

The Margaret and Andrew Stephens Family Foundation Research Fellowship in Gynecological Cancers

Purpose of Award

The purpose of the award is to fund a top post-doctoral fellow (post PhD) or clinical fellow (post MD) pursuing research activity related to gynecologic cancers. The award is intended to provide valuable research training experience and to support the development of competitive applications for external salary awards at the provincial or national levels.

Use of Funds: Salary top-up and/or a research stipend for a clinical fellow OR salary and benefits for a newly recruited postdoctoral fellow.

Value of Award: \$50,000 per fellowship

Number of Awards: 2

Duration of Award: The term of fellowship support is one (1) year.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates are eligible to apply for the Margaret and Andrew Stephens Family Foundation Research Fellowship in Gynecological Cancers if:

- The applicant is being recruited for or is currently in a postdoctoral (post MD or post PhD) research training position affiliated with the University of Calgary with a primary supervisor who is a member of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute.
- Applicants must be working on research related to gynecologic cancers, spanning the continuum of biomedical science to clinical research, health services, population health research.
- When the Fellowship is awarded to an MD or a clinician, the recipient must spend a minimum of 25% (ideally >50%) of their time on research during the time that the award is held.
- Successful applicant/awardee will be registered with the Charbonneau Cancer Institute as trainees.
- The applicant may not hold other internal or external postdoctoral fellowship awards such as CIHR, NSERC, and other agencies. (Current holders of internal or external fellowship awards are eligible only if funding from these sources will be ending within 12 months from the application deadline).

Financial Support

The total award is \$50,000.

For clinical trainees, the funds can either be spent as \$50,000 for 1 Year as salary top-up with expectation of matching funds (as above) and/or a research stipend (or combination thereof).

For nonclinical fellowships the award will be disbursed as \$50,000 x 1 year, with the requirement of matching funds to meet the minimum postdoc funding guidelines at the Cumming School of Medicine. The matching funds can come entirely from the Supervisor.

Terms of Support

The term of fellowship support is maximum of one (1) year.

Selection process

Eligible applications will be reviewed by the selection committee, which will be assigned by the Charbonneau Training and Education Committee and will include, among others, the Division Head, Gynecologic Oncology and the Residency Program Head, Gynecologic Oncology.

Applications will be adjudicated based on the following criteria:

- Alignment of the proposed work to challenges in gynecologic cancers.
- Quality of the research proposed.
 - scientific rigor of the project
 - potential impact of the research
- Quality of the research and training environment provided by the applicant's supervisor, and co-supervisor if applicable.
- Potential impact of the support on the career development of the applicant.
 - applicants demonstrated commitment to research and scholarship
 - clarity of the role of the applicant in the research.

Final approval is at the discretion of the Office of the Associate Dean of Research.

Application Deadline: Friday, November 29, 2024