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Overview of UBC and BC Renal Glomerulonephritis Fellowship

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Number of Position: 1 position

Duration: 2 years

Start date: July 1st next year

Application deadline: September 1st for next year start date

Location: Vancouver General Hospital & St Paul's Hospital

Salary & Benefits: TBD

Overview

This is a two-year combined clinical, health administration and research fellowship offered in partnership through UBC. During the fellowship, the successful applicant is required to be enrolled in a Master's or PhD degree program relevant to their area of research interest (which can be deferred for applicants with a previous comparable degree and research training with approval of the GN fellowship director). The clinical training may be combined with formal graduate coursework leading to Masters or Doctoral degrees in Experimental Medicine, Health Care and Epidemiology or related disciplines through the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Rationale

There is growing recognition that the management of GN is increasingly specialized, and that expertise in the management of GN requires more intensive exposure than what is typically provided during the general nephrology 2-year residency training program. As such, a dedicated fellowship in GN is beneficial in improving a trainee's ability to diagnose and treat glomerular diseases, which is a skill set that is applicable in any nephrology practice.

Objectives

- To develop expertise in the clinical diagnosis and management of glomerular diseases, including in the context of pregnancy
- To develop an in-depth knowledge of nephropathology related to glomerular diseases
- To gain an understanding and experience in the administration of health services related to glomerular diseases; the development, implementation and evaluation of GN health programs; and in resource allocation in GN-related healthcare
- To gain the necessary education, training and experience in research methodology, manuscript preparation and publication, and grant development to ensure successful transition to a career as independent researcher of glomerular diseases

Details

The fellowship also includes the following GN-specific learning opportunities:

- Twice-weekly GN clinics
- Pregnancy nephrology clinic
- Lupus clinic (in collaboration with rheumatologists)
- Vasculitis clinic (in collaboration with rheumatologists)
- Pathology rotations (in collaboration with the UBC Department of Pathology)
- Participation in a Masters or Doctoral degree program at UBC, as outlined above.

Fellows are expected to attend all biopsy rounds, province-wide nephrology rounds, and BC GN Committee meetings, and present GN-related topics at academic half days, UBC Division of Nephrology province-wide rounds, and other educational rounds.

Duties and Responsibilities

Fellows are 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:

- Identify opportunities to develop research or quality improvement/teaching project with the supervisor that would be of value to the BC Renal provincial modality committees or the provincial community. Examples include updating the provincial resources for patients and/or health care professionals and reviewing literature and current guidelines for committees on best practices. Additional outputs from the project include:
 - Develop an abstract and poster and then present at BC Kidney Days, if applicable.
 - Present the project at a public venue at least once per year. The presentation can be at the BC Renal/UBC Province-wide Rounds, hospital academic rounds, biopsy rounds, or UBC Division of Nephrology Research Day.
 - Contribute an article to the BC Renal newsletter, Renal News Express, or Research in Focus Newsletter.
- If applicable, attend and participate at BC Kidney Days, BC Renal's biannual conference, at some capacity through at least one of the following:
 - Be a poster judge.
 - Involve in the Planning Committee which includes chairing a session at the conference.
- Attend all applicable BC Renal provincial and local modality committees' meetings.
- Attend relevant the BC Renal/UBC Province-wide Rounds, hospital academic rounds, and biopsy rounds.
- Teach at academic half-day for Fellows at least twice per year, with oversight from the fellow's supervisor.
- Complete the San'yas Core Indigenous Cultural Safety Health Training, if not yet completed.
- Complete all evaluations and reports assigned by BC Renal.

Eligibility

- Has completed 24 months of training in an accredited nephrology program (or equivalent with approval of the GN fellowship director)
- Concurrent registration in a relevant Master's or PhD program is mandatory during the fellowship but not required at the time of application (for applicants with pre-existing Master's or PhD research training, this requirement can be deferred with approval of the GN fellowship director).
- Graduation from medical school within 10 years of starting this fellowship
- Can speak, read, and write in English to fulfill the **College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC English Language Requirement**. 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 applicant's 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

How to apply

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

Applications can be considered earlier for flexible start dates prior to July 1 as needed depending on the circumstances and academic cycle of individual applicants.