

Dear Faculty,

The Ministry of Research and Innovation has awarded Western four Post-Doctoral Fellowships. The purpose of the Post Doctoral Fellowship Program (PDF) is to recruit and retain outstanding young scientists to spend two years as post-doctoral fellows in Ontario research institutions and support these PDFs through a provincial network. This program was announced in the 2006 Budget.

According to the program guidelines, each PDF will receive \$50,000 annually for two years. Of that total, \$25,000 will be provided from the Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI).

Please note that the remaining \$25,000 will be provided by the supervisor's grant or other external grant funds. Matching funding may come from any source, excluding other Ontario government sources or programs, to match the Ontario contribution.

Attached are the following documents:

1. the Project Description - Program Guidelines
2. an application form, which should also include
 - a) a CV in free format
 - b) three original signed letters of reference
3. Details concerning the Selection Process

All application materials must be submitted to the Social Science Dean's office by **May 18, 2009**.

The PDF must commence before December 31, 2009.

Best,
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