

## Clinical Research Fellowship in Breast Oncology 2024

**Department:** Medical Oncology

**Location:** LHSC Victoria Hospital – Department of Oncology

**Full/Part Time:** Full-Time

### Posting Period

**Open:** April 18, 2024

**Deadline:** May 31, 2024

**Fellowship Start Date:** Fall 2024 / Early 2025

### Description

The London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP) is seeking an experienced and motivated individual for the role of a **Clinical Research Fellow in Breast Oncology**. The Breast Oncology Fellowship is a sub-specialty training program in the Division of Medical Oncology at the LRCP, part of the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) in London, Ontario, Canada.

The LRCP serves as a regional referral Centre for tertiary oncology cancer for Southwestern Ontario with a catchment of over 1.5 million people. The breast disease site team consists of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, nurses and pharmacists with specific expertise in translational and clinical research and education.

The intent of the fellowship would be to provide fundamental clinical training to the breast oncology fellow but also pair the clinical training with opportunities in clinical and translational research – fields which we have additional expertise available through the program. The fellowship program has successfully offered this fellowship to trainees since 2011 and they have all gone on to contribute in a significant way to breast oncology throughout Canada.

This position will involve both clinical and research activities. The Clinical Research Fellow will gain broad experience of cancer management, particularly breast cancer, including experience with both outpatients and inpatients. During their training, the Clinical Research Fellow will participate in full-day breast medical oncology clinics and provide support for these patients on non-clinic days to prepare for a transition to independent practice. The Clinical Research Fellow will also participate in breast multidisciplinary sessions and is expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, or other clinical research including, but not limited to, health services research and meta-analyses. The Clinical Research Fellow will be expected to have an abstract presented at an international meeting and a publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

### Rate of Pay:

- Salary: \$89,337.48 per annum CAD; salary for the fellow will be at the level of a PGY-6 resident as per the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO) [guidelines](#).
- Travel allowance: Funding will also be made available for the fellow to attend up to 2 national / international meetings per year where his / her work is to be presented.
- Limited funding will also be made available to offset costs of research conducted (supplies, personnel, etc.)

**Duration:** 1 year (extendable if funding is secured)

**Number of positions:** 1

**Mentorship:** Dr. Jacques Raphael

**Post-graduate Research Training:** We are open to discussing concurrent training (M.Sc., certificates) opportunities relevant to the candidate's goals

## Job Summary

### Duties & Responsibilities

- Conduct one or more clinical or translational research projects in the field of breast oncology (specifically triple negative breast cancer) under the guidance of experienced investigators from the Department of Oncology
- Learn advanced elements in breast oncology relevant to the practice of oncology
- Gain experience in the conduct and implementation of prospective clinical research in cancer patients
- Operation of 2 full-day breast medical oncology clinics
- Conduct a weekly longitudinal clinic for breast patients
- Participate in weekly breast multidisciplinary sessions
- Expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, and observational studies
- Present an abstract at an international meeting
- Publish manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals

### Qualifications

#### Education & Experience

- The applications are invited from physicians who hold a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or equivalent training. Candidates will have completed a training program from one of the oncology subspecialties, be licensed with, or eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- If the language of instruction at your medical school was other than English, you must have written your IELTS test and obtained a Band score of 7 or higher to be eligible to apply. No exceptions.

#### Time Commitments

- 40% of time will be devoted to clinical experience and direct patient interaction.
  - This will include breast oncology clinics at LRCP, participation in consult service and opportunities for on-call service with oncology and clinical research programs.
- 40% of the time will be devoted to conceptualizing, conduct and implementation of specific research projects.
  - The project(s) will be geared toward triple negative breast cancer. Projects will be feasible to complete within a short time period of the fellowship. Although the focus is on clinical research projects, opportunities for experience with small projects, in the basic science laboratories will be offered.
- 20% of the time will be devoted to formal and informal course work in breast oncology.
- Attendance at the following regular meetings will be considered mandatory:
  - Grand Rounds: weekly for the Departments of Oncology
  - Oncology Research and Education Day
  - Breast cancer multidisciplinary rounds
  - Molecular Tumour Boards
- It is expected that a one- or two-year commitment will be made by the fellow to allow completion of the fellowship objectives. The fellow will be expected to take part in limited amount of after-hours and weekend coverage for the appropriate Oncology division which will be negotiated at the start of the fellowship.

#### Submission Requirements (please submit as one .pdf document to [priscilla.deluca@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:priscilla.deluca@lhsc.on.ca))

1. Letter of Intent, including:
  - a. Personal goals, and reasons for the fellowship including objectives and special interests;
2. An up-to-date CV including:
  - a. Academic, teaching, research activities, and publications;
3. List of 3 (three) Referees (Name, email, and the nature of contact)
  - a. If you have recently obtained your Oncology certification, then one of your referees must be the program director in charge of Oncology training.

**Selection Process of selection:**

Your application will be sent to the committee and successful candidates will be contacted for an interview. If your application is short-listed, the following information will be required:

- Copies of your medical degree, Oncology certification, and a copy of your immigration status (ie. Passport, Visa, etc.)
- Three reference letters
- IELTS test and obtained a Band score of 7 or higher
- Immunization Requirements:
  - Provide vaccination records or proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio; Meningitis.
  - Provide documentation of the Tuberculosis skin testing (two step)

For Schulich-related information regarding Canadian & International applicants, click here:

[https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/medicine/postgraduate/future\\_learners/fellows/index.html](https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/medicine/postgraduate/future_learners/fellows/index.html)

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