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The objective of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program is to attract and retain top-tier national and international postdoctoral talent, 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. Your willingness to act as a referee by providing a letter outlining the candidate's contribution to the profession and stature in the field is invaluable.

The letters of recommendation from referees are very influential in the Banting selection committee's consideration of the candidates, and we appreciate you taking the time to provide a letter. The process is as follows:

1) Once the candidate enters your name and contact information into ResearchNet (the online Banting application system), you will be sent an email request. This email will provide you with a secure link on ResearchNet where you are invited to complete and submit your letter online. This letter must be written in either English or French.

In accordance with Banting regulations, your letter should address the following; refer to the [Banting Information for referees](#) for complete details:

- Assessment of the Applicant's research excellence and demonstrated leadership (4500 characters max.)
- Assessment of Merit of the proposed research (4500 characters max.)
- Assessment of suitability of the proposed research environment from your perspective (4500 characters max.)

We also recommend that the following points be addressed in your letter:

- Your direct knowledge of the candidate and his/her/their work
- The originality, significance and impact of the candidate's research career
- The national and international reputation of the candidate
- How the candidate has achieved distinction in their position/field
- Other relevant information that indicates substantial contributions to their field by the candidate

2) Limiting Unconscious Bias: You must review the [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) page before beginning the review of an application.

3) We ask that you submit your letter **by the deadline noted on the ResearchNet online referee assessment page**. The deadline is inputted by the candidate; please contact them if you have any questions about the deadline. Please note that the candidate's application is not complete until all the reference letters have been submitted on ResearchNet.

For complete details, please see Task 8 of the [Application guide](#) and the [Banting Information for referees](#) page.

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference letter for a 2024-2025 Banting PDF candidate.

If you have questions regarding the University of Alberta's nomination process for the Banting competition, please contact grad.awards@ualberta.ca.