

Division of Palliative Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto Department of Supportive Care, University Health Network

Clinical Research Fellowship in Palliative Medicine

Program description

The Division of Palliative Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Department of Supportive Care at the University Health Network, Canada's largest hospital, invite Canadian and international applications for a two-year **Clinical Research Fellowship in Palliative Medicine**. The aim of this fellowship is to enhance the opportunity for trainees in palliative care to pursue a successful career as clinician investigators and clinician scientists.

The Research Component

Fellows will have the opportunity to develop research proposals, prepare presentations for national and international meetings, and write papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Fellows will acquire research skills while working in an interdisciplinary academic environment with ample opportunity for feedback and presentation at local rounds, including the Manuscript Review Seminar, Pain and Symptom Management Rounds and Departmental Grand Rounds. There is 60% protected time for research. Fellows are encouraged to concomitantly complete a graduate research degree at the University of Toronto.

The Clinical Component

Fellows will work at an advanced level, as they will already have completed clinical training in palliative medicine. Clinical work is primarily in the outpatient oncology palliative care clinic, with the remainder of work taking place in the acute palliative care unit and inpatient consultation service. Fellows will have the opportunity to perform assessments, develop treatment plans, and provide longitudinal follow-up for patients with advanced cancer and complex palliative care needs.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- Have completed at least one year of post-graduate specialty training in palliative medicine

be eligible for obtaining the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) educational registration. For details on the eligibility requirements, visit Postgraduate Medical Education website at

<http://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-fellowship-training/>

Application Process

1. Submit the following documents to Ms. Sherene Tay, Education Coordinator at sherene.tay@uhn.ca

- a) Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- b) Letter of intent.

The letter should include the following:

- Rationale for pursuing research training in palliative care
- Previous clinical training in palliative care
- Personal goals and learning objectives for the program
- How the clinical research fellowship experience will fit with your future needs

2) After initial screening, if selected, an interview with the fellowship committee will be conducted.

3) Once accepted, the applicant will be notified and will be guided to:

- a) Apply to the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) office at the University of Toronto and
- b) Apply to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. This should be done at the same time as applying to the PGME office.

Selection criteria

The fellowship committee will consider the following:

- a) Candidates who demonstrate a strong interest and commitment to advancing clinical research in palliative care.
- b) Candidates with high academic achievements (i.e., participation in the educational activities, program development, research and scholarly work)

Second-language English applicants will also need to demonstrate language proficiency in English (IELTS (Academic module) minimum requirement is an overall band of 7.0 with no band below 6.5, TOEFL minimum requirement: total score of 100 + 22 on Speaking and 22 on Listening). English language proficiency may be waived for applicants who pass the divisional in-person assessment.

Funding

Funding is available on a competitive basis. Sponsored applicants may also apply to the fellowship.

Deadline for 2023-2024 Fellowships

- July 31, 2022** for fellowships to begin on **Nov. 1, 2023**