Cleveland Clinic Research Fellowship Application

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Cleveland Clinic Adult Clinical Research Fellowship is designed to support the development of patient-oriented clinical researchers focused on innovative approaches to improving outcomes in surgical and hospitalized patients.

This funded fellowship offers immersive, mentored experience in clinical research within a U.S. academic setting. Fellows gain practical exposure to the policies, procedures, and ethical principles essential to the safe and responsible conduct of clinical research.

A major emphasis of the fellowship is hands-on participation in clinical trials, with fellows serving as research personnel and gaining direct experience in study operations and trial conduct. Fellows are also introduced to key concepts in the design and implementation of retrospective and prospective studies, as well as observational and interventional research. Additional exposure to clinical trial management, biostatistics, and scientific communication is provided through journal clubs, selected didactic sessions, informal discussions with accomplished clinical investigators, and participation in ongoing research activities.

Individualized mentorship is a central component of the fellowship and supports the development of each fellow's research skills, academic productivity, and scholarly growth. With one-on-one guidance, fellows complete an independent research project and are expected to present their findings at a national scientific meeting in poster or oral format, with the goal of achieving a first-author publication.

Site: Cleveland Clinic Main Campus and Fairview hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Applicants: This fellowship will accept physicians who demonstrate outstanding academic potential with a sincere interest in becoming an independent clinical researcher. Priority will be given to physicians who demonstrate prior interest in research through previous experience in a laboratory or clinical research with publications.

One-year fellowship goals include:

1) Investigator training in Research policies and procedures, including Good Clinical Practices, HIPAA, Regulatory and Compliance
2) Hands-on research training in informed consent processes, study procedures and interventions
3) Didactic training including fundamentals of research, journal clubs, lunch-n-learn case discussions
4) Participation and completion of an individual research project leading to a national presentation and first-author publication
5) Regular meeting with research mentor to discuss work on an individual research project
6) Regular meetings with Program director to receive feedback on screening, enrollment, and management of clinical trial(s) performance and the individual research project
7) Abstract presentation at a national scientific meeting followed by a first-author publication

Research fellow responsibilities:

1. Completion of on-line training in GCP, HIPAA, informed consent, regulatory, compliance and other research policies and procedures
2. Participate as a clinical research team member in 3-4 clinical studies, including clinical trials, prospective cohort studies
3. Serve as the lead research fellow on one or two clinical studies and oversee screening, enrollment, data collection, regulatory and compliance issues
4. Attendance at morning huddle meetings every weekday
5. Attendance at didactic sessions including study design, journal clubs, lunch-n-learn, and research policy and procedure lectures
6. Present at a journal club discussion
7. Participate in the research study call schedule (which includes late shifts and weekend call rotation)
8. Meet weekly with a staff mentor to develop an independent patient-oriented clinical research project
9. Completion of independent patient-oriented clinical research project, presentation of results in abstract form at a scientific meeting, and completion and publication of a first-author manuscript.

Research fellow eligibility criteria:

1. MD, DO, or equivalent degree
2. Completion of USMLE Step 1 preferred, but not required
3. Previous experience in clinical research or a demonstration of strong interest to become an independent, clinical researcher
4. Minimum 1-year commitment, 2-year commitment preferred

Fellows will be evaluated on a regular basis on:

1. Quality of research work, including the recording, reporting, and ensuring reliability and integrity of data
2. Management of human research subjects while prioritizing the safety, rights, and well-being of participants
3. Efficient screening, enrolling, retaining research participants and complete data collection
4. Feedback from program director, PIs, and research staff (administrators, compliance and regulatory officers)
5. Progress on individual research project

Compensation: currently under review, but approximately US $52,000 annually plus health care coverage and other benefits

Application requirements:

- Proof of completion of medical school and receipt of MD, DO or equivalent degree
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- USMLE I and II scores (if available)
- Fluency in English language
- VISA status from country of origin

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First name:_____ Family (last) name: _____

DOB: _____/_____/_____ Gender: M_____F_____

Country of Origin: _____ Visa status: _____

Social Security Number (if applicable): _____-_____-_____

Mailing address:_____

Phone:_____Email:_____

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Current position:_____

Medical school:_____

Year of graduation from Medical school:_____

Degree received (include a copy of diploma):_____

Have you completed any fellowships or residency programs in the United States? _____

If yes to above question, provide name of institution and area of study_____

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USMLE 1 score (attach official report)**:_____**

USMLE 2 score (attach official report)**:_____**

TOEFL Overall Score: _____ECFMG: Yes_____ No_____

If selected, what is your availability ? Month/year _____/_____

Curriculum Vitae (attach to this application)**:**

Research experience (attach additional pages if necessary)**:**

Personal statement (Attach a separate page to explain why you are interested in research)

Letter of recommendation. (please provide the names of three referees, their professional appointments, and their relationship to you, and attach the letters to this application).

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To apply for the above opportunity, please send your application, along with the supporting documents to Dr. Andra Duncan via email at duncana@ccf.org