

PRESS RELEASE

New Fellowship Program
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The renewed 2026 Fellowship Program attracts 77 outstanding applicants from across Canada.

The nomination period for the 2026 Fellowship Program is now closed. At the end of the process, 77 high-quality applications were submitted by the candidates' home universities.

The Foundation is delighted by this remarkable level of engagement and the exceptional number of applications received from across Canada. Following a rigorous review and consultation process, the renewed 2026 Fellowship Program reaffirms the importance of this award, which represents both recognition of the Fellows' outstanding academic achievements and a promise of future transformative contributions.

The renewed Fellowship program is a central tool in the Foundation's 2025–2028 strategic plan and mission to support academic excellence, societal engagement, and increased intellectual influence.

The Foundation nominates up to four (4) Fellows per year, chosen among Full professors or near the rank of Full Professor at Canadian universities, for an active term of three (3) years.

The Fellowship is of a total value of up to \$300,000 per Fellow:

- \$70,000 as prize;
- \$50,000 as research grant;
- Up to \$100,000 as possible additional research grant;
- Up to one (1) year of teaching buy-out, with \$80,000 in compensation paid to the university.

A selection committee will determine a limited number of short-listed candidates who will be invited for an in-person interview in Montréal, QC, held in February. Only candidates invited for an interview will be informed. Following the interview, the selection committee will make a final selection which will be approved by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Successful candidates will usually be informed by the end of April.