



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE - Success rate and funding amount in Banting postdoctoral fellowships*

*All data are compiled as for Applications' Dates per fiscal year (April 1st - March 31st)

	2010-2011 UBC - V + O					2011-2012 UBC - V + O					2012-2013 UBC - V + O				
	# UBC Applicants	# UBC Nominees	# UBC Awards	UBC Success Rates	National Success Rates	# UBC Applicants	# UBC Nominees	# UBC Awards	UBC Success Rates	National Success Rates	# UBC Applicants	# UBC Nominees	# UBC Awards *	UBC Success Rates*	National Success Rates**
CIHR	23	23	1	4%	9%	19	9	2	22%	12%	22	6	3	50%	N/A
NSERC	17	17	1	6%	8%	28	13	1	8%	12%	23	6	2	33%	N/A
SSHRC	8	8	1	13%	21%	13	7	4	57%	25%	12	6	2	33%	N/A
Total	48	48	3	6%	11%	60	29	7	24%	15%	57	18	7	39%	N/A

* In 2012-2013, the number of UBC awards is unofficial. Fellows received notification on April 1, 2013, but the formal government announcement is not expected until mid-August.

** National Success Rates are not available (N/A). Banting is expected to announce the 2012-13 results in mid-August.

Source: "SPARC/Banting Fellowship Program/Statistics/Competition & Institution Statistics - 2010 onward" spreadsheet.

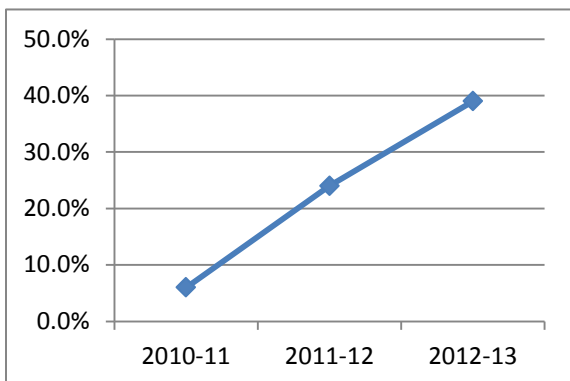
Benchmark (comparable metrics from sister universities)

Selected 5 Institutions	2010-2011 UBC - V + O					2011-2012 UBC - V + O					2012-2013 UBC - V + O ***				
	# CIHR Awards	# NSERC Awards	# SSHRC Awards	Total # Awards	% National Market Share	# CIHR Awards	# NSERC Awards	# SSHRC Awards	Total # Awards	% National Market Share	# CIHR Awards	# NSERC Awards	# SSHRC Awards	Total # Awards	% National Market Share
UBC	1	1	1	3	4%	2	1	4	7	10%	3	2	2	7	TBA
U Toronto	3	4	2	9	13%	2	4	1	7	10%	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
McGill	3	2	4	9	13%	0	3	1	4	5%	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
U Montreal	2	0	2	4	6%	2	0	2	4	5%	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
U Alberta	1	0	3	4	6%	2	2	0	4	5%	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Total	23	21	25	69	100%	24	26	24	74	100%	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	100%

*** 2012-2013 award and market share details will not be available until mid-August, 2013.

Note: Institutional success rates are not available because # of institutional submissions is unknown.

Source: "SPARC/Banting Fellowship Program/Statistics/Competition & Institution Statistics - 2010 onward" spreadsheet.



3-Year Trend UBC Banting Success Rate

Note: Success rates are contingent on different numbers of UBC Nominees being submitted each year of the competition (see above Table)

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Description

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Program was launched in 2010 as a strategic federal tool to help Canada build world-class research capacity by recruiting top-tier postdoctoral trainees at an internationally competitive level of funding. Seventy awards, shared amongst the Tri-Councils, are granted annually with each award valued at \$70,000 per year for 2 years.

For the past three years, the new competition has been launched in early to mid-August with a November 1st full application deadline. Once again this year, informal results were released to the institutions at the beginning of April, but the national results are not expected to be formally announced until August.

Person with lead responsibility for this metric: Associate VP Research, VPRI Office
Data collection will be from: Postdoctoral Fellows Office (PDFO), beginning in 2013/14; in the previous year, Internal Review Officer - CIHR, SPARC
Date: Unofficial results available at the beginning of April with the official competition announcement in mid-August every year to-date. Note, competition updates may occur post-announcement.

Explanation of Results

For the inaugural 2010-11 Banting competition, UBC did not have an internal selection process in place. UBC's performance was poor with only three awards (one per Tri-Council) and a success rate of 6.3%. McGill and University of Toronto received approximately three times as many awards as UBC.

For the 2011-12 Banting competition, UBC implemented an internal selection process and set a nomination quota (10 per Tri-Council, up to a maximum of 30 applications). UBC received 7 Banting Fellowships (2 CIHR; 1 NSERC; 4 SSHRC) resulting in a 24% success rate. Also, the University of Toronto received 7 fellowships; whereas, no other institution in Canada received more than 4 fellowship awards.

SPARC managed UBC's 2012-13 Banting competition, including recommending a reduction in the nomination quota of 6 applications per Tri-Council, up to a maximum of 18. SPARC supported development of all 4 institutional documents. Unofficially, UBC has been awarded 7 Banting Fellowships (3 CIHR; 2 NSERC; 2 SSHRC) resulting in a 39% success rate. In mid to late August, the agencies will release the results of the other institutions.

For the upcoming 2013-14 competition, SPARC is passing management of the Banting competition over to the Postdoctoral Fellows Office (PDFO). Resources (e.g., templates, spreadsheets, correspondence) have been provided to the PDFO, along with training, assistance in hosting workshops and consultation on the process.

Recommended Action

Continue to utilize an internal selection process and maintain the current nomination quota. Process management will be provided by the PDFO and SPARC will continue to provide support for the institutional Synergy letter. In addition, the PDFO may approach current Banting Fellows and/or supervisors as possible resources.