

## PM POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – GUIDELINES

### OVERVIEW

Value	\$50,000 per year
Duration	One (1) year
Registration Deadline	Wednesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Application Deadline	Friday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

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 (PDFs) working in any aspect of cancer research at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre (PM).

### VALUE AND DURATION

The Fellowships are valued at \$50,000 CAD per year and are non-renewable. 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 each competition 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

1. The candidate must be within 5 years of obtaining their PhD degree and must not have been at their UHN traineeship for more than 3 years at the time of application (May 7, 2021)\*. Candidates who will be completing their PhD by the application year end, are also eligible to apply.  
\* We have temporarily increased the period of eligibility due to delays from COVID-19 for one extra year. In previous years, candidates must have been within 4 years of obtaining their PhD degree and must not have been at their UHN traineeship for more than 2 years at the time of application.
2. Applicants must be supervised by an appointed PM Scientist or Senior Scientist with their primary appointment at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre - Research. Applicants can also be supervised by Clinician-Scientists with designated wet laboratory space who have been

- appointed by the Research Director and reviewed by the PM Appointments and Promotions Committee. Overlap of funding with other internal or external sources is not allowed.
3. An individual trainee is eligible for a maximum of one Fellowship award per Princess Margaret Cancer Centre term.
  4. An individual scientist (supervisor) can only nominate two PDFs per competition, and only one PDF from the same lab can hold a fellowship at any given time.
  5. Applicants must not hold a tenure or tenure-track faculty position, nor other staff position.

The funding from the PM Postdoctoral Fellowship Program will 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.
3. Awardees may not hold overlapping fellowships or salary support. If another award is accepted, recipients must inform the PM Research Directorate.
4. Holders of a PM Postdoctoral Fellowship may be required to submit a final report at the completion of the term. Holders may 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. 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) clarity, 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 PM Research Directorate Office.