Clinical Research Fellowship in Genitourinary (GU) Malignancies 2021

**Department:** Medical Oncology  
**Location:** Victoria Hospital – Department of Oncology  
**Full/Part Time:** Full-Time

**Posting Period**  
**Open:** August 6, 2020  
**Deadline:** December 8, 2020

London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP) serves as a regional referral Centre for tertiary oncology cancer for Southwestern Ontario with a catchment of over 1.5 million people. The GU disease site team consists of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, urologists, nurses and pharmacists with specific expertise in translational and clinical research and education. The Division of Medical Oncology has a fellowship program, which has been active for several years.

London Regional Cancer Program is seeking an experienced and motivated individual for the role of **Clinical Research Fellowship in Genitourinary (GU) Malignancies** with the Department of Oncology at Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario, Canada.

The intent of the fellowship would be to provide fundamental clinical training to the GU fellow but also pair the clinical training with opportunities in research, education, quality improvement or translational research – fields which we have additional expertise available through the program. The fellowship has successfully offered this fellowship to trainees since 2011 and they have all gone on to contribute in a significant way to GU oncology throughout Canada.

During their training they 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. The Clinical Research Fellow will also conduct a weekly longitudinal clinic and participate in GU multidisciplinary sessions. The Clinical Research Fellow will also be expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, and other clinical research including, but not limited to, meta-analyses and reviews. The Clinical Research Fellow will be expected to have an abstract presented at an international meeting and a publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

**Rate of Pay:**
- Salary: $86,710.08.18; salary for the fellow will be at the level of a PGY-6 resident as per the Professional Association of Internes and 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 costs of research conducted (supplies, personnel, etc.)

**Duration:** 1 year (may be renewed for another year)  
**Fellowship Start Date:** on or after July 1, 2021  
**Potential for further Post-Graduate research training, such as a Masters in Epidemiology** ([https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/programs/program.cfm?p=50](https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/programs/program.cfm?p=50), program applications open October 15 with a January 15 deadline). **Note:** Cost of tuition payment is not supported by this fellowship.
Mentorship:

Oncology: Dr. Ricardo Fernandes  Dr. Scott Ernst
         Dr. Saman Maleki  Dr. Kylea Potvin
         Dr. Eric Winquist

Urology:  Dr. Nicholas Power  Dr. Joseph Chin
Radiation Oncology:  Dr. Glenn Bauman  Dr. Lucas Mendez

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
• Conduct a weekly longitudinal clinic for GU patients
• 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

Qualifications

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 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. No exceptions.

Time Commitments

• 40% of time will be devoted to clinical experience and direct patient interaction
  o This will include GU oncology clinics at LRCP, 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
  o 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:
  o Grand Rounds: weekly for the Departments of Oncology
  o Oncology Research and Education Day
  o GU multidisciplinary rounds
  o 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

Submission Requirements (please submit as one .pdf document to priscilla.deluca@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.

Process of selection:
Your application will be sent to the committee and successful candidates will be selected for an interview. Should your application be short-listed, the following information will be required:
- Reference Letters
- 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 8 or higher
- Immunization Requirements:
  o Provide vaccination records or proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio; Meningitis.
  o 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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