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# Overview of UBC and BC Renal Research Scholarship Program

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**Number of Positions:** One Fellow available every 2 years  
**Duration:** 2 years  
**Start date:** July 1 (Flexible)  
**Application deadline:** September 1 for next year start date  
**Location:** Flexible within BC  
**Salary & Benefits:** \$75 000 per annum plus benefits

### **Overview**

BC Renal offers the Research Scholarship as part of our mandate to facilitate training and mentoring of clinicians and researchers and to encourage local, national and international collaboration, with the end goal of supporting high-calibre kidney research and knowledge translation that informs better care and treatment of patients. Research projects undertaken by successful applicants can span the continuum of kidney disease and can include observational analysis, prediction modeling, clinical trials, health services analysis, and biomarker and translational studies. Successful applicants take on a range of activities, including participation in projects, development of research protocols and analysis plans, preparation of manuscripts, and development of grant applications.

The Scholar and reporting supervisor will create the curriculum based on BC Renal priorities, as well as the fellow's interests wherever possible. The research project/program will reflect the collaboration between the applicable BC Renal provincial modality committees and the UBC Division of Nephrology, as appropriate. The Scholar will be invited to participate in the activities of at least one of the BC Renal core committees to gain exposure to the health services and health policy implications.

Although there is no official clinical or call requirement for this scholarship program, if the Scholar intends on doing clinical work, then they will need to meet the English Language requirements and the licensing status.

### **Eligibility**

- Completion of 24 months of training in an accredited training in nephrology or nephrology related discipline programs (e.g. pharmacy, nutrition, social work, nursing).
- Completion of a Master's or PhD in clinical epidemiology, statistics, or a relevant field, or equivalent; or intention to enrol in courses.
- Completion of research training with a proven record of scholarly academic research achievement and peer-reviewed publications.
- If the applicant is a physician and intends on doing clinical work during the fellowship, then they will also need to meet the English Language requirements as below, and have graduated from medical school within 10 years of starting the fellowship. This clinical work would consume no more than 20% of time.

### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC English Language Requirement for Registration:**

The College has considered in the interest of patient care, any candidate applying for licensure in British Columbia must have the ability to speak, read, and write, English. If the language of primary medical education and patient care was not in English the successful completion of IELTS Academic examination is required.

- Minimum score of 7 in each component.
- Test Report Form (TFR) is valid for a period of two years from date taken.

### **Deliverables**

The Fellow is expected to complete the following activities to gain exposure to the renal network and raise awareness of policy implications and health services from their research work:

- Participate/Develop a research program of work with the supervisor (Research supervisor), with identified clinical content co-supervisor if/as appropriate; for review and vetting.
- Work with the statistical and analytic team at BC Renal who support research.
- Attend applicable BC Renal provincial modality committees in order to identify opportunities to develop research programs based on committee data and requirements.
- Attend and present BC Renal/UBC Province-wide Rounds (at least once per year), hospital academic rounds, and biopsy rounds.
- Participate and present (if applicable) in BC Kidney Days, BC Renal's annual conference, including submission of an abstract and development of a poster to support knowledge sharing/translation related to the fellow's research project(s).
- Contribute an article to the BC Renal network newsletter, Renal News, or Research in Focus newsletter.
- Complete the San'yas Core Indigenous Cultural Safety Health Training, if not yet completed.
- Complete the project work plan, evaluations, and comprehensive report assigned by BC Renal.

### **How to apply**

Applicants should complete the [application link](#) and attach their letter of intent (include proposed start date), CV, and three references.