

Lung Fellowship in Medical Oncology 2027

Department: Medical Oncology

Location: Victoria Hospital – Department of Oncology

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Posting Period

Open: July 8, 2026

Deadline: August 8, 2026

Fellowship Start date: July 1, 2027 (earlier start preferred)

Description

The Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre (VFCC) is seeking an experienced and motivated individual for its **Lung Clinical Research Fellowship**. The Fellowship is a sub-specialty training program in the Division of Medical Oncology at the VFCC, part of the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) in London, Ontario, Canada.

The VFCC serves as a regional referral Centre for tertiary oncology cancer for Southwestern Ontario with a catchment of over 1.5 million people. The Lung disease site team consists of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, thoracic surgeons, interventional pulmonologists, nurses and pharmacists with specific expertise in translational and clinical research and education.

The primary aim of the fellowship is to provide comprehensive clinical training, while also offering the fellow enriching opportunities in research, education, quality improvement, and translational science—areas in which our program offers substantial expertise. Since its inception in 2011, the fellowship has successfully trained numerous clinicians, all of whom have gone on to make meaningful contributions to the field of oncology across Canada.

During their training, fellows will actively participate in full thoracic/lung medical oncology clinic days and will also support patient care on non-clinic days, facilitating a smooth transition toward independent clinical practice. In addition, the Clinical Research Fellow will contribute to thoracic multidisciplinary case discussions. Research is a core component of the fellowship. Fellows are expected to engage in a range of scholarly activities, including clinical drug trials, translational research, meta-analyses, and/or comprehensive reviews. Each fellow is expected to present an abstract at an international scientific meeting and to publish their work in a peer-reviewed journal.

Rate of Pay:

- Salary: \$104,167.39 per annum CAD; salary for the fellow will be at the level of a PGY-6 resident as per the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO) [guidelines](#).
- Opt-in Selectpath Flex Plus+ Benefit Program available.
- Travel allowance: Funding will also be made available for the fellow to attend up to 2 national / international meetings per year where his / her work is to be presented.
- Limited funding will also be made available to offset costs of research conducted (supplies, personnel, etc.)

Duration: 1 year

Number of positions: 1

Fellowship Start Date: July 1, 2027

Post-graduate Research Training: We are open to discussing concurrent training (M.Sc., certificates) opportunities relevant to the candidate's goals.

Mentorship:

Oncology Drs. Jacques Raphael, Daniel Breadner, and Phillip Blanchette

Job Summary**Duties & Responsibilities**

- Conduct one or more research projects (such as translational research, clinical trial, retrospective studies) in the field of Lung oncology under the guidance of experienced investigators from the Department of Oncology;
- To develop clinical expertise in systemic therapy management of Lung malignancies;
- To engage in collaborative care with Lung specialists in the multidisciplinary management of Lung malignancies;
- Gain experience in the conduct and implementation of prospective clinical research in cancer patients
- Operation of a full-day Lung medical oncology clinic;
- Participate in weekly Lung multidisciplinary sessions;
- Present an abstract at an international meeting;
- Publish manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals;
- An expectation of two (2) call shifts (overnight/after-hours / weekend / or holidays) per month to gain expertise in oncological emergencies and inpatient oncology care. This may vary only in exceptional circumstances depending on the operational needs of the Department;
- And other duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Commitments**Education & Experience**

- The applications are invited from physicians who hold a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or equivalent training. Candidates will have completed a training program from one of the oncology subspecialties, be licensed with, or eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- If the language of instruction at your medical school was other than English, you must have written your IELTS test and obtained a Band score of 7 or higher to be eligible to apply. OR; TOEFL-iBT; passing score of 93, including a minimum score of 24 on the speaking section, OR; Occupational English Test (OET)-Medicine with a minimum grade of B in each component. No exceptions.

Time Commitments

- 40% of time will be devoted to clinical experience and direct patient interaction.
 - This will include Lung oncology clinics at LRCP, participation in consult service and opportunities for on-call service with oncology and clinical research programs.
- 60% of the time will be devoted to conceptualizing, conduct and implementation of specific research projects.
 - The project(s) will be geared toward Lung oncology, although it is reasonable for motivated trainees to conduct other work to maximize their experience. Projects will be feasible to complete within a short time period of the fellowship. Although the focus is on clinical research projects, opportunities for experience with small projects, in the basic science laboratories will be offered.
 - The candidate will be expected to assist in the completion of on-going projects from previous fellow(s).
- Attendance at the following regular meetings will be considered mandatory:
 - Grand Rounds: weekly for the Departments of Oncology
 - Oncology Research and Education Day
 - Lung multidisciplinary rounds
 - Molecular Tumour Boards
- It is expected that a one- or two-year commitment will be made by the fellow to allow completion of the fellowship objectives. The fellow will be expected to take part in limited amount of after-hours and

weekend coverage for the appropriate Oncology division which will be negotiated at the start of the fellowship.

Application Process

Submission Requirements (please submit as one .pdf document to shazia.donachie@lhsc.on.ca)

1. Letter of Intent, including:
 - a. Personal goals, and reasons for the fellowship including objectives and special interests;
2. An up-to-date CV including:
 - a. Academic, teaching, research activities, and publications;
3. List of 3 (three) Referees (Name, email, and the nature of contact)
 - a. If you have recently obtained your Oncology certification, then one of your referees must be the program director in charge of Oncology training.

Selection Process of selection:

Your application will be sent to the committee, and successful candidates will be selected for an interview. If your application is shortlisted, the following information will be required:

- Copies of your medical degree, Oncology certification, and a copy of your immigration status (ie. Passport, Visa, etc.)
- Three reference letters
- IELTS test and obtained a Band score of 7 or higher
- Immunization Requirements:
 - Provide vaccination records or proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio; Meningitis.
 - Provide documentation of the Tuberculosis skin testing (two step)

For Schulich-related information regarding Canadian & International applicants, click here:

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/medicine/postgraduate/future_learners/fellows/index.html

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