

Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the University Health Network

Clinical Fellowship & Clinical and Research Fellowship

Program description

A one-year clinical fellowship or two-year clinical and research fellowship are offered at the Department of Supportive Care. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Department of Supportive Care at Princess Margaret provides fellows with an outstanding clinical experience. The department offers fellows in psychosocial oncology a wide range of supervisors and positions within its research and clinical programs, making the Department of Supportive Care a major contributor to the success of these fellowships.

The Clinical Component

Fellows will learn about the psychiatric and psychosocial aspects of cancer for patients and families at diagnosis, during active treatment, in the event of recurrence, after completing treatment, through survivorship and during palliation and end-of-life care.

Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and perform psychiatric assessments with supervisors to aid in developing diagnostic and formulation skills, receive ongoing clinical supervision.

The Research Component

Research fellows in psychosocial oncology will develop the skills to create research proposals and undertake scholarly projects for presentation and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Clinical and research fellows will participate in an interdisciplinary academic environment with ample opportunity for feedback and presentation at local rounds, including the Behavioural Sciences and Supportive Care Rounds, Manuscript Review Seminar, Pain and Symptom Management Rounds and Departmental Grand Rounds.

Fellows may participate in an ongoing project under the supervision of a principle investigator in the department. They are also expected to develop and conduct a new research project, prepare manuscripts and served as the first author of a manuscript.

Eligibility

Eligible applicant must

- have a medical degree
- have completed psychiatry residency
- be eligible for obtaining the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) medical practice license

Please see the detailed requirement here: <http://www.psychiatry.utoronto.ca/prospective-fellows/>

Application Process

1. Submit the following documents to
Dr. Gary Rodin, Head of the Department of Supportive Care,
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the University Health Network
Email: gary.rodin@uhn.ca
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of intent. The letter of intent should include the following:
 - Rationale for pursuing training in psychosocial oncology
 - Previous experience in psychosocial oncology
 - 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.
3. Once accepted, the applicant will
 - apply through the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. See the application process here: <http://www.psychiatry.utoronto.ca/apply-to-the-fellowship-program/>
 - apply to College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for the medical license at the same time as applying to the University of Toronto

Funding

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

Deadline

- The fellowship typically runs for from July 1 through June 30
- International applicants should apply a year prior to the start date.
- Canadian applicants should apply 6 months prior to the start date.