

# **Purdy Crawford/TD Bank Postdoctoral Fellowship in Accessibility**

## **2025 Call for Nominations**

The Purdy Crawford/TD Bank Postdoctoral Fellowship in Accessibility will support the first of UNB's "new breed" of postdoctoral fellows – researchers who have completed a PhD and are committed to finding solutions to societal problems that will have immediate impact and rapid implementation. The candidate to receive this two-year fellowship, which is awarded competitively on a biannual basis (valued at \$40,000/year), will help ensure that the people of New Brunswick – especially its more vulnerable populations – have access to the education, health care and other programs and services that will enable them to reach their full potential within their communities. Their fresh ideas and new research possibilities will influence policy by producing evidence and evaluation for government and other sectors.

This award is open to both domestic and international candidates who are within 5 years receipt of their PhD. The successful candidate will begin their fellowship no later than **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

### **Application packages must include:**

- A supervisor's statement – this document will identify the UNB researcher who will supervise the successful candidate. It will include information regarding the supervisor's academic and research background and key contributions/accomplishments. (maximum one page)
- A memo from the proposed supervisor acknowledging that they are responsible to contribute to the Postdoc's salary in order to meet the UNB /PSAC PDF Collective Agreement's minimum salary requirement (which is \$41,000 as of May 1, 2025) and any future increases that may be mandated by subsequent collective agreements. Supervisors must also cover all fringe benefits charges which are currently set at 15% of the total salary (\$41,000 x 15% = \$6,150 annually)
- A current version of the applicant's CV (maximum 5 pages)
- A research proposal aimed at addressing the focus of this award (maximum 5 pages)
- Two letters of reference (one of which must be written by someone external to UNB)
- Memos of acknowledgement/support from both the Chair (if applicable) and Dean of the department/faculty of the identified supervisor (maximum one page per memo)

### **Formatting instructions:**

- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" with a minimum margin of ½ inch around the page
- Text can be either single- or double-spaced with a minimum font size of 12 (Arial or Times New Roman)
- For multi-page attachments, number the pages sequentially

### **Deadlines:**

**Deadline from the proposed Supervisor to the Faculty Dean: June 30, 2025 (by 4:00 pm AST)**

**Deadline from the Deans to the Office of the VP (Research): July 18, 2025, (by 4:00 pm AST)\***

\* In addition to including a memo for each nomination, Deans must also rank all nominations prior to forwarding them to the Office of the VP (Research).

The Office of the Vice-President (Research) at UNB, with input from a selection committee, will closely review the applications to ensure the applicant of the highest quality is chosen for this award.

Please submit applications **electronically** to the attention of:

Renee Audet-Martel, Manager  
Office of the Vice-President (Research)  
E-mail: [postdoc@unb.ca](mailto:postdoc@unb.ca)

