Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowship Adjudication Checklist

Applications are evaluated and selected based on the following three criteria, weighted equally:

1. **Applicant’s research excellence and leadership in the research domain**

   This criterion evaluates your demonstrated capacity for research excellence based on your track record. This is defined by the quality of your research contributions, and demonstrated capacity for leadership in the research domain. Specific indicators include:

   - Your research history
   - Impact of your activities in your research community
   - Your level of influence according to your different research programs, institutions (e.g., research, cultural), research communities (e.g., local, international) and society at large (e.g., regional, national)
   - The stage and nature of your career path

   You will use the following sources to demonstrate this:

   - CCV
   - The clarity with which you write your proposal to a multi-disciplinary committee (i.e., using non-specialist language)
   - Your description of the significance of up to 3 research contributions
   - Your description of the significance of up to 3 leadership contributions
   - Supervisor’s statement which discuss your research background and contributions
   - Justification of any special circumstances (if applicable)

2. **Quality of the applicant’s proposed research program**

   This criterion evaluates the potential of your proposed research program at the proposed institutional environment, which will position you to have significant impact in a research-intensive career. Specific indicators include:

   - Quality of proposal in terms of novelty, originality, feasibility and significance
   - Environment in which research will be conducted
   - Research respectfully involving Indigenous Peoples (if applicable)

   You will use the following sources to demonstrate this:

   - Research proposal (including SGBA+ considerations)
   - Lay abstract
   - Bibliography and citations
   - Supervisor’s Statement
3. **Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities**

This criterion evaluates the **Institutional commitment** and **demonstrated synergy** between yourself and the proposed institution’s strategic priorities. Specific indicators include:

- Institutional commitment to champion the development of your research and leadership
- **Professional development opportunities** available to you at the institution
- The Institution’s **research capacity** in the area of your proposed research program, specifically providing an intellectual stimulating environment to position you as a research leader
- The **synergy** between your research ambitions and the institution’s strategic priorities
- The institution’s potential to **benefit strategically** from engaging with you

You will use the following sources to demonstrate this:

- **Supervisor’s Statement**
  - Specifically demonstrating evidence that the institution and supervisor are **well-positioned to provide support** in the proposed research
  - Description of the supervisor’s academic and research background, specifically **key contributions and accomplishments** to date
  - Description of the fit between research interests and background of supervisor and applicant and the **mutual benefits** of working together
  - Clear statement of the institution’s **commitment** to providing personnel, funding, facilities and/or other resources to support you
  - **Any collaborations** with other communities involved in research

Please contact **Anika Mifsud** if you have any questions.