

2017 Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowship

Overview	
Value	\$10,000 to the PDF; \$10,000 to the PDF's Supervisor who is a PM Principal Investigator
Duration	One year maximum
Application Deadline	Accepted anytime
Adjudication & Awards	Monthly

The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Research Council of Oncology (RCO) is pleased to announce **The 2017 Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowship**. This program is funded by generous contributions from the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, as well as contributions made in the memory of George Knudson and Helena Lam. The Fellowships will be granted to outstanding postdoctoral fellows (PDF) working in any aspect of cancer research at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. As per the donors' request, preference will be given to projects with strong potential to impact cancer patient care.

Value and Duration

The Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowships are valued at \$10,000 CAD and will be awarded as unrestricted funds directly to the Postdoctoral Fellow awardee as an entrance scholarship. \$10,000 will also be awarded to the PDF's Principal Investigator to help support the PDF's research program. PDF's holding Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowships are expected to apply for external funding during the tenure of the award. The number of awards granted will depend on availability of funds and quality of the applicants. These funds are taxable and tenable for 1 year.

Objective

The objective of this award mechanism is to attract outstanding PDFs to the PM.

Eligibility

At the time of application:

1. Candidates who will complete their PhD within 12 months as well as those who have already obtained their PhD degree are eligible to apply. PDFs entering their first year of their PDF are eligible to participate. PDFs entering their first year of their second PDF will also be considered, as long as their previous PDF was no longer than two years.
2. An individual trainee is eligible for a maximum of one Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowship award. PM Principal Investigators are allowed to submit an unlimited number of applications, but can only hold one award per fiscal year. The PDFs nominated by the PM Principal Investigator are expected to be an outstanding candidate who is likely to secure external fellowship support.

Conditions of Funding

Successful applicants funded through this opportunity must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The trainee must meet the minimum commitment of full-time hours per week in the research fellowship role proposed in the application.
2. Awardees leaving the UHN during the tenure of the award will not be able to transfer the funds to another institution.

Submission Information:

The potential supervisor of the PDF must be a PM Principal Investigator and is responsible for submission of the application. The application consists of:

1. A letter from the PM Principal Investigator identifying:
 - a. Why the Postdoctoral Fellow is outstanding and likely to secure external fellowship support
 - b. How the Postdoctoral Fellow will positively impact the Principal Investigator's lab
 - c. Why this Postdoctoral Fellow was nominated for this award
2. Postdoctoral Fellow's CV
3. 2 Letters of Reference regarding the Postdoctoral Fellow

Evaluation and Adjudication

The Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Excellence Fellowship Program Grant Review Committee consists of 8 Princess Margaret Principal Investigators. The committee will evaluate applicants on academic merit and impact, as measured by: 1) previous research experience and publications; 2) fellowships, scholarships or other awards obtained; 3) duration and impact of doctoral and/or previous post-doctoral studies; and 4) additional features of the candidate, such as critical thinking, independence, perseverance, originality, organizational skills, interest in discovery, communication skills, ability in research and leadership ability. Each member of the committee will rank the applications received during each calendar month and the most highly ranked PDF and their PM supervisor will be granted the award.

Award Administration

The fellowship awards will be distributed throughout the year. The funds will be administered through the Grants and Contracts Department at the University Health Network held within a functional centre (FC) account as per UHN policies for Research FC accounts for new research funds.

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Application Instructions

Application Submission:

Supervisors of the PDF must submit the following – incomplete applications will be disqualified:

- Cover Letter from PM Principal Investigator highlighting the basis for your nomination of this PDF, including:
 - Why the Postdoctoral Fellow is outstanding and likely to receive external fellowship support
 - How the Postdoctoral Fellow will positively impact your lab
 - Why this Postdoctoral Fellow was chosen over others

- Curriculum Vitae (CV). The ORT does not specify a particular stylistic format for CV's, however, at minimum it must include:
 - Previous research experience
 - Publications
 - Fellowships, scholarships or other awards (name of award, value, location of tenure, period held)
 - Professional affiliations and activities*The Canadian Common CV format may be used but is not required.*

- 2 Letters of Reference for the Postdoctoral Fellow

****Single spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point, margins of 1 inch***

Submit completed application as ONE (1) PDF attachment to ort.admin@uhnresearch.ca

For questions regarding this Fellowship opportunity, contact:

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