

DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP, HALIFAX, NS, CANADA

Background

To contribute to the need for subspecialty training in Dermatopathology in Canada, a 1 year Dermatopathology Fellowship program was established at the Department of Pathology in Halifax, in July 2012. This was undertaken with the support and collaboration of the Divisions of Anatomical Pathology and Dermatology. Dr Noreen Walsh has been the Director of the Program since its inception. She is assisted by three academic colleagues in dermatopathology and several in Dermatology. The program is accredited by the International Committee for Dermatopathology (ICDP). Fellows who complete the program are eligible to sit for the ICDP examination in Dermatopathology and thereby gain international certification in the discipline. To date 5 individuals have completed the program (and obtained international certification in Dermatopathology), two are currently in place, and the position for 2021-2022 has been committed. Until now, the program had been unfunded and fellows who have pursued it have obtained independent financial support for the duration of their training.

The Future

Recently a charitable donation to the QEII Foundation in Halifax, establishing the Noreen Walsh Fund in Dermatopathology, has made it possible to provide funding for the Fellowship. With the ongoing commitment of the Department of Pathology, the Division of Anatomical Pathology and the Division of Dermatology (Department of Medicine) the Fellowship will continue, with funding, commencing July 2022. Dr Sylvia Pasternak, currently Co-Director of the Program, will ultimately assume the role of Director.

Applications

Candidates eligible to apply to the Program include those certified in Anatomical or General Pathology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPS©) of Canada, or individuals eligible to sit for the RCPS©) qualifying exams in those disciplines. Applications should include a letter outlining the individual's professional aspirations and a copy of his/her curriculum vitae (including a list of 4 referees with whom the applicant has worked in the past 4 years). Following a process of short-listing, which takes place during the month of September prior to commencement of the academic year in question, candidates would be expected to undertake a site visit to Halifax, for interviews and for exploration of benefits offered by the Program

Applications should be sent to Dr Pasternak Sylvia.Pasternak@nshealth.ca

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