

Postdoc Hiring Process

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Step 1: Faculty member notifies the Departmental Research Administrator (DRA) that they would like to hire a postdoc.

Step 2: DRA creates a new requisition request in MAJC. HR Officer approves and posts the job.*

Step 3: Faculty member reviews resumes and interviews top candidates.

Step 4: When a candidate has been selected, faculty member fills out the postdoc request form at bc.edu/postdocrequest. The PI will fill out basic information about the role (including salary, start date, etc.) and the online form also includes an Export Controls questionnaire for international applicants.** The faculty member must also upload the candidate's CV into the form. The form will automatically be sent to Erin Sibley (Postdoctoral Affairs) and MJ Curry (Export Controls) to complete a number of administrative steps.

Step 5: MJ Curry runs a background check on the candidate and notifies Erin Sibley of applicant's status. (HR also runs a background check). Once cleared, the letter is signed by the Executive Director of Research Compliance, and the form is sent to HR (email notifications also go to the department administrator, faculty member, and DRA).

Step 6: HR office completes remaining sections of offer letter and sends letter to the candidate via email. The DRA is also copied on this communication.

Step 7: Candidate responds to HR officer to accept the offer.

Step 8: HR officer emails the acceptance to the department admin, FM, DRA, and VPR office. DRA notifies department admin of upcoming hire and tentative hire date. If the candidate has concerns/refusal of terms, HR officer contacts FM, DRA, and VPR.

*Please note that postdoc positions are not subject to the requirement that the job must be posted for 30 days.

**For international applicants only: after step 4, the DRA will notify Susan Shea in OISS if the candidate is arriving on a J1, J1 Transfer, or OPT. The DRA must forward the J1 English Proficiency Form to Susan Shea for J1 and J1 Transfers. The Scholars Information Sheet should be forwarded to the candidate for their DS109 application. If the candidate requires an H1B or O-1 visa, contact Kevin McNamara (BC's immigration attorney) for further instruction.