the support of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO*” are not eligible.

Field of Study/Program Requirements

For the 2021 competition, fellowships are being offered for research in the fields of Life Sciences and the Engineering/Pure and Applied Sciences. This includes, but is not limited to, the following subject areas:

Life Sciences

- **Medical Science** – Cancer Science, Cardiovascular Medicine, Haematology, Infectious Disease, Inflammation, Medicine, Medical Imaging, Medical Physics, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacology, Regenerative Medicine.
- **Epidemiology** – Behavioral Science, Cognitive Neuroscience, Evolutionary Biology, Neuroscience, Nutrition, Psychiatry, Women's Health.
- **Biological Sciences** – Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biophysics, Biotechnology, Cell Biology, Chemical Biology, Computational Neuroscience, Developmental Biology, Endocrinology, Epigenetics, Genetics, Genomics, Immunology, Molecular Biology, Mycology, Stem Cell Biology, Virology.
- **Ecology** – Agriculture, Conservation Biology, Microbiology, Paleontology, Plant Biology.

Engineering/Pure and Applied Sciences

- **Engineering** - Bioengineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Material Science, Software Engineering.
- **Mathematics** - Applied Mathematics, Statistics.
- **Computer Science** – Theoretical Computer Science, Computer Systems, Computer Applications, Software Engineering.
- **Physics** - Astrophysics, Astronomy, Experimental Physics, Nanomaterials, Particle Physics, Plasma Physics, Quantum Physics, Theoretical Physics.
- **Earth Sciences** - Atmospheric physics, Climatology, Environmental Science Geophysics, Volcanology.
- **Chemistry** - Analytical Chemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Materials Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry.

Conditions / Restrictions

- The research project must be carried out under the auspices of an academic supervisor at a recognized Canadian institution/organization.
- Fellowship funds must be used within the academic year (12-month period).
- Fellowship funds can be used for salary, travel and conference attendance. They cannot be used to purchase laboratory equipment or supplies.
- Fellowship recipients can hold other awards concurrently.
- On completion of their fellowship, recipients must submit a reasonably detailed account of their research or a copy of their thesis by November 1, 2022.
- L'Oréal Canada retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the fellowship plan without notice.

Selection Process

The selection of fellowship recipients is made by committee. The Selection Committee includes representatives from L'Oréal Canada and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO as well as a panel of scientists.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic performance;
- Research summary:
 - considers solutions to problems confronting humankind in the 21st century;
 - promises to contribute to knowledge in the candidate's field of research and has the potential to showcase Canadian contributions to science globally;
 - is written in clear, plain language;
- Research interest/plan of study:
 - successfully demonstrates how the theoretical and practical knowledge or training that will be acquired at the host institution/organization will be beneficial to the candidate's on-going research project;
 - describes the overall research plan, including goals and methodology;
 - describes the significance, novelty and potential impact of the research in Canada and internationally;
 - is feasible with regards to time and resource limits;
- Budget;
- Community service:

- Extra-curricular activities or volunteer experience that demonstrate a commitment to supporting girls and/or women in science;
- Quality and relevance of the letters of reference.

Applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by email in July 2021. **All decisions made by the Selection Committee are final and irrevocable.**

Award acceptance

Applicants who have been selected to receive a fellowship are required to acknowledge their acceptance of the terms and conditions/restrictions of the award by completing an online form. They are also required to forward any additional documentation needed to process payment of the award, such as a social insurance number (SIN) and/or banking information. It is the responsibility of recipients to keep their contact information up-to-date through the online portal.

Fellowship recipients should be aware that L'Oréal Canada will, for the purposes of publicity and promotion, make public information such as, but not limited to, the recipients' names, photos, as well as their past and current career and research activities related to science (including place of employment and title). L'Oréal Canada will also shoot video footage of the recipients in their workplace.

Fellowship recipients will be asked to attend an official award ceremony in Ottawa in November 2021 (travel expenses for the award recipient and a guest will be paid for by L'Oréal Canada).

Payment

- Fellowship payment will be made by Universities Canada on behalf of L'Oréal Canada.
- Fellowship payment will only be made once the recipient has completed the online award acceptance process and Universities Canada has received all necessary documentation to process payment.
- Fellowship payment will consist of a one-time payment to the recipient by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) during the fall semester (September-December). **Please note that EFT payments can only be made to a Canadian bank account AND the bank account must be in the recipient's name.**
- Fellowship recipients will receive a T4A slip, for income tax purposes, from Universities Canada showing the amount of the award paid to them. The T4A slip will be accessible and downloadable from Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada's online portal. Recipients will be responsible for reporting income from this fellowship program to the Canada Revenue Agency.

How to apply

Applicants must prepare and submit their application through an online portal accessible at:
<https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>.

Applicants should be aware that they do not have to complete their application in one sitting; they can log into the online portal and add to or edit their application as many times as they like up to the point of submission.

Applicants can also view the status of their application (e.g. draft, submitted, withdrawn, etc.) in the online portal.

Applicants will be required to complete one (1) application form and upload six (6) pieces of supporting documentation (see Supporting Documentation section below for details) to complete the application process. **All documents must be submitted before April 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. EST.** It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all documents are received by the appropriate deadlines. If any of the documents are not received on time or do not meet specified requirements, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Applicants will be notified by email once they have successfully submitted their application.

Supporting Documentation

In addition to completing an online application form, all applicants must submit the following supporting documentation:

1) Confirmation of completion of doctoral degree

Please provide proof of having obtained your doctoral degree. This may include a photo of your degree, a letter confirming completion from your academic institution or other official documentation.

2) Letters of Reference

Please provide two (2) letters of reference. The first letter must come from a professor who knows you and is familiar with your work. The second must come from your academic supervisor at the institution/organization where you will be carrying out your postdoctoral fellowship. These two roles (past or current professor and academic supervisor) cannot be filled by the same person.

All reference letters must be typed, dated, and signed with an original or secured electronic signature. The persons writing the letters of reference should describe their relationship to you in the letter and include their contact information. A reference letter will only be accepted if dated within one (1) year of the supporting document deadline.

3) Proposed Project Budget

Please provide a detailed budget that indicates the resources required for your research project. The budget should clearly identify the fellowship funds and how they will be spent (e.g. salary, travel, conference attendance). Please note that the fellowship funds cannot be used to purchase laboratory equipment.

4) Transcripts

Please provide official transcripts for all university studies (undergraduate and graduate). A transcript will only be accepted if it is presented on the official letterhead of the institution AND bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution.

5) Letter of Support

Please provide a Letter of Support from the institution/organization where you plan to undertake your research. This letter must indicate the date and duration of your fellowship and state the institution/organization's willingness to provide you with access to the research facilities required by your field of specialization.



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2021 Application Guidelines

Administrator

Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) division administers the fellowship program on behalf of L'Oréal Canada. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarships programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: If any of the application requirements listed above are not met, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.