

Canadian Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellowships 2007-2008 for Citizens of the United Kingdom

As part of the **Commonwealth Scholarship Plan (CSP)**, the Government of Canada offers one-year post-doctoral fellowships tenable at recognized public Canadian universities and affiliated research institutes only.

The Canadian Commonwealth Fellowship Program (CCFP) is designed to provide research opportunities to promising recent doctoral graduates in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and engineering. Fellowships are not offered to professional artists nor to those wishing to do clinical research and training. Priority will be given to candidates who have not previously studied in Canada under a Canadian government scholarship.

The Canadian Commonwealth Fellowship Program is funded by the **Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT)**. The Canadian Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of faculty members from universities across Canada and is responsible for recommending to DFAIT post-doctoral winners. The agency responsible for financial and administrative matters is the **Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE)**.

Eligibility

- ◆ Applicants must be citizens of the United Kingdom. Anyone **who has obtained Canadian citizenship** or who has applied for permanent residency in Canada shall not be eligible for an award.
- ◆ Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. degree within the last 4 years or have completed the Ph.D. degree requirements before the beginning of the award (evidence of submission of dissertation for defence provided by the responsible department head).
- ◆ Applicants must be accepted into a post-doctoral position at a recognized public Canadian university or affiliated research institute of their choice.

Value

- ◆ Living allowance of \$2,500 CAD per month for 12 months.
- ◆ A transportation and baggage allowance of \$2,000 CAD.
- ◆ Total value of \$32,000 CAD.
- ◆ As no dependant allowance is payable, it is essential that fellows who plan to bring their family to Canada have sufficient financial resources for their support.

Terms and Conditions

- ◆ Fellowships must be of 12 months duration and are not renewable.
- ◆ Fellowships must commence no later than 30 September 2007.
- ◆ A fellow may not serve on the staff of the British High Commission, British Council or any other British representative in Canada.

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- ◆ DFAIT expects fellows to engage in full-time research. A fellow may not hold other full-time employment during any period of time in which he holds an award from the Government of Canada. The number of hours of other employment per twelve-month period is limited to 450 hours. The acceptance of other employment is subject to the approval of the research supervisor. Fellows should note that this remuneration is taxable.
- ◆ A fellow may not concurrently hold another award from DFAIT or from another Canadian federal granting agency (NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC) but may accept awards from other sources, regardless of value (e.g., foreign sources, provincial awards, private organizations, your institution, etc).

Required documentation

- ◆ Application form is available from the:
Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
c/o The Association of Commonwealth Universities
Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square
London UK W1H 9HF
www.csfp-online.org
- ◆ Copy of all degree certificates/diplomas (undergraduate and graduate)
- ◆ Research proposal - maximum 1,000 words (4 typed pages 1.5 spacing, 12 point font)
- ◆ Letter of intent outlining how the fellowship in Canada will further the applicant's career path - maximum 1,000 words (4 typed pages, as above)
- ◆ Curriculum vitae not exceeding 10 pages
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation from supervisors at the Master's and Ph.D. level. The letters should comment on the candidate's work ethic, research ability and personal attributes. The referee should comment specifically about the candidate's potential in the chosen field.
- ◆ One letter of recommendation from an employer, if applicable (related to career path). Alternatively a third academic reference can be provided.
- ◆ An official letter of invitation from a recognized public Canadian university or affiliated research institute on the institution's letterhead. The letter must clearly indicate who will supervise the work of the fellow.
- ◆ PDF files of selected publications (maximum of 3).
- ◆ Proof of U.K. citizenship.

Obligations of Fellow

- ◆ Selected fellows will be required to sign a letter of agreement in regard to the fellowship, and provide a copy of their work permit, air ticket and proof of medical insurance coverage.
- ◆ The fellow must provide the Canadian Bureau for International Education with a mid-term report six months following the beginning of the fellowship as well as a final report upon completion. Both reports must be signed by the supervisor (500-1,000 words).

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- ◆ The Government of Canada is to be acknowledged as supporting the fellow in any publications generated during the post-doctoral fellowship period or using research undertaken during the fellowship period.
- ◆ The Canadian Bureau for International Education must be advised within 7 days of any incident or mishap, professional or personal, that would impede the completion of the post-doctoral position in which the fellow is involved.

Insurance

Neither the Government of Canada nor CBIE can assume liability for accidents, illnesses, or losses that may occur during the tenure of an award. Fellows are responsible for ensuring that they have appropriate insurance coverage and should consult their host university or institute for any assistance needed. Proof of insurance coverage should be forwarded to CBIE.