



CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards in Addiction and Mental Health Research 2010

Application Deadline

FRIDAY, December 4, 2009

The application form is included in this package. Please take the time to read the guidelines carefully before completing them.

All inquiries and applications should be addressed to:

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ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

As a teaching hospital and research centre fully affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is in a unique position to contribute to one common goal – better understanding, prevention and care for addiction and mental illness. As one of the few research centres of its kind, CAMH plays a leadership role locally and internationally in research aimed at understanding addiction and mental illness and their inter-relationship. The excellence and range of research activities is a hallmark of CAMH's identity and is key to a better future for those living with addiction and mental health illness. CAMH brings together internationally recognized neuroscientists, clinical and social scientists with state-of-the-art facilities, a range of professional training, and a province-wide network of community program staff. As a result, CAMH has a unique capacity to focus its research agenda on the most pressing scientific issues and translate new knowledge into action.

ABOUT THE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Several postdoctoral research fellowships are available each year. These fellowships are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and by the generosity of patrons through the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. The fellowship competition is held annually (conditional on availability of funds) with a new deadline of **December 4, 2009**. The selection of awardees will be made by a CAMH subcommittee, based on CIHR standards of excellence. Six themes of research will be emphasized in the competition: Neuroscience, Imaging, Mood and Anxiety, Addictions, Schizophrenia, and Health Systems Delivery.

The objective of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is to provide postdoctoral fellows with a comprehensive training program in the fields of addiction and/or mental health and with training in research techniques. Postdoctoral fellows are expected to make independent contributions to knowledge during their appointment. These may be in the form of a contribution to an existing project, or through the development of an original project.

TERMS OF AWARD AND INSTRUCTION FOR APPLICATION

- Postdoctoral Fellowships are limited to a one-year period of support and are based on the current CIHR salary scales. Please note that although a second year of funding is possible, the second-year applications are evaluated together with all other first time applications, using the same process and criteria as new applications.
- Candidates must have a PhD and/or MD at the time they take up the appointment. Only candidates who have held their PhD and/or MD (post residency) for less than five years will be considered for funding.
- Citizenship: Preference is given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Other successful applicants must obtain an appropriate Canadian visa for education and/or employment and must be eligible to apply for funding from additional external agencies in the relevant area (eg. CIHR, OMHF).
- A Postdoctoral Fellow is expected to be located at the CAMH during the one-year period of the appointment, and not be engaged in any other paid work (with limited exception for teaching and clinical duties).
- In certain circumstances, a partial CAMH award may be combined with another fellowship to total the full CAMH award.
- Applicants must obtain the sponsorship of a supervisor at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health who holds an appointment as Assistant, Associate or Full Professor, at the University of Toronto (or other Ontario University).
- All applicants must have applied for external fellowship support (eg. CIHR, NARSAD, OMHF) concurrent with the CAMH application. If the candidate is successful in obtaining a fellowship offer from both the external agency and the CAMH, it is expected that the candidate will accept the external offer and free up the CAMH fellowship for other possible applicants.
- It is expected that the recipients of the 2010 CAMH Postdoctoral Fellowship will be notified by March 2010. All fellowships are to commence during the period of July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011.
- It is strongly recommended that the applicant review the application and proposed project with the supervisor prior to submission.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applications should include **ten** copies of each of the following:

1. The application cover sheet (see following page)
2. A description of the proposed program/project of research relevant to the mission of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and agreed upon by the proposed supervisor. Please include your hypothesis, rationale and references that relate to the proposed project of study. (The proposal should not exceed two pages, single-space and references are to be attached to a separate (3rd) page.)
3. A current curriculum vitae.
4. Two papers, or other samples of scholarly writing completed by applicant.
5. A one-page, single spaced biosketch of the proposed supervisor including a listing of current funding and current publications (please attach listing to one-page biosketch, NIH format).
6. An official graduate school transcript (one original) to be sent directly to the CAMH Office of Research Training (see below).
7. A letter of reference from **two** persons (other than your proposed supervisor) who know your work, (to be sent directly to the Office of Research Training)
8. A statement from the proposed supervisor defining the role of the candidate in his/her lab or group.

Please send transcripts and reference letters directly to:

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POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS
Application Form 2010

Applicants Name:		
Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	E-Mail:
Citizenship:		
Canadian Immigration Status: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visa</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Landed Immigrant</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Permit</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i>		
Years of Postdoctoral (post PhD or post MD residency) experience: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>1</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>2</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>3</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>4</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i>		

Proposed Supervisor:	
Section/Department:	
Address:	
Proposed Start Date:	
Title of Proposed Research Project:	
Proposed Location of Research:	Room(s):

Have you applied for external fellowship support? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>*The applicant is expected to apply for extramural support and is responsible for informing the Research Grants & Awards Office <u>immediately</u> of any alternate funding received.</i>
List Agencies:
If no, what agencies are you planning to apply to and when?

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Proposed Supervisor

Date



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