

The Alan Edwards Clinical Pain Medicine Research Fellowship

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- Number of positions available: 1
- Duration: 2 years
- Location: The Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit - McGill University Health Centre
- Start date: July 1st

Description of Fellowship

Created with the support of The Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation of Montreal, this fully-funded position is open to physicians of multiple specialties, including Family Medicine, wishing to pursue clinical research in the field of Pain Medicine. Fellows dedicate 80% of their time to clinical research and 20% to clinical activity as clinical pain fellows. Candidate selection will be done via a process of application, with selection based on letters of recommendation, academic and clinical achievements, and personal interview.

Objectives:

To allow motivated academically oriented individuals to develop expertise in Chronic Pain Medicine research.

Research goals and objectives: Fellows are expected to be involved in ongoing clinical research projects conducted by the Clinical Research Unit of the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit. In addition, they are encouraged to develop their own research avenues. Fellows are expected to collaborate with other researchers from McGill, especially from the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain, with researchers from McGill University Health Centre, as well as other centres in Québec.

At the end of training, fellows will have acquired skills and knowledge allowing her/him to develop and sustain research skills, including:

- a. Designing and setting-up a research project
- b. Enhancing grant writing skills – the fellow is expected to write a grant for submission to a peer-review committee during the fellowship
- c. Enhancing communication skills - the fellow is expected by the end of the fellowship to have submitted at least one publication to a peer-reviewed journal

Clinical goals and objectives: The clinical goals and objectives of the program are based on CanMEDS roles, ensuring that when completing the program fellows will become medical experts, develop communication skills with patients, their families and health care professionals, demonstrate ability to function as part of a multidisciplinary team, become health advocates and be a model for ethical and compassionate care.

The program ensures that fellows will understand the fundamental scientific, clinical, and therapeutic knowledge required to treat chronic pain. Fellows function as part of the

multidisciplinary team of the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit, running 1-2 clinics/week, where they develop and implement treatment plans using medical, physical, psychological, and interventional approaches under the supervision of staff clinicians. Fellow are expected to actively participate in all educational and teaching activities of the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit, including at least two formal presentations per year.

Fellows are entitled to 28-holiday days/annum, with no call duties.

Fellows are assessed every 3 months, and are encouraged to self-evaluate and evaluate the program bi-yearly.