Clinical Research Fellow in Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders

Description of the fellowship opportunity:
The learning objectives of the Fellowship is to provide excellent experience in clinical psychiatry focused on obsessive compulsive and related disorders and anxiety disorders, as well as clinical neuroscience research experience in obsessive-compulsive and related disorders and eating disorders. The Clinical Fellow will develop skills pertinent to the clinical assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of adults with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), obsessive-compulsive related disorders (in particular, body dysmorphic disorder), tic disorders, and anxiety disorders by conducting structured interviews, clinical ratings, and clinical study visits. As well, the Clinical Fellow will gain experience and develop skills in clinical neuroscience research. This can include research diagnostic evaluations and psychometrics, functional (fMRI and EEG) and structural (diffusion-weighted imaging and morphological analyses) neuroimaging; advanced multivariate, multimodal, and computational analytic approaches; and the development and testing of novel digital tools to measure body image. This Fellowship will provide opportunities to work in multidisciplinary clinical and research teams. The Fellow will have opportunities for scientific discovery, analyses, presentation, manuscript publication, and learning grant-writing skills.

This opportunity duration is for 2 years. This is a clinical position with research duties. Clinical duties will occur at 100 Stokes St. and research duties will occur at 250 College St at approximately 50% clinical and 50% research duties as assigned.

Training start date:
Fellowship training should start on July 1 annually if possible, to align with the new academic year. However, alternative start dates may be negotiated in consultation with the fellowship supervisor (see below) & Psychiatry Fellowship Program (psych.fellows@utoronto.ca).

Stipend availability:
Candidates selected for the Clinical Fellow opportunity will be provided with a stipend of $65,000 CAD/annum. Sponsored* and self-funded candidates are also eligible to apply (see Psychiatry Fellowship Program’s website for more information).

* Sponsored candidates are applicants from the following countries whose governments have official postgraduate medical training agreements with the University of Toronto: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia.

Note: Sponsored candidates must have already initiated an application on the University of Toronto’s Sponsored Trainee Application Registry (STAR). For more Information, contact the University’s postgraduate medical education (PGME) office at: pgme.international@utoronto.ca
Application Process

Overview:
Candidates must review the University of Toronto Psychiatry Fellowship Program’s application requirements carefully before initiating an application. Internationally trained applicants may be asked to provide English proficiency test results at the time of application. To learn more, see: https://psychiatry.utoronto.ca/apply-fellowship-program

Interested candidates are invited to submit their updated CV, copies of their MD and specialty certificate*, a letter of intent detailing their interest in this opportunity and how it aligns with their career goals, as well as the contact information of 3 references one of whom being their Residency Program Director. Reference letters must be received by the above-listed deadline. Other requirements may apply - see below.

* In lieu, current domestic residents can submit a letter of good standing indicating their anticipated graduation date from their residency program

Application period:
Applications to this opportunity for entry in the 2024-25 academic year (July 1 academic session) will be accepted between Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024 on the Psychiatry Fellowship Program’s application platform: https://documents.med.utoronto.ca/Forms/FellowshipsApplication

Contact:
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