

University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry Clinician Scientist/Scholar Program



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Clinician Scientist/Scholar Program (CSP)

Overarching aim is to develop the next generation of academic clinicians in psychiatry.

Short-term: encourage and facilitate an enriched research/scholarship experience during psychiatric residency

Medium-term: increase the number of psychiatric residents who complete graduate training to enhance their research/scholarship skills

Long-term: continue to support development of psychiatrists engaged in high quality research/scholarship in Canada (and beyond)

Who is it for?

- Research/Scholarship oriented residents interested in a career in academic psychiatry
- **Two CSP programs:**
 - Clinician Scholar:
 - Clinician Scientist:
- **Two core streams across CSPs:**
 1. General Stream: PGY3-4 residents with an interest in research
 2. Graduate Stream: Residents entering PGY5 who have a research record and are pursuing graduate studies or already have a graduate degree and plan to spend substantial portion of PGY5 focused on research/scholarship

Who is it for?

- **Provide two programs to support career development across a breadth of topics within psychiatry**

Clinician Scientist	Clinician Scholar
Basic Sciences	Medical Education
Health Outcomes Research	Quality Improvement
Clinical Epidemiology	Health Systems Research
Neuroimaging and Brain Stimulation	Health Policy
Psychopharmacology	Mental Health Equity

Benefits

- Opportunity to network with expert mentors and learn how to conduct research
- **Protected time for your own research (PGY3-5)**
- **\$1500 research stipend for conferences per year**
- Exclusive research funding opportunities
- Interactive seminars and workshops for career development
 - 6 per year following a 3-year curriculum
 - In person seminars tied to social events for community building



Protected Time

General Stream

- PGY3-4: **½ day per week** research time for CSP residents
- PGY4: **3 months** PLEX time for research

Graduate Stream

- PGY5: **up to 80%** time for research

Residents who are interested in joining the CSP are encouraged to pursue research electives in PGY1.

Clinician Scientist Seminars 2023

2023/2024

1. **Question & Answer with Alumni + Social**
2. **Post-Residency Transition to Faculty: Planning for an academic career – Dr. Sean Nestor and Dr. Danielle Baribeau**
3. **Lifestyle in Academic Psychiatry – Dr. Karen Wang & Dr. Tyler Kaster**
4. **Reference Letter Writing Workshop**
5. **Future of psychiatry lecture – New Approach to Comorbidity in Mental Health - Dr. Martin Katzman**
6. **2024 CSP Junior Investigator Colloquium**

Past Seminars:

1. **How to negotiate a junior faculty role and/or fellowship**
2. **CV workshop for clinician scientists**
3. **Future of Psychiatry Lecture –**
4. **Mock CIHR grant review seminar.**
5. **Future of psychiatry lecture - Improving perinatal mental health interventions**
6. **2021 CSP Junior Investigator Colloquium**

Clinician Scholar Seminars 2023

2022/2023

1. **Question & Answer with Alumni + Social**
2. **Qualitative Methods**
3. **Considerations for a successful career in academic psychiatry**
4. **Co-creation and participatory research**
5. **Thinking outside the (Toronto) box**
6. **2024 Clinical Scholar Junior Investigator Colloquium**

CSP Project Requirements

- **Applications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis** and are intended to converge with the requirements and expectations of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine's Clinician Investigator Program
- **Primary supervisor must be a faculty** within the Department of Psychiatry.
- Projects should be data-driven and feasible to carry out during residency training
- CSP residents are expected to attend CSP seminars, present their work at national/international conferences and supported to publish their work in peer-reviewed journals. Exposure to other research activities encouraged (e.g. REB applications, applications for research awards)
- **All CSP residents are required to present at Department of Psychiatry Research Day (annually in June).**

Application Process

- **Application Deadline:**
 - Annually on April 15th (or next business day)
- **Checklist:**
 - CSP Application Form (on website)
 - Personal statement related to project aim and any relevant research background
 - Standard Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter of support from an identified SUPERVISOR
 - An independent letter of support from a referee commenting on a candidate's research track record and proposed project
 - Applications submitted to Tammy Mok (tammy.mok@utoronto.ca)

Questions?

All information on application process is available on CSP website:

<https://www.psychiatry.utoronto.ca/clinician-scientist-program>

<https://psychiatry.utoronto.ca/clinician-scholar-program>

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