

Department of Supportive Care, the University Health Network

Clinical & Research Fellowship

Program description

A clinical and research fellowship in palliative care is offered at the Department of Supportive Care at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Department of Supportive Care at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre provides fellows with an outstanding clinical experience. Typically, fellowships are for a 2-year duration, contingent on a successful evaluation after one year.

The Clinical Component

Fellows will primarily work in the outpatient oncology palliative care clinic. They will also have the opportunity to work on the Acute Palliative Care Unit and the palliative care consultation service. Fellows are required to participate in the on-call rota. Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and perform assessments, develop treatment plans, and follow patients longitudinally, with ongoing clinical supervision from a wide range of supervisors. Typically, 40% of the fellow's time will be spent working clinically.

The Research Component

Fellows will have the opportunity to develop research proposals, prepare presentations for international meetings, and write papers suitable for 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.

Eligibility

Fellows applying for this fellowship are required to have completed clinical training in palliative care, as the training emphasis is on developing research skills.

Application Process

- 1) Submit the following documents to Dr. Camilla Zimmermann, Head of the Department of Palliative Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the University Health Network.
Email Camilla.Zimmermann@uhn.ca.
 - a) Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Letter of intent. This should include the following:
 - Rationale for pursuing training in palliative care
 - Previous experience in palliative care

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- Personal goals and learning objectives for the program
 - How the fellowship experience will fit with your future needs
- 2) After initial screening, if accepted, an interview with the fellowship committee will be conducted. The applicant will be evaluated based on the following criteria
- a) Commitment to the field of palliative care
 - b) Academic achievements (i.e., Participation in the educational activities, program development, research and scholarly work)
 - c) Potential for leadership
- Applicants will also need to demonstrate language proficiency in English.
- 3) Once accepted, the applicant will:
- a) apply through 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.

Funding

Funding is available on a competitive basis. This can be discussed during the interview with the fellowship committee.

Deadline for 2018-2019 Fellowships

- July 31, 2018 for International Applicants
- January 15, 2019 for Canadian Applicants