



# **National Killam Program** Application user guide Application Guide for Dorothy Killam Fellowships

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## 1. Purpose of This Guide

This guide provides information on how to apply for a Dorothy Killam Fellowship on the following website: National Killam Program · Portal.

Please note that the intended audience for this guide is the main applicant. In the case of the Dorothy Killam Fellowship, the main applicant is the researcher applying for the award.

If you need help logging into or creating an account, please refer to the Killam portal user guide.

To request this content in a different format, please contact the National Killam Program Office at KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

### 2. About the National Killam Program

#### Vision

Dorothy Killam cared about the future. She had a vision of "building Canada's future through advanced study". Through her Will, Dorothy Killam established a perpetual trust to realize that vision. The trust funds generations of scholars in Canada with the goal to increase research attainments and promote sympathetic understanding between Canadians and the peoples of other countries. The National Killam Program endeavors to uphold the vision of Dorothy Killam, strengthen the research ecosystem broadly, and improve the lives of Canadians through research advancements.

#### Mission

The mission of the National Killam Program is to support novel and diverse research fields, and to ensure that Killam Laureates are reflective of Canada's diversity.

#### Attributes

Fellows and Laureates conduct research that is superior, ground-breaking, and stands to positively improve the lives of Canadians, but they are not one-sided people. They are leading researchers who demonstrate a special distinction of intellect and contribute to the advancement of learning, and reflect Killam attributes.

**Inclusive Collaborator** - whose work exemplifies inclusion and understanding of people, cultures and needs with participation among all economic, social and cultural backgrounds.

**Barrier Breaker** - whose original, transformational, future-focused generation of knowledge and technology stands to change the way we live.

**Research Leader** - who activates thoughtful cooperation among scholars, disciplines, and institutions.

#### 3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement

Inclusive excellence affirms that excellence is not attainable without inclusion. It recognizes the relationship between diversity and quality of research, and upholds equitable participation in Canada's research mission. In order to achieve research excellence, we must address systemic barriers that limit the full participation of Canadian talent. The National Killam Program's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (EDI Action Plan) outlines our commitment to taking specific actions to achieve equitable and inclusive access to programming.

#### 4. Roles – Participants in the Dorothy Killam Fellowship application process

The following are involved in the Dorothy Killam Fellowships:

**Applicant –** The researcher applying for a Dorothy Killam Fellowship. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all attestations, including institutional attestation, and all documents are uploaded prior to submission including two (2) letters of support from referees.

**Institutional contact** – Awards administrators from supporting institutions may view Dorothy Killam Fellowship applications that originate from their institutions, and may upload some documents (CV and letters of support) on the applicant's behalf. Institutional contacts are required to provide institutional attestation as proof of eligibility (See <u>Terms & Conditions</u>).

**Referee** – Referees are identified by the applicant and invited to provide letters of support either through the institutional contact or the applicant, directly to the National Killam Program Office, or through the application portal.

#### 5. About the Selection Process

The National Killam Program engages external peer reviewers who are experts in their fields to provide consistent, fair and high quality reviews using the scoring rubric for Dorothy Killam Fellowship applications.

Following Peer Review, the Selection Committee evaluates applications based on their merit, compared with each other and in a national context to make decisions on winners.

Fellowships are offered to candidates considered outstanding by the Committee. Where a number of candidates are considered outstanding, and the assessments are not meaningfully different from each other, the Selection Committee will consider cohort factors that will contribute to a diverse and representative group. The following points will figure prominently in the review and selection of the candidates considered for the Dorothy Killam Fellowships:

Criteria	Description	Weight
Significance	<ul> <li>The application clearly states the significance and the importance of the proposed research toward <i>building Canada's future through advanced study</i> as well as strong evidence of one or more of the Killam attributes.</li> <li><u>Inclusive collaborator</u> - whose work exemplifies inclusion and understanding of people, cultures and needs with participation among all economic, social and cultural backgrounds</li> <li><u>Barrier breaker</u> - whose original, transformational, future-focused generation of knowledge and technology stands to change the way we live</li> <li><u>Research leader</u> - who activates thoughtful cooperation among scholars, disciplines and institutions to create a multiplier effect within the research ecosystem</li> </ul>	25%
Advancement of knowledge	Details on the proposed research, how it advances knowledge in the field and the applicant's knowledge mobilization strategy.	25%
Methods	Sound research methods including a description of the approach, hypothesis and statement of problem and a commitment to ethical research conduct including honest and thoughtful inquiry, rigorous analysis, commitment to safety and research ethics, to the dissemination of research results, and adherence to professional standards.	25%
Relevance	Relevance of the research, immediate as well as long term outcomes, and clear and compelling evidence of how the research stands to have a positive impact on Canada.	25%

### 6. Application Guide - Dorothy Killam Fellowships

The main user for the Dorothy Killam Fellowship is the applicant.

**Note**: Institutional support for all applications is required because the funding is payable to the researcher's employer (e.g. university, research institution) and the employer must commit to providing release time to the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with their senior administration and/or awards office early in the application process. Often, universities and other research institutions have awards teams who are responsible for internal vetting and submission of applications. Check with your institution's awards office or research office to secure an attestation from your organization.

You may wish to save a copy of this guide, which is available without creating an account on the portal, as a reference as you gather materials for your application.

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If you have any questions not covered in this guide, contact the <u>National Killam Program Office</u> for assistance.