

Clinical Research Fellowship in Genitourinary (GU) Malignancies 2027

Department: Medical Oncology

Location: Victoria Hospital – Department of Oncology

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Posting Period

Open: August 31, 2026

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Fellowship Start date: July 1, 2027

Description

The Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre (VFCC) is seeking an experienced and motivated individual for the role of a **Clinical Research Fellow in Genitourinary (GU) Malignancies**. The Genitourinary (GU) Malignancy 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 cancer cancer in Southwestern Ontario with a catchment of over 1.5 million people. The GU disease site team consists of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, urologists, nurses practitioners, nurses and pharmacists with specific expertise in clinical and translational research, as well as medical education.

The fellowship is intended to provide fundamental clinical training in GU oncology, while pairing clinical experience with opportunities in research, education, quality improvement or translational research – areas in which the program has additional expertise and mentorship available. The fellowship program has successfully trained fellows since 2011, many of whom have gone on to make significant contributions to GU oncology across Canada.

During their training, the fellow will participate in a full-day GU medical oncology clinic and provide support for these patients on non-clinic days to prepare a transition to independent practice. They will also participate in GU multidisciplinary sessions/rounds. The Clinical Research Fellow will also be expected to conduct research in clinical trials, translational studies, and other forms of clinical research, including but not limited to observational studies, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses. They will be expected to present at least one abstract at an international meeting and publish at least one manuscript 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](#).
- 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 research-related costs (supplies, personnel, etc.)

Duration: 1 year

Number of positions: 1

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Post-graduate Research Training: Fellows will have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in [clinical epidemiology](#), [public health](#), or other area of interest complementary to the fellowship. Applications typically open on October 15 with a January 15 deadline, please check with the respective programs for specific deadlines. *Tuition cost is not supported by this fellowship.*

Mentorship: Drs. Ricardo Fernandes, Lorin Doddiba, Lilian Hanna, and Saman Maleki

Job Summary

Duties & Responsibilities

- Conduct one or more translational research projects in the field of GU oncology under the guidance of experienced investigators from the Department of Oncology;
- To develop clinical expertise in systemic therapy management of GU malignancies;
- To engage in collaborative care with GU specialists in the multidisciplinary management of GU malignancies;
- Gain experience in the conduct and implementation of prospective clinical research in cancer patients
- Operation of a full-day GU medical oncology clinic;
- Participate in weekly GU multidisciplinary sessions;
- Expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, and observational studies;
- 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 GU oncology clinics at VFCC, participation in consult service and opportunities for on-call service with oncology and clinical research programs.
- 40% of the time will be devoted to conceptualizing, conduct and implementation of specific research projects.
 - The project(s) will be geared toward GU oncology. 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
- 20% of the time will be devoted to formal and informal course work in GU oncology.
- Attendance at the following regular meetings will be considered mandatory:
 - Grand Rounds: weekly for the Departments of Oncology
 - Oncology Research and Education Day
 - GU multidisciplinary rounds
 - Molecular Tumor 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 short-listed, 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. 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.
- 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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