

**PM Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

**Guidelines**

<b>Overview</b>	
<b>Value</b>	\$50,000 per year
<b>Duration</b>	1 year
<b>Registration Deadline</b>	Fall: November 15 <sup>th</sup> Spring: March 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Fall: December 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring: April 1 <sup>st</sup>

The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is funded by generous contributions made to the Hold'em for Life foundation; in the memory of George Knudson; in the memory of Helena Lam; to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation. The Fellowships will be granted to outstanding postdoctoral fellows working in any aspect of cancer research at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

**Value and Duration**

The Postdoctoral Fellowships are valued at \$50,000 CAD per year and non-renewable. Postdoctoral Fellows (PDFs) holding fellowships are expected to apply for external funding during the tenure of the award. If external awards are granted, any unused portion of the fellowship will be returned to the Fellowship Fund, which will then be accrued and used to award additional Fellowships. 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 and reward outstanding PDFs.

**Eligibility**

At the time of application:

1. Candidates who will complete their PhD by the application year end as well as those who have already obtained their PhD degree within the last 4 years are eligible to apply. At the time of application, Postdoctoral Fellows must have entered their UHN traineeship less than 2 years ago.
2. Applicants must be supervised by a Scientist or Senior Scientist with their primary appointment at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre - Research.
3. Overlap of funding with other internal or external sources is not allowed.

4. An individual trainee is eligible for a maximum of one Fellowship award per Princess Margaret Cancer Centre term.
5. An individual Scientist (supervisor) can only nominate 2 PDFs per competition, and only 1 PDF from the same lab can hold a fellowship at any given time.
6. Applicants must not hold a tenure or tenure-track faculty position, nor other staff position.

The funding from the PM Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is to be used for the awardee's stipend only.

### **Conditions of Funding**

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

1. The trainee must meet the minimum commitment of 35 hours per week in the research fellowship role proposed in the application.
2. Awardees leaving the UHN during the award tenure will not be able to transfer the funds to another institution.

Holders of a PM Postdoctoral Fellowship are required to submit a final report at the completion of the term. The final report will be reviewed by the PM Postdoctoral Grant Review Committee. Holders will also be expected to participate in events with donors.

### **Submission Information**

Submission is a two-step process requiring both: (1) registration submission and (2) application submission. Before submitting their application, applicants must ensure that they meet the requirements specified under Eligibility.

### **Evaluation and Adjudication**

The Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Grant Review 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 of doctoral and/or previous post-doctoral studies; 4) originality, potential significance and feasibility of the research proposal; and 5) letters of reference, including a letter of support from supervisor.

### **Award Administration**

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.