Postdoc Entrepreneur Fellowship: Application Guide

**Your Information**

1. Full name
2. Department & Faculty
3. Email address
4. Full name and Department of the prospective faculty supervisor supporting your application

**Eligibility**

1. Have you obtained a Ph.D. or M.D. within the last two years?
2. Are you currently registered as a postdoctoral fellow at McMaster University **OR** do you have support from the prospective faculty supervisor mentioned above to potentially register as one, commencing in Winter 2025? If not, please explain your scenario.
3. Have you discussed this application with the prospective faculty supervisor mentioned above, and are they supportive of you working on this commercialization project on a full-time basis?
4. If applicable, has your faculty supervisor agreed to fund and provide access to the necessary research-related resources (e.g. lab space, consumables, equipment access, etc.) that you will need to conduct your project?
5. Have you worked for at least one year on the research project being commercialized? **Please note:** Your invention must be disclosed to MILO prior to submitting this application.

**Potential for commercialization of McMaster IP**

1. Provide a detailed overview of the problem or challenge your research is targeting. (200 words).
2. Provide a detailed overview of your proposed technology/solution. How does the proposed solution solve the problem/challenge outlined above? Include information on the market need and potential users/consumers (200 words).
3. Highlight the distinctive advantages of your proposed technology/solution in comparison to current practices, solutions, and/or technologies (100 words).
4. List the invention disclosure(s) or intellectual property currently filed by MILO that are directly related to the proposed project (100 words).

**Preparedness of the applicant for venture creation**

1. Discuss the role you have played in developing the technology/solution (100 words).
2. Discuss any past training or experience you have in entrepreneurship and commercialization, including any **relevant** courses, training, jobs (volunteer or paid), or other hands-on experience (150 words).

**Commitment to building a career in venture creation**

1. What is your plan for commercializing the proposed project within the next year, including generating data and creating prototypes; developing and implementing strategies for strengthening customer engagement, go-to-market planning, revenue generation, IP portfolio, regulatory pathways (as applicable), team building and fundraising? Indicate the timeline for any future milestones you seek to achieve (300 words).
2. What is your career plan for the next five years, i.e. where do you see yourself in five years and what will you do to get there (100 words)?

**Impact of the fellowship on the success of the venture**

1. Discuss how this fellowship will be transformative to the success of your venture. In other words, how will the time and support provided by this fellowship allow you to focus on achieving your specific commercialization goals (150 words)?

**Ready to submit an application?** Please submit your application here: <https://forms.office.com/r/9KmbJKKB7Q>

Applications are due on **September 30, 2024**.