



Research Fellowship in Retinal Diseases & Epidemiology

Scientific Terms of Reference

Adjudicated by: Retina Pod Members – Ivey Eye Institute
Dr. Tom Sheidow and Dr. Phil Hooper

Purpose:

This Fellowship, funded through the St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation, will provide funding for the selected candidate to conduct research in the area of vitreoretinal surgery and medical retinal disease through St. Joseph's Ivey Eye Institute.

The Research Fellowship will enable promising investigators to have dedicated time to conduct research related to the care of patients with retinal diseases. Individuals eligible for this studentship will include students who have completed a M.D. degree in Canada who have not been matched to a residency program for the upcoming year, or students pursuing an M.Sc. degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Western and are being supervised by Dr. M. Malvankar at the Ivey Eye Institute. The successful candidate will be chosen through a competitive process, led by the retina pod physicians in the Department of Ophthalmology. Learners who wish to complete a Clinical Observership during this time must apply to Medical Affairs.

A key requirement of the Fellowship is that the research conducted will have a clinical focus and relevance to the care of retina patients either directly (at the bedside), or through socio-economic consequences to society at large.

Background:

St. Joseph's Health Care's Ivey Eye Institute is the primary provider of tertiary eye care in southwestern Ontario. The Research Fellowship is made possible through clinical research funds transferred by Dr. Tom Sheidow and Dr. Phil Hooper, who made the seed funds available to advance retina-related research through creation of this Research Fellowship.

The amount of the Research Fellowship will be \$20 000 annually. The candidate will be required to provide a written report to the Foundation regarding their research activities and accomplishments at the completion of the year.

Interested Applicants should submit a letter of Interest and current CV to:

Dr Tom Sheidow

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by March 26, 2024