

# **Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

## **The Courtois Institute of Biomedical Innovation, Faculty of Medicine, UdeM 2026**

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the program are to:

- To attract and retain best postdoctoral researchers from around the world and/or currently at the Université de Montréal (UdeM), who are future leaders in fields and topics related to the strategic priorities of the Courtois Institute for Biomedical Innovation (CI2B) of the Faculty of Medicine, UdeM;
- Foster the development of cutting-edge collaborative and applied research projects;
- Offer an immersive experience in the UdeM ecosystem.

### **Funding Description**

#### **Amount and Duration**

The annual amount allocated includes the full salary of the postdoctoral fellow according to the principles established by the Université de Montréal. This includes:

- Up to \$63,819 (plus benefits) salary/year for the person funded by the CI<sup>2</sup>B.
- The research laboratory is committed to covering the costs related to benefits;
- A \$20,000 research allocation distributed in two installments (\$5,000 at the beginning of year one, \$15,000 at the beginning of year two);

The total duration of the scholarship is a maximum of 2 years.

This scholarship cannot be combined with another nominative scholarship from a granting agency to exceed the maximum amount of the scholarship (e.g. NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR).

Applicants from countries eligible for Canada's official development assistance may, upon request, be reimbursed for their relocation expenses to Quebec according to the rules of this program.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **For the postdoctoral candidate:**

The candidate:

- Obtained their doctorate (PhD) less than three years before the start of funding; or plans to obtain their doctorate by the start of funding; and
- Is registered as a postdoctoral fellow under the supervision of a CI<sup>2</sup>B research professor at the Université de Montréal at the start of the funding period. [Affiliated schools and research centers](#) as a primary affiliation are not eligible; and
- Obtained written support from a CI<sup>2</sup>B member (to be included with the application) to conduct a 2-year scientific project;
- Must maintain their postdoctoral fellow status for the duration of the funding (2 years).

Applications from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

**Targeted groups:**

- Women;
- Aboriginal peoples, i.e. First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada;
- Visible minorities, i.e. persons other than Aboriginal people, who are not white;
- Ethnic minorities, i.e. persons other than Aboriginal people and persons of a visible minority, whose mother tongue is neither French nor English;
- Persons with visible and invisible disabilities

**For the potential supervisor:**

The supervisor must:

- Be a regular member of the Faculty of Medicine and the CI<sup>2</sup>B
- Must hold one of the following eligible positions: Professor (including sub-grant) at the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor;
- Shall not be or have been the supervisor or co-supervisor of the candidate's thesis.

**Application Process**

Candidates must submit their complete application to [postdoc@CIB.umontreal.ca](mailto:postdoc@CIB.umontreal.ca).

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The application file must include:

1. **The application form**, available on our website;
2. **A non-scientific abstract**. Please provide a summary of your research project in clear and simple language (maximum 200 words).
3. **A description of your potential project** (maximum 3 pages; references may be listed on an additional page). Provide a detailed description of the proposed research, including the following:
  - the objectives of the proposed research program,
  - the research questions or hypotheses,
  - the place of the proposed research in relation to current knowledge in the field,
  - an explanation of the originality and potential importance of the proposed research,
  - the methodology (including timelines) and the reasons for its selection,
  - an outline of the collaboration plans,
  - the contribution the research will make to the advancement of knowledge;
4. **A cover letter** (maximum 2 pages) explaining your intended career path and the relevance of the postdoctoral fellowship in this context;
5. **Canadian Common CV** in CIHR academic format;
6. **Official doctoral transcripts** (please explain the grading scale if your university is not Canadian);
7. At least two **letters of recommendation**;
8. You **must** also include a **letter of support** from an eligible supervisor, if they have already agreed to support your application.

Applications may be submitted in English or French.

Further details, including a list of eligible potential supervisors and projects of interest, are available on our website.

## Evaluation Process

Applications will be evaluated by a CI<sup>2</sup>B committee to ensure they meet the program's eligibility criteria;

The evaluation committee will be multidisciplinary and comply with EDI principles (e.g., unconscious bias toolkit);

The evaluation committee will rank applications based on the excellence of the candidates and the alignment with [faculty priorities](#).

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applications:

- The candidate's contributions to research (scientific impact, quality of research, previous funding, etc.);
- Academic excellence and quality of the doctoral thesis;
- Depth and breadth of the candidate's experience (multidisciplinary and professional experience, extra-academic activities, collaborations, contributions to the scientific community and society, etc.);
- Relevance and alignment of the candidate's experience with the proposed project and the intended career profile.

The evaluation committee will take into consideration any special circumstances that may have affected the research, professional career, academic achievements or obtaining diplomas for the candidates.

The evaluation committee will rank the candidates according to a grid provided by the CI<sup>2</sup>B and make recommendations for funding.

## Schedule

- Competition opening: **May 2026**
- Deadline for submitting applications: **August 2026**
- Expected date for sending results: **September 2026**
- Funding start date: **September 2026 to March 2027**