



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
GUIDE FOR REFEREES FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE
2021 BANTING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS
COMPETITION

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 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. **The letters of recommendation from referees are very influential in the Banting selection committee's consideration of the candidates, and we appreciate your taking the time to provide a letter.**

Once the applicant 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. We would ask that you submit your letter **by the deadline noted on the ResearchNet online referee assessment page.** Please note that the application is not complete until all the reference letters have been submitted on ResearchNet.

In accordance with Banting regulations, your letter should address the following:

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 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

For more information, please see Task 8 of the [Application guide](#) or the [Banting Information for referees page](#)

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference letter for a 2021 Banting PDF applicant.

For further information, please contact bantingpdf@ualberta.ca