

Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship 2025

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Description

Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellows are leading researchers whose superior, ground-breaking, best-in-class research stands to have significant impact on a national or global scale. A Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellow embodies one or more of the Killam attributes:

- Inclusive collaborator
- Barrier breaker
- Research leader

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship may support a specific collaborative project, a knowledge exchange initiative, a novel multidisciplinary collaboration or other scholarly pursuit that advances knowledge.

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship provides support to a distinguished scholar, granting them time to pursue a novel project in collaboration with an NRC researcher, leveraging NRC facilities. The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships encourage collaboration using a co-Principal Investigator (co-PI) model. The co-PI model encourages the Fellow and the NRC researcher to collaborate on a project for up to one year. Submissions to the program must propose one co-PI (the Fellow) employed outside of the NRC, and one co-PI (NRC co-PI) employed by the NRC. Proposed projects must demonstrate alignment with one or more [NRC Challenge Programs](#) and may be technical, based on knowledge exchange or exploratory. Applicants submit their collaborative proposal jointly by email.

This funding opportunity covers release time and expenses for Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellows. Grant payments are made to the Fellow's institution.

Eligibility

There are no restrictions on the nature of the proposed project. Projects could be technical, based on knowledge exchange or exploratory, so long as they align with approved activities per the [terms and conditions of NRC Challenge Program funding](#). Proposals are co-defined by the NRC co-PI and the Fellow.

To be eligible, Fellowship applicants must:

- be willing and able to travel to an NRC location or locations in Canada to collaborate with an NRC co-PI as required;
- obtain a reliability status personnel security clearance;
- demonstrate commitment to building Canada's future and alignment with Killam attributes;
- agree to participate in community engagement and knowledge mobilization activities. This may include: participation in the Killam Laureate Network, participation in a Fellows lecture series and invited lectures and/or participation in dissemination activities with relevant University departments or with other organizations or appropriate scientific societies.
- demonstrate commitment to knowledge exchange with their NRC co-PI;
- be a mid-to-late career researcher, although researchers at earlier career stages may be considered in some cases;
- receive release time to conduct the proposed research, and continue to be employed by the same institution for up to 12 months from the start of the Fellowship; and
- consent to disclose any information that may constitute a significant departure from generally-recognized standards of public behaviour and which is seen to undermine the public reputation of the National Killam Program.

To be eligible, the NRC co-PI must:

- be employed by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) at any stage of career;
- hold a reliability status personnel security clearance at the NRC;
- demonstrate commitment to building Canada's future and alignment with Killam attributes;
- demonstrate commitment to collaborate with the Fellow at one or more NRC sites as required for the project;
- receive release time to conduct the proposed research from the NRC, and continue to be employed by the same institution for up to 12 months from the start of the Fellowship;
- demonstrate commitment to knowledge exchange with the Fellow;
- agree to participate in community engagement and knowledge mobilization activities which may require travel; and,
- consent to disclose any information that may constitute a significant departure from generally-recognized standards of public behaviour and is seen to undermine the public reputation of the National Killam Program.

If you are a Fellowship candidate and need help connecting with an NRC investigator, complete an [Expression of Interest form](#) from the Killam Program website and email this form to KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca. More information can be found on the [Killam Program website](#).

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The program will award up to three (3) fellowships each year, and each fellowship project must align with an [NRC challenge program](#).

Fellowships are valued at \$100,000 CAD per year in the form of a grant that is paid to the institution of each Fellow to cover release time. An additional grant of up to \$50,000 CAD is available to accommodate travel and knowledge dissemination costs of the Fellow, based on budget estimates provided in the proposal. Further breakdown of this funding can be found on the [Killam Program website](#).

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Thursday, June 5, 2025 - 11:59pm	Complete nominations should be sent to KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca . The nominee should submit a complete nomination and OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

How to Apply

The Fellowship is based on a co-PI model, which requires all submissions to propose one co-PI (the Fellow) employed outside of the NRC, and one co-PI employed by the NRC. If you are a Fellowship candidate and need help connecting with an NRC investigator, further information can be found on the [Killam Program Website](#).

Proof of eligibility via attestations from each co-applicant, as well as their respective institutions, must be provided to demonstrate that the co-applicants (proposed Fellow and NRC co-PI) meet the eligibility requirement of institutional employment for up to 12 months from the start of the fellowship.

Applicants must submit the online application form, attestation forms and all required documents by the external deadline. Please also submit a complete nomination and OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

For More Information

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Further information can be found on the [Killam Program website](#) or by contacting KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca or ailsakay@uoguelph.ca.

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