

Medical Oncology Fellowship in Pancreatic Cancer/Melanoma 2024

Department: Oncology

Location: Victoria Hospital – Department of Oncology

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Posting Period

Open: March 8, 2024

Deadline: April 5, 2024

Fellowship Start date: July 1, 2024 (or immediately after)

Fellowship Duration: 1 year (may be renewed for an additional year)

Number of positions: 1

Description

The London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP) is seeking an experienced and motivated individual for a Pancreatic Cancer/Melanoma clinical/translational Fellowship. The 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 Pancreas disease site team and Melanoma disease site team consist of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgical oncologists, interventional radiologists, nurses, and pharmacists with specific expertise in clinical research, translational research, and education.

The intent of the fellowship would be to provide fundamental clinical training to the Fellow, but also pair the clinical training with opportunities in translational research, education, and quality improvement – fields which we have additional expertise available through the program. The LRCP fellowship program has a successful history of producing highly productive trainees and they have gone on to contribute significantly as specialized medical oncologists throughout Canada for a variety of tumour sites.

During their training, the fellow will participate in a weekly half-day Multi-disciplinary Pancreatic Cancer consult clinic in the Baker Centre for Pancreatic Cancer and provide support for these patients on clinic and non-clinic days to prepare a transition to independent practice. They will also participate in twice weekly full-day clinics, rotating with consultant medical oncologists who specialize in the treatment of pancreatic cancer and melanoma cancers. The focus will be on both conducting new patient consultations as well as longitudinal assessments through treatment and surveillance. The Fellow will also be expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, and other clinical research including, but not limited to, meta-analyses and reviews. They will be expected to present an abstract at an international meeting and publish their work in high-impact peer-reviewed journals each year.

Mentorship:

Medical Oncology: Dr. John Lenehan

Experimental Oncology and Translational Research: Dr. Saman Maleki

Job Summary

Duties & Responsibilities

- Develop clinical expertise in systemic therapy management of Pancreatic Cancers and Melanoma;
- Engage in collaborative care with oncology specialists in the multidisciplinary management of Pancreatic Cancer and Melanoma;
- Participate in a weekly multidisciplinary pancreatic cancer clinic;
- Participate in weekly Pancreatic Cancer multidisciplinary case conference;

- Participate in twice weekly out-patient clinics with medical oncologists focusing on patients with melanoma;
- Participate in twice monthly Melanoma multidisciplinary case conference;
- Conduct one or more translational research projects in the field of Pancreatic Cancer and/or Melanoma under the guidance of experienced investigators from the Department of Oncology;
- Gain experience in the conduct and implementation of prospective clinical research in cancer patients;
- Expected to conduct research in drug clinical trials, translational studies, and observational studies;
- Present an abstract at an international meeting;
- Publish manuscripts in high-impact peer-reviewed journals.

Qualifications & Commitments

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. There will be no exceptions.

Time Commitments

- 50% of time will be devoted to clinical experience and direct patient interaction.
 - This will include Pancreatic Cancer and Melanoma clinics at LRCP, participation in consult service, and opportunities for on-call service with oncology and clinical research programs.
- 50% of the time will be devoted to conceptualizing, conduct and implementation of specific research projects.
 - The project(s) will be geared toward Pancreatic Cancer and/or Melanoma, although it is reasonable for motivated trainees to conduct other work to maximize their experience. 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 fundamental science laboratories will be offered.
 - The candidate will be expected to assist in the completion of on-going projects from previous fellow(s).
- Attendance at the following regular meetings will be considered mandatory:
 - Grand Rounds for the Departments of Oncology on a weekly basis
 - Fellow and resident rounds
 - Oncology Research and Education Day
 - Annual Immuno-Oncology Symposium
 - Immuno-Oncology journal club
 - Pancreatic Cancer multidisciplinary rounds on a weekly basis
 - Melanoma multidisciplinary rounds twice monthly
 - 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.

Funding

Rate of Pay:

- Salary: The salary will equal \$89,337.48 CAD for the fellowship year 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 their work is to be presented.
- Additional Funding: Limited funding will be made available to offset costs of research conducted (supplies, personnel, etc.)

Application and Selection Process

Submission Requirements (please submit as one .pdf document to shazia.donachie@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 of the Oncology training.

Selection Process:

All applications will be sent a selection committee and successful candidates will be provided an interview. If the application is short-listed, the following information will be required:

- Copies of a medical degree, Oncology certification, and a copy of immigration status if applicable (ie. Passport, Visa, etc.)
- Three reference letters
- IELTS test and obtained a Band score of 7 or higher as applicable
- 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

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