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# Health Policy Fellowship

Competition Guidelines – 2017-B Intake

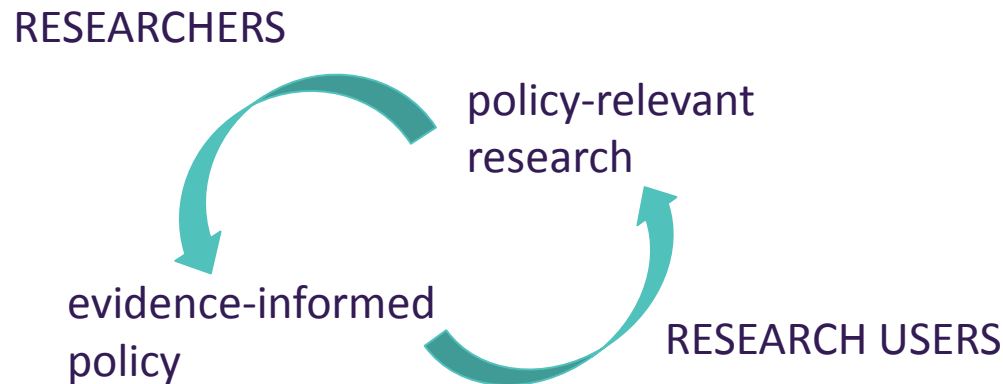
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# Purpose of the Program

“To foster positive and constructive exchanges between health researchers and health system decision-makers to bridge the gap between the worlds of academic research and health policy”



# Objectives

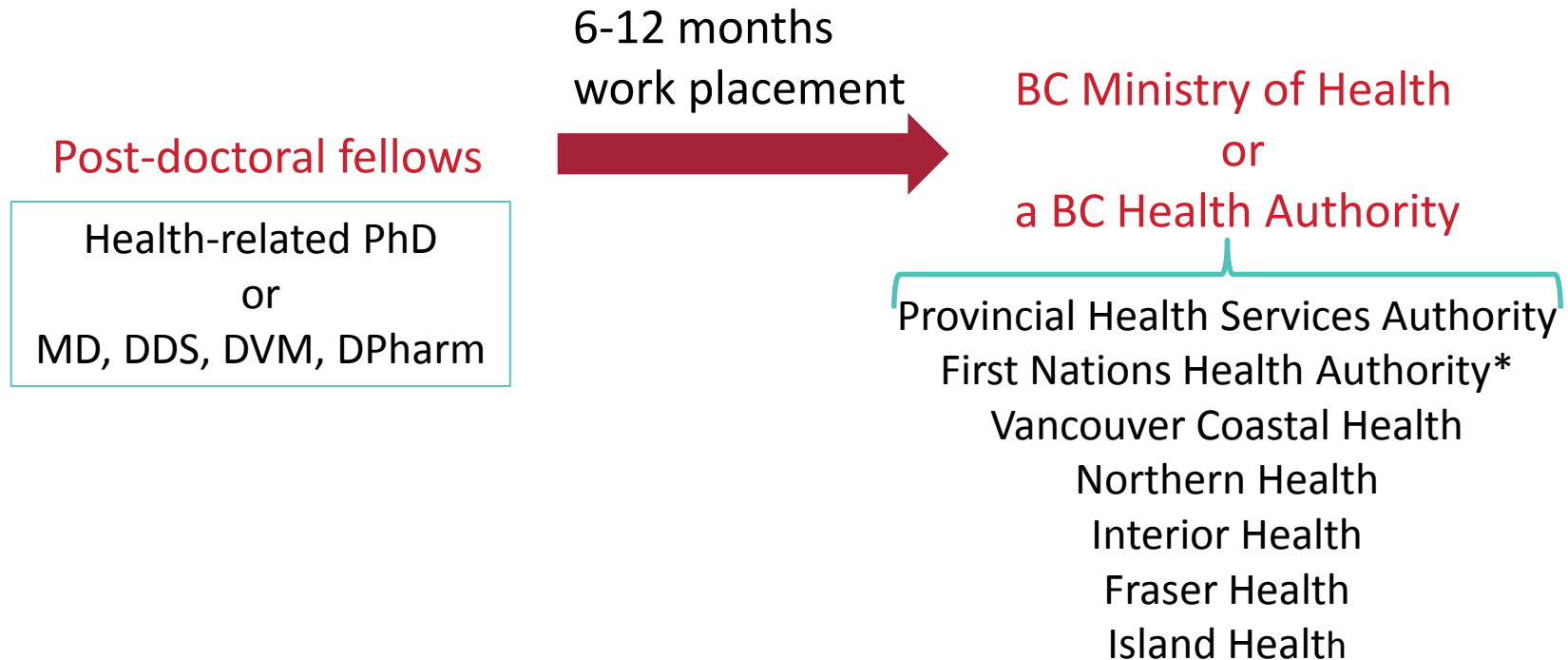
The health policy fellowship provides highly qualified candidates at the post-doctoral level with a unique training opportunity to learn about and participate in the health policy-making process at the provincial government or health authority level.

## Specific Objectives:

- Increase fellows' **understanding of policy-making** and the workings of the provincial government, or health authority, as it relates to health and the health system in BC
- Encourage fellows and health-system decision makers to conduct policy-relevant work that addresses one or more **BC health system priorities\***
- Provide the opportunity for fellows to **engage with health system decision-makers** on the scientific and technical aspects of health policy
- Build fellows' interdisciplinary and intersectoral **networks**
- Increase **awareness of KT** and competencies in KT practice among health researchers and health system decision-makers

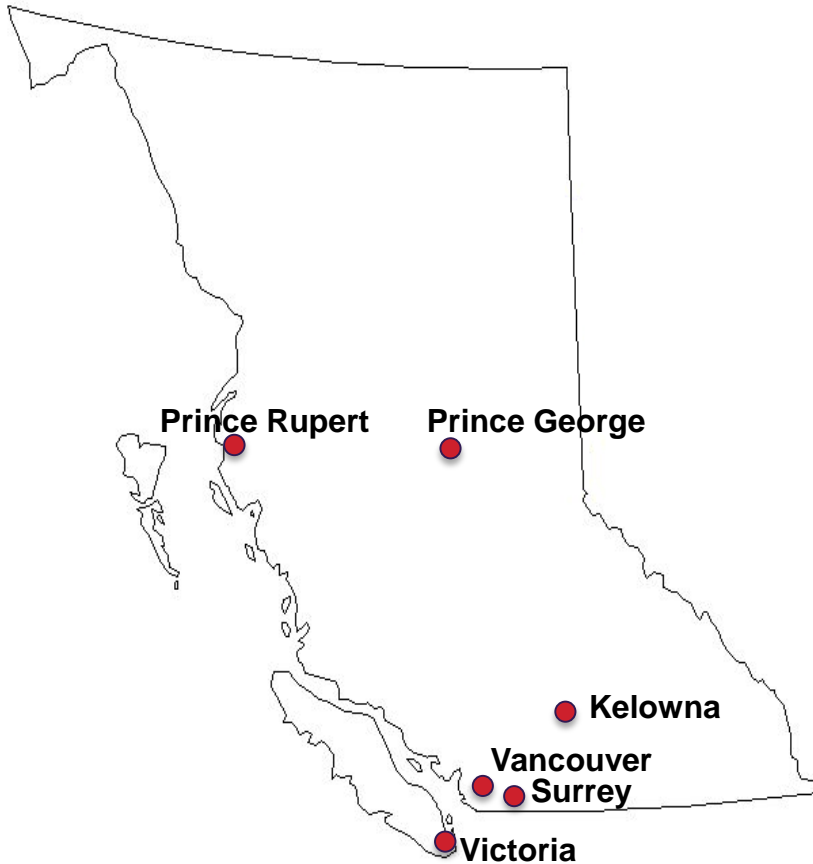
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# Program Overview



\*For candidates applying for a policy assignment at the First Nations Health Authority, preference will be given to those with lived Aboriginal experience.

# Policy Assignments for the 2017-B Intake



[www.msfrh.org/funding/health-policy-fellowship/2017-b/policy-assignments](http://www.msfrh.org/funding/health-policy-fellowship/2017-b/policy-assignments)

Host Policy Organization	Location	Duration (months)
British Columbia Mental Health Substance Use Services (BCMHSUS)		
British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)	Vancouver	12
Provincial Health Services Authority		
First Nations Health Authority	Vancouver	12
Fraser Health	Surrey	10 – 12
Island Health	Victoria	12
Northern Health	Prince Rupert or Prince George	12
Interior Health	Flexible, with some time required in Kelowna	12

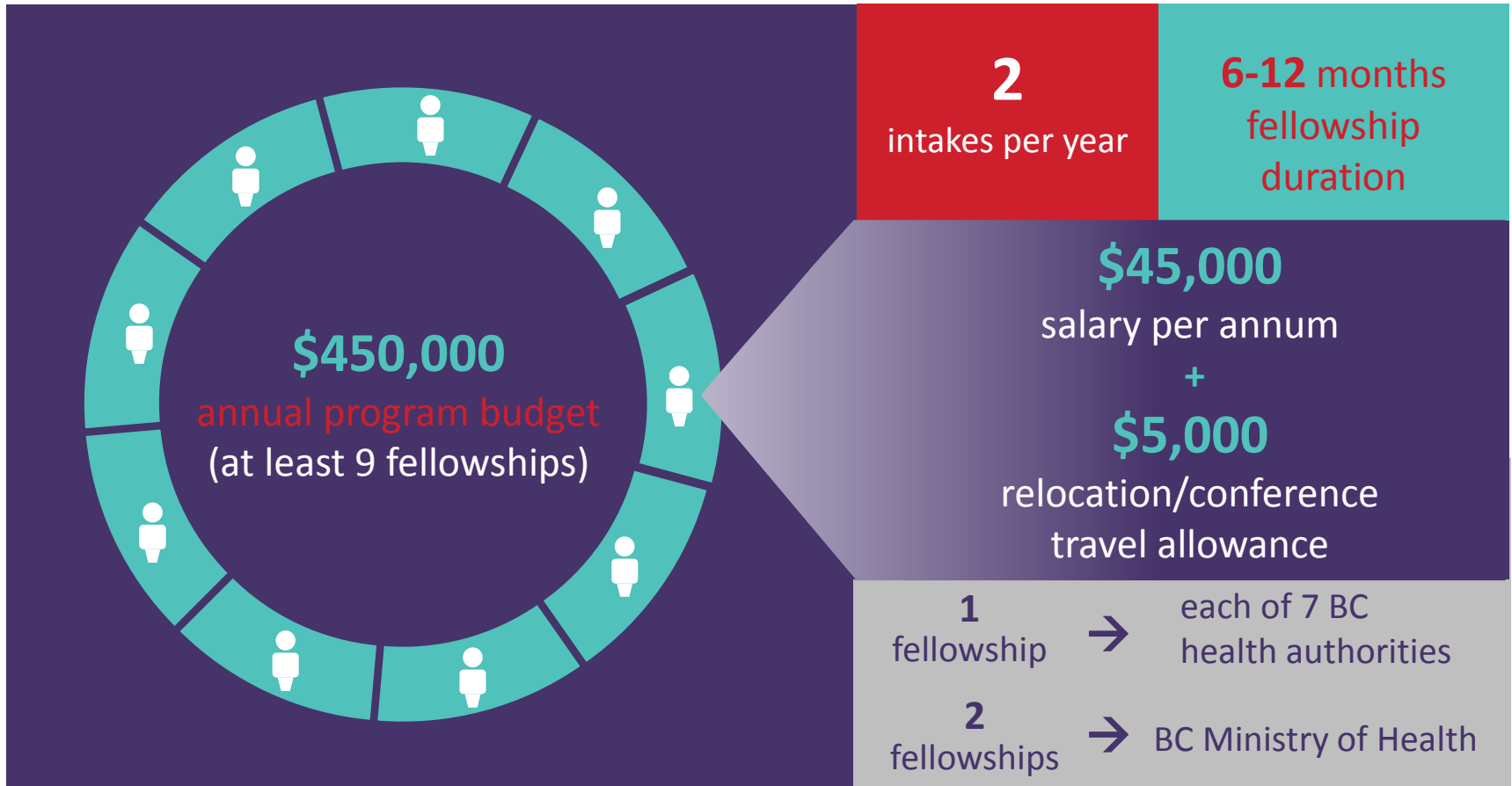
# BC Health System Priorities

Policy assignments will address one or more of the following **BC health system priorities**:

1. Enhance access to effective primary care
2. Services for seniors with complex medical conditions
3. Mental health/substance use care
4. Services for patients needing surgery
5. Rural and remote health care services

Policy assignments within the First Nations Health Authority will focus on that organization's directives and mandate.

# Budget Allocation





# Eligibility Requirements

- A health-related PhD, or a MD, DDS, DVM, DPharm or equivalent **doctoral-level** health professional **degree**
- Must have an appointment, or a commitment for an appointment, as a **post-doctoral fellow** at a BC-based host institution
- Must commit at least **75 percent** of their time to the policy assignment
- Applicants may apply to only one policy assignment per intake
- **Letter of reference** from their academic supervisor endorsing their participation in the Health Policy Fellowship Program
- Cannot have previously held a MSFHR-CIHR Science Policy Fellowship
- Cannot conduct a policy assignment at the same BC health authority where s/he is currently employed (if applicable)

# Other Requirements

- **Put on hold**: MSFHR award and/or national post-doctoral fellowship (if >50% HPF value)
- Will work **on-site** within the host policy organizations
- Applicant's **host institution** will be approving and administering the funds

# Fit between the Applicant and Policy Assignment

- Is the assignment complementary to your current academic research?
- How do your career goals align with the anticipated experience of working within the specific policy organization?
- How much do your expertise and skills complement the role stated within the policy assignment?
- How will the policy assignment enhance your KT activities?
- What opportunities will the assignment provide to create and maintain ongoing relationship with decision makers?

# Two-Part Review Process

75%

**Merit review via a standing review panel** (health policy academics and/or decision makers)

The standing review panel will evaluate:

- Capacity to participate in the program
- Potential to contribute to the research-policy interface
- Academic and research skills and achievements

25%

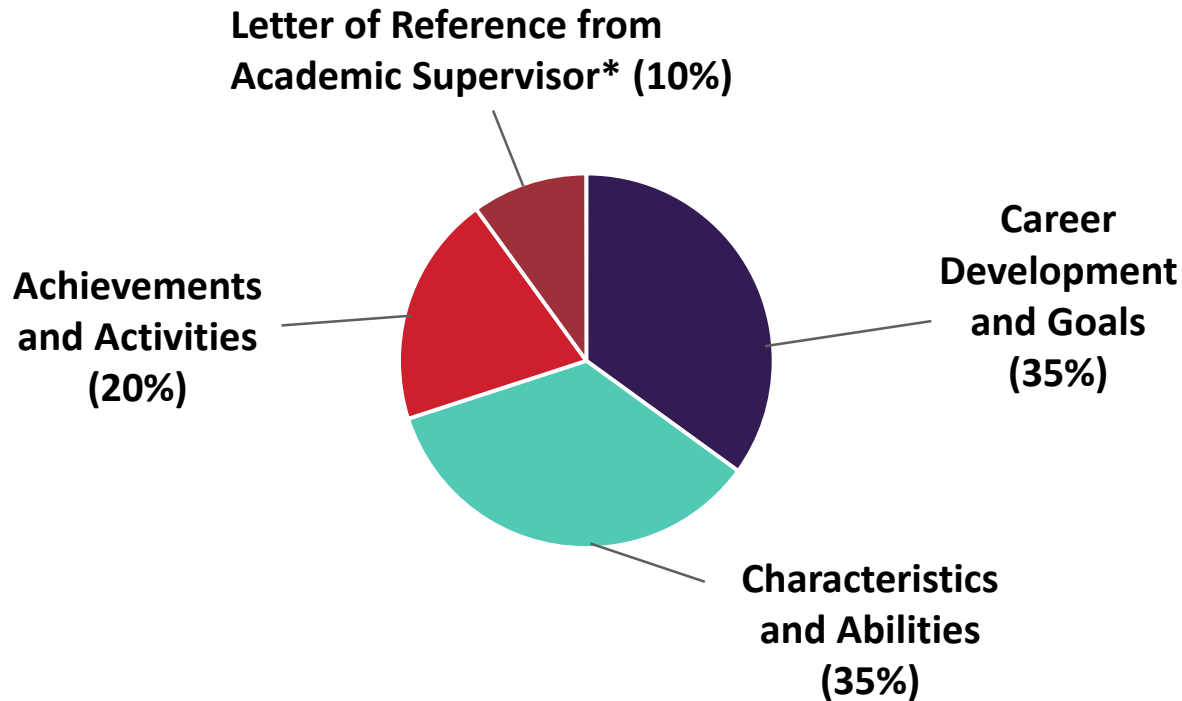
**Assessment interview with the potential policy assignment supervisor**

Potential policy assignment supervisor will:

- Evaluate the applications for their specific policy assignment
- Contact the applicants to further assess them via interview, the format of which (in-person, telephone, Skype, etc.) will be mutually agreed upon

# Evaluation Criteria

For **both processes**, applicants will be evaluated in the following areas:



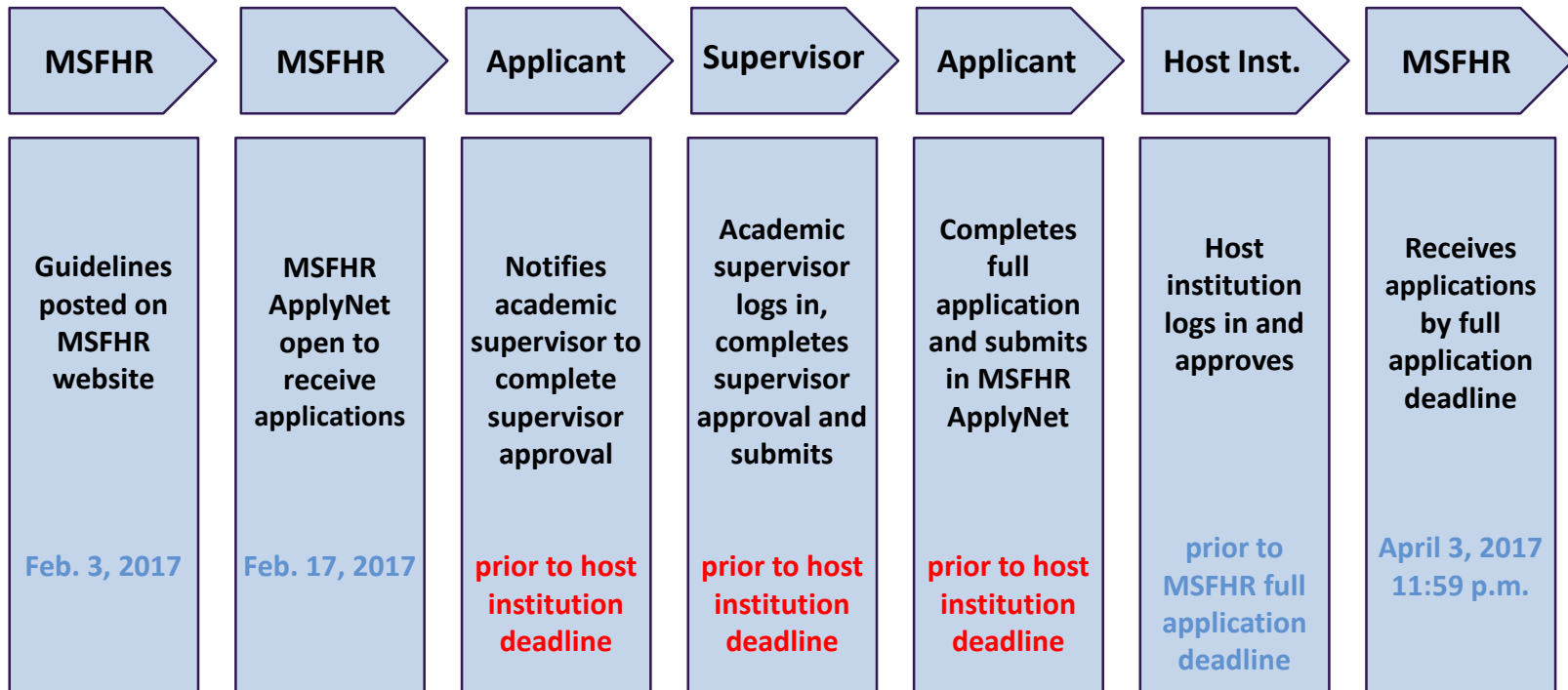
\* The letter of reference should endorse the applicant's proposed interruption of his or her post-doctoral research program and explain how the health policy fellowship opportunity will benefit both the applicant and the supervisor's research program.

# Key Competition Dates

Action	Target Date
Competition Launch	February 17, 2017
Competition deadline	April 3, 2017
Application review	Week of May 15, 2017
Anticipated notice of funding decision	Week of June 12, 2017
Anticipated start of funding	July 1, 2017

# How to Apply

All applicants and referees applying for the first time to MSFHR will need to register on MSFHR ApplyNet\* and create a system account email and password.



\*<https://applynet.msfhr.org/MSFHR/Implementation/Modules/Login/LoginModuleContent.aspx?Config=LoginModuleConfig&Page=Login>

# Contact Information

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