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ASP

**ANTIMICROBIAL
STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**



**PFIZER CANADA MD FELLOWSHIP IN
ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP**

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Health Complex

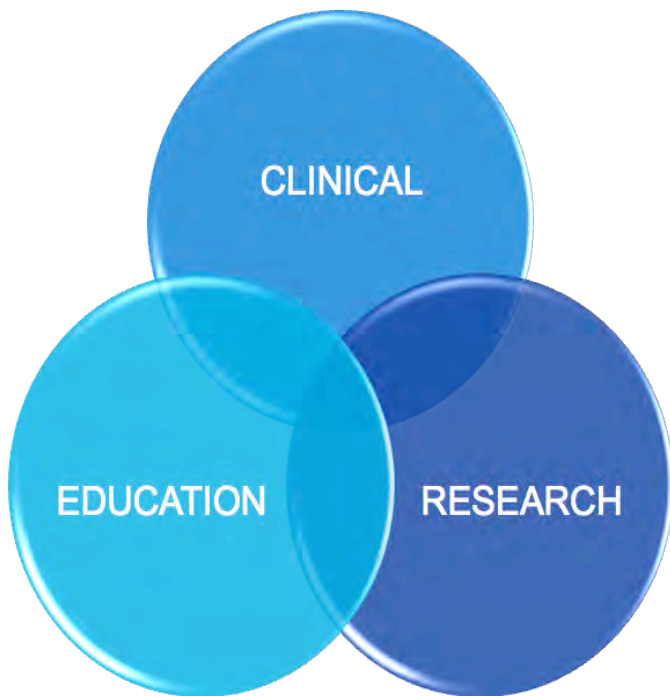


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*“Getting patients the right antibiotics,
when they need them”*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



*COMPLETING A PFIZER
CANADA MD FELLOWSHIP
IN ANTIMICROBIAL
STEWARDSHIP WILL
PREPARE A PHYSICIAN
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE
AND SKILLS NEEDED TO
DEVELOP A SUCCESSFUL
ACADEMIC CAREER IN
ANTIMICROBIAL
STEWARDSHIP.*

Description

A Pfizer Canada MD Fellowship in Antimicrobial Stewardship with the MSH-UHN Antimicrobial Stewardship Program provides support for highly qualified candidates who have been (or are expected to be) recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as having Special Competence in either Infectious Diseases or Medical Microbiology.

Funds Available

Fellowships are for two years, and are funded at the level of \$50 000 (CDN) + benefits per annum. The fellowships are taxable.

Objectives

The specific objective of this fellowship is to prepare a physician for an academic career in Antimicrobial Stewardship by:

- ✦ Learning the core knowledge required to perform antimicrobial stewardship-related program development, research and clinical work, including biostatistics and clinical epidemiology, patient safety and quality improvement, economics and public health
- ✦ Gaining experience in antimicrobial stewardship research from taking a research idea from contemplation to completion
- ✦ Learning to work as a core member of a multi-disciplinary team

The structure of the fellowship will include didactic, practical and research components. For the didactic component, we are partnering with the prestigious VA Quality Scholars Program offered through the University of Toronto Centre for Patient Safety. Admission to this program is not guaranteed, although applicants offered a Pfizer Fellowship in Antimicrobial Stewardship would be viewed favourably. (Should an applicant be unsuccessful in applying to the VA Quality Scholars Program, the MSH-UHN ASP will structure a didactic program with similar content.) Additionally, fellows will be expected to participate in “The Steward’s Room”, a regular interactive educational series addressing the evidence surrounding stewardship issues. The practical component will include experience in performing audit and feedback with healthcare providers at MSH and UHN, experience developing protocols and clinical pathways in a multidisciplinary setting, participating in hospital committees surrounding the activities of antimicrobial stewardship, and educating colleagues on issues regarding antimicrobial stewardship. Finally, the research component will involve developing a research hypothesis, performing a literature review surrounding the topic, developing and refining a research protocol, submitting the protocol for research ethics approval and peer-reviewed funding, and carrying out the research. The MSH-UHN ASP will provide additional content, logistical, research and biostatistical expertise as necessary.

Eligibility

- ✦ As the applicant, you must be a trainee in a program accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- ✦ As the applicant, you must be able to meet the minimum commitment of 50% of your time (minimum of 20hrs per week) dedicated to the research fellowship role proposed in the application. Up to 6 weeks per annum may be spent on unsupervised clinical work related to antimicrobial stewardship to gain further clinical experience and supplement income.
- ✦ At the time of application, you must hold an MD degree or equivalent. You must expect to complete all of the requirements of your RCPSC-accredited program by the latest possible date on which you can take up your award (see Effective Dates).

Guidelines

This award is held Mount Sinai Hospital, although various aspects of the fellowship will be carried out at both Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network.

In addition to a core member of the MSH-UHN ASP, you may have a second supervisor of your primary research project.

Holders of the Pfizer Canada MD Fellowship in Antimicrobial Stewardship will be expected to comply with all professional standards as outlined by the Policies and Procedures of Mount Sinai Hospital including (but not limited to) Appropriate Use of Information Technology, Code of Ethical Conduct, Confidentiality of Personal Health Information, and Diversity & Human Rights.

The Fellowship will commence as early as May 1, 2012, and may commence on the 1st day of any month up until September 1, 2012.

Review Process and Evaluation

Review Committee

A review committee consisting of the ASP Program Director, two ASP pharmacists and two ASP physicians will evaluate the full applications (see below). Eligible applicants whose application is deemed suitable will be invited for an interview to take place in late January-early February 2012.

Evaluation Criteria

Candidates will be evaluated by the committee on the basis of:

- ✦ Achievement and activities of the candidate
- ✦ Research potential as identified through prior research and the quality of the research proposal
- ✦ Clinical and collaborative potential as identified through reference letters and other supporting documentation

How to Apply

Important: Please read all instructions with the application process before applying. Incomplete applications will not be processed. We will email all applicants upon receipt of a complete application only.

Submission Requirements

- ✦ A Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply must be sent to the address below prior to the full application, and must be received by **December 15, 2011**. The LOI It is recommended that the LOI be sent by either registered mail or via email using a program that can ensure that the email has been received and read. We will not assume responsibility for lost LOIs sent by any other means.
- ✦ The full application includes a cover letter, a CV, proof of licensure, and 3 letters of reference. The full application—including letters of reference—must be received no later than January 9, 2012.
- ✦ The cover letter should include why this fellowship is suited for your career aspirations and why you are suited for this fellowship position.
- ✦ The applicant may submit a CV using a CIHR-formatted common CV or may submit a CV in another format. All CVs must include the following:
 - Full contact information
 - Educational history
 - Employment history **as it pertains to the fellowship application**
 - Research publications, according to whether peer-reviewed or invited
- ✦ Proof of current and valid Canadian licensure (e.g. copy of annual membership card with expiry date) OR proof that licensure will be available upon successful completion of your program **accompanied by a letter from your Program Director stating that s/he anticipates that you will successfully complete all training/licensing requirements prior to starting a Fellowship.**
- ✦ A minimum of 3 letters of reference (maximum 5 letters), including one from your program director.
- ✦ Send all documentation to:

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Funding Decision

One MD fellowship position is available for funding to commence in the 2012 year. If no suitable candidate for the MD fellowship position is identified, that funding will be made available to an eligible PharmD Applicant for the equivalent PharmD Fellowship position. Similarly, if no suitable candidate for the PharmD fellowship position has been identified, that funding will be made available to a second eligible MD.