

TERMS OF REFERENCE
The Dr. Patrick Madore Clinical Investigator Traineeships

CRITERIA

To be considered for the Dr. Patrick Madore Clinical Investigator Traineeship program – which provides salary support for residents in the Clinician Investigator Program (see Appendix A) and/or the Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. For applicants to the Enhanced Skills Program, preference will be given to those focusing on the Clinical Scholar Program (see Appendix B). The total number of positions available each year depends on the number of applications and the number of training years of funding each applicant requires. The following criteria must be met by the applicants:

- The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, and be eligible for admission into the Clinician Investigator Program and/or Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine.
- The applicant must undertake to follow the plan of study outlined in their traineeship proposal.
- The applicant must select and propose a research project in one of the specified disciplines (see Appendices A & B)
- The applicant must have an aptitude for research, confirmed in supporting letters of reference.
- The successful applicant must submit a mid-term progress report, in addition to a final report upon completion of the traineeship.
- The traineeship may not be held in addition to other salary funding for the Clinician Investigator Program or Dalhousie's Family Medicine Enhanced Skills program.

APPLICATION

Applicants to the Dr. Patrick Madore Clinical Investigator Traineeship program should provide:

- A cover letter (max. 1,000 words) outlining their interest in and suitability for the Dr. Patrick Madore Clinical Investigator Traineeship program, as outlined in the above criteria.
- A curriculum vitae (max 6 pages, CIHR biosketch format preferred)
- Two letters of reference from relevant professionals
- A list of all other sources of funding available or requested

The application deadline is March 15. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Please send all application materials to:

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Medicine
Attn: Postgraduate Medical Education
Clinical Research Centre
C-234, 5849 University Avenue
PO Box 15000
Halifax, NS B3H 4R2

Please also e-mail a copy of all application materials to: pgmedesk@dal.ca

For more information, contact the Postgraduate Medical Education Office (902-494-8321 or pgmedesk@dal.ca)

SELECTION

Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee of the relevant program (Clinician Investigator Program or Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program). Selection of the Dr. Patrick Madore Clinical Investigator Traineeships will be based on:

- The applicant's year of training (only current PGY2- PGY6 residents are eligible to apply).
- The applicant's CV (CIHR biosketch format preferred). The CV should demonstrate their abilities and aptitude for academic work.
- The quality of the applicant's proposal for the course of study/research. In the case of research proposals, this includes an assessment of the quality of the research itself and the applicant's role in it.
- Content of the applicant's reference letters.

APPENDIX A

Dalhousie University Clinician Investigator Program

The Clinician Investigator Program is a two-year accredited postgraduate medical education training program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The goal of the CIP is to provide medical residents with structured and rigorous research training – in the midst of their residency – so that they develop the research skills and experience they require to become clinician investigators upon completing their residency.

Because of their high level of both clinical and research involvement and training, clinician investigators (also called clinician scientists) are uniquely positioned to lead the way to substantial improvements in clinical practice, service delivery, health policy and other aspects of health care. The CIP promotes a broad interpretation of health research that spans many different disciplines. Participants are free to choose a research project in the discipline that best suits their future plans.

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- laboratory-based biomedical research
- clinical research (i.e., intervention studies, clinical epidemiology)
- health services delivery and outcomes
- health economics
- health-system management
- health policy
- social, behavioural and information sciences

APPENDIX B

Dalhousie University Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program

Family doctors in Canada see patients of all ages throughout their lives in clinics, emergency rooms, nursing homes, hospitals, and patients' homes, depending on the needs of their patients. While the two-year family medicine residency is designed to offer exceptional training, Dalhousie's Post Graduate Medical Education Enhanced Learning Program (ESP) goes one step further by allowing expanded training of areas related to family medicine.

Dalhousie's Family Medicine program strives to be a leading positive influence on the health of people as individuals, as families, and as communities in Canada's Maritime provinces. ESP is a one-year, full-time program offered to Dalhousie family medicine postgraduate students in year three, who are seeking to expand their expertise in an area best suited to their focused interest.

Currently, Dalhousie's Family Medicine program offers category one Enhanced Skills Program training in the areas of care of the elderly, palliative care and emergency medicine, but are looking to expand this offering to a more comprehensive training-set to meet the needs defined by the community. With the right funding, category two training can be offered, upon approval from family medicine, in a variety of areas including women's health, addictions medicine, occupational medicine and a new Category 1 program known as the Clinical Scholar Program. This program is an accredited program with defined objectives and outcomes related to academic Family Medicine.

The Enhanced Skills Program strives to ensure that residents become effective and compassionate family physicians who have developed enhanced skills in some aspect of family medicine care, while providing them with a learning environment that is resident-centred and collegial. This program works hard to provide an expanded residency experience that meets or exceeds the guidelines of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.