

Department of Supportive Care, University Health Network Clinical Fellowship

Affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Supportive Care at the University Health Network (UHN), Canada's largest hospital, invites Canadian and international applications for a one year Clinical Fellowship in Palliative Care starting in July 2019.

The purpose of the fellowship is to train physicians to be competent in practicing palliative care at a consultant level. Fellows will have outstanding clinical experience and will work in different palliative care practice settings in UHN such as community and tertiary palliative care units, inpatient palliative care consultation service, residential hospice, and outpatient palliative care clinics. Fellows will learn about palliative care for patients and families at diagnosis, during active treatment, in the event of acute medical issues, after completing treatment, and at end-of-life. Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and perform palliative consultations with supervision to aid in developing diagnostic and formulation skills, and will receive ongoing clinical supervision. During the training, fellows will provide palliative care for a wide spectrum of patients with malignant and non-malignant illnesses. There is also the opportunity to tailor training to individual learning goals.

Clinical fellows will complete a scholarly project during their training and will participate in an inter-disciplinary academic environment with ample opportunity for feedback and presentation at local rounds, including Pain and Symptom Management Rounds and Departmental Grand Rounds as well as leadership opportunities, including junior attending roles and committee participation.

Eligibility

Eligible applicant must:

- have a medical degree
- have completed specialty training in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine (or one of its subspecialties), Anesthesiology, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Oncology or Neurology
- 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/](http://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-fellowship-training/)

Application Process

1. Submit the following documents to Ms. Sherene Tay, the Education Coordinator at sherene.tay@uhn.ca
 - a) Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - b) Letter of intent, which should include the following:
 - Rationale for pursuing training in palliative care
 - Previous experience in palliative care
 - Personal goals and learning objectives for the program
 - How the fellowship experience will fit with your future needs

2) After initial screening, a subset of applicants will be invited for an interview with the fellowship committee.

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:

- Demonstration of a strong interest and commitment to excellence in the delivery of palliative care
- Academic achievements (e.g. participation in educational activities, program development, research, and scholarly work)
- Leadership initiatives to advance palliative care

Second-language English applicants will also need to demonstrate language proficiency in English (IELTS (Academic module) minimum requirement is an overall band of 6.5 with no band below 6, TOFEL minimum requirement: total score of 100 + 22 on Writing).

Funding

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

Deadline for 2019-2020 Fellowships

July 31, 2018 for Canadian and International Applicants