



## **Clinic Movement Disorder Fellowship Program Application Guidelines 2021-22**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Release of Request for Application	December 21, 2020
Deadline for Applications	February 1, 2021
Notification of Successful Application	February 22 2021
Funding Start Date	March 15, 2021
Funding End Date	March 14, 2022

Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (PSSO) is excited to offer its Clinical Movement Disorder Fellowship Program as a strategic initiative to encourage young clinicians to enter the field of clinical training in Movement Disorders, specializing in Parkinson Disease. This award in the amount of \$50,000 CDN is to provide expertise in diagnosis and management of Parkinson Disease in this hands-on program.

Funds in the amount of \$50,000 are available to support salary for one year for the candidate who best meets the eligibility criteria established and outlined below.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Applicants must be eligible to practice in Canada in a Post Graduate Movement Disorder Program.
- Successful completion of the Physicians examination in Neurology or Neurosurgery.
- Registered in a post-graduate training position at an Approved Institution in Southwestern Ontario
- Applicants must intend to practice in Southwestern Ontario/Ontario
- Clinical training must be the largest component of this hands-on experience with a minimum 80% of time dedicated to patient care.

## **APPROVED UNIVERSITIES**

University of Guelph  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
University of Windsor

## **LOCATION OF TRAINING & SUPERVISION**

Awards granted under this Program shall be held in trust by the Approved Institution at which the approved supervisor of the successful applicant holds a faculty appointment.

Other training locations may be considered by the Program's Adjudication Committee, provided that the facility is an Approved Institution and the clinical training fall within the mandate of the Program.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING TERMS**

PSSO requires successful applicants to submit a Final Progress Report detailing the results of the applicant's progress, in substance and form satisfactory to the PSSO Board of Directors, which shall be submitted to the attention of the CEO, at PSSO's office no later than three months after the termination of the Program. Guidelines and instructions will be provided by PSSO in advance of the reporting deadline.

Successful applicant may also be requested to speak at PSSO educational events.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be completed and submitted to PSSO no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 1, 2021.

Your application will be considered complete once PSSO has received the following items:

1. Candidate letter expressing their interest in a career specialized in the field of Parkinson's disease (500 words)
2. Fellowship training summary (500 words)
3. Official Transcript of the applicant's university record including all undergraduate medical and postgraduate studies.
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Completed and signed application form

6. Two (2) reference letters from professors of supervisors with whom the candidate has studied or worked. One reference should be from the director of the program in which the candidate has taken the majority of their training.
7. Letter of support from the supervising Neurologist at the Movement Disorder Center where training is to take place providing details of the Training Environment outlining the proposed training program, including a detailed description of clinical responsibilities, teaching to be provided and allocation of time (allocated for each activity, totalling 100% of the proposed training program)

Incomplete applications or applications received later than deadline, will not be considered under any circumstances.

Applications materials (Items 1-5 above) are to be submitted electronically as a single pdf file to Shelley Rivard, CEO, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario, [research@parkinsonsociety.ca](mailto:research@parkinsonsociety.ca). Receipt of application will be confirmed.

Applicants do not need to courier any documents to PSSO; however, we ask that you keep your original signed documents which may be requested in the event that your application is successful in the competition.

Reference Letters and Supervisor Supports (Items 6-9) are to be completed by two sponsors and Proposed Training Program Supervisor. References are to be submitted electronically by sponsors and supervisors directly to Shelley Rivard, CEO, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario, [research@parkinsonsociety.ca](mailto:research@parkinsonsociety.ca). Receipt of letters will be confirmed.

After submitting your application, should circumstances arise where the training cannot be completed as outlined, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario must be contacted in writing, be apprised of the situation, and provided any new direction of the training prior to being reviewed.

Decisions made by the Program's Adjudication Committee are final and not subject to appeal.