

Objective

The fellowships are being given to enhance the role of women in devising scientific solutions to problems confronting humankind in the 21st century.

The purpose of this program is to support major research projects undertaken by Canadian women scientists at the post-doctoral level in Canada.

International Rising Talents Fellowship program:

L'Oréal Canada is pleased to announce that if you are a successful recipient of the 2019 L'Oréal Canada For Women in Science Research Excellence Fellowships, you will have a 1 out of 2 chances of having your application referred to apply for the "L'Oréal-UNESCO International Rising Talents" Fellowship, worth 15 000 euros. Fifteen grants will be given per year, covering each of the five UNESCO regions: Africa & Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America. If you are successful in receiving the International Rising Talents Fellowship, you will be asked to participate at the International Awarding ceremony held in Paris in March 2020, for an entire week (travel expenses will be paid for by L'Oréal Canada), where you will be filmed, interviewed and awarded this fellowship. Upon notification, applicants must submit their own application electronically through the online platform: www.fwis.fr.

Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

Up to 2 post-doctoral fellowships will be awarded. These fellowships are valued at \$20,000 CAD, tenable for one academic year.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be:

- female Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- starting or currently enrolled in research at the post-doctoral level.

Eligible institutions:

- Candidates for this fellowship program must conduct their research at a Canadian host institution/organization.

Field of Study/Program Requirements

For the 2019-2020 competition, fellowships are being offered for research in the field of Life Sciences and the Engineering/Pure and Applied Sciences.

Conditions / Restrictions

- Research must be carried out under the auspices of an academic supervisor in a host institution/organization.
- The duration of the proposed study/research must be of a maximum of 12 months.
- The fellowships should not be used to purchase laboratory equipment, but rather for salary support, travel, conference attendance, etc.
- On completion of this fellowship, one copy of a thesis or reasonably detailed account of the research undertaken must be submitted to Universities Canada by November 1st, who will in turn forward it to L'Oréal Canada. Publications, papers, theses or unpublished conference presentations submitted must include an executive summary of at least one paragraph but no greater than two pages.
- There are no restrictions to the number of awards a successful applicant may hold.
- 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.

Administrator

Scholarship Partners Canada, a division of Universities Canada, 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.

L'Oréal Canada retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the fellowship plan without notice.

Selection Process

The selection of winners is made by a panel of scientists, including representatives from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and L'Oréal Canada. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic performance;
- Research proposal:
 - successfully demonstrates how the theoretical and practical knowledge or training acquired at the host institution/organization would be beneficial to the candidate's on-going research project;
 - describes the overall research plan, including methodology, and the significance, novelty and potential impact of the research;
 - respects the maximum 2 pages in length;
- Research project:
 - is well-planned and demonstrates innovation, imagination and relevance;
 - considers scientific 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 promote Canadian science in Canada and internationally;
- Research summary is written in clear plain language and is no longer than one half-page;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters.

All applicants will receive confirmation by email of the results of the selection process, once available.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their fellowship in June. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward any required documentation such as a proof of registration or a letter from the host institution/organization they will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through the online portal.

Should candidates win this fellowship, please note that L'Oréal Canada will, for the purposes of publicity and promotion, make public such information including, but not limited to, the recipient's name, their past and current career and research activities related to science, including place of employment and title, along with a picture

and video footage of the recipient in her workplace; their current educational institution, the university or institution where they intend to study and the course of study funded by the fellowship, as well as the amount of the fellowship.

Successful candidates will be asked to attend an awarding ceremony in Ottawa in November 2019. Travel expenses for the candidate and a guest will be paid for by L'Oréal Canada.

Payment

- Scholarship payment(s) will only be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process and review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation by Universities Canada.
- Universities Canada will forward a one-time payment to the recipient on behalf of L'Oréal Canada.
- Recipients will receive a T4A slip, for income tax purposes, from Universities Canada showing the full amount of the fellowship paid to them during a calendar year. Successful recipients of this fellowship will be responsible to report income from this fellowship as required by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Application Process

Online Application:

1. Submit an online application by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>
2. Applicants must complete the application process as instructed online.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted. The status of documents can be found in the online portal.
4. An application must be submitted to Universities Canada no later than the application deadline of **MARCH 22, 2019**.
5. All supporting documentation must be received by **APRIL 5, 2019** and can be sent as described in the Supporting Documentation section.
6. Your application will be acknowledged in writing once it has been received and processed by Universities Canada. To ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca> to review your scholarship application information. To access your account, you will require your login information, which will be provided in your acknowledgement email.
7. Account maintenance will be conducted online.

Supporting Documentation

As part of this application, the supporting documentation described below is required. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. Supporting documents must be received by Universities Canada on or before 2019-04-05.

Documents may be uploaded through submitting an online application or sent directly to the address below.

Confirmation of completion of PhD

Please provide proof of having obtained your Ph.D. This may include a photo of your degree, a letter confirming completion from your university or other official documentation.

Letters of Reference

All letters must be dated, typewritten on letterhead, signed with an original non-electronic signature and include the reference's contact information. If possible, the person writing the letter of reference should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter. Reference letters must be dated within one (1) year of the supporting document deadline.

Two letters of reference are required to support your application and must come from two different individuals who are not related to the applicant. The first letter must come from a professor who knows you and is familiar with your work. The second should come from a sponsor at the institution that will host your postdoctoral fellowship.

To assist you in the preparation of this letter, please refer to the [guidelines for referees](#).

Proposed Project Budget

Please provide a detailed budget estimate that indicates the resources required for your project. The amount should not exceed \$20,000 CAD.

Transcript

Please provide an official transcript of all university results (graduate and undergraduate). A transcript will only be considered acceptable if it is presented on the official paper of the institution AND it bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution.



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2019 Program Guidelines

Transcripts may be uploaded to the online application, however an original copy may be requested at any time, in order to verify its authenticity.

Letter of Acceptance

Provide a letter of acceptance from the host academic institution/laboratory where you plan to undertake your research. This letter must indicate the date and duration of the fellowship, and the host institution/organization's willingness to provide the relevant training facilities required by the candidate in the chosen field of specialization.

Contact Us

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PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, your application will be considered incomplete.