

CAGPO Clinical Training Scholarships in Cancer Care and Control 2019-2020

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CAGPO Mission Statement:

- Unify General Practitioners in Oncology
- Promote communication among General Practitioners in Oncology in tertiary care and primary care settings
- Act and speak as the recognized authority on behalf of and for the benefit of General Practitioners in Oncology and their interests

CAGPO Mission Statement:

- Promote the role of General Practitioners in Oncology within Cancer Centers, and *within the primary care setting support and encourage the development of educational opportunities for Family Physicians / General Practitioners wishing to obtain additional training in Oncology*

Objective

- designed to support family physicians/general practitioners to develop knowledge and skills in cancer care and control activities to better serve needs of their community
- eligible areas include, but not limited to, cancer therapeutics, prevention, screening, early detection, psychosocial support, symptom management & palliative care

Eligibility

- scholarships available to community-based family physicians/general practitioners as well as those currently employed full or part time by cancer agencies or programs.
- applicants must possess a license to practice medicine in a Canadian province or territory and **MUST BE MEMBERS OF CAGPO AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.**
- preference will be given to those who have been CAGPO members for at least one year.

- applicants who are presently employed on a full- or part-time basis by cancer agencies or programs must indicate how the training proposed is not supported within the conditions of their employment
- scholarship funding not intended to fund a period of orientation or oncology training as a condition of employment at the beginning of employment at a cancer agency or program

- *willing to consider any funding suggestions to allow physicians employed full time in cancer programs to participate in clinical traineeship*
- CAGPO Scholarship funding will NOT be awarded for programs previously completed or currently underway prior to the application deadline
- an individual can be awarded a scholarship only once in any 5 year period

Format

- learning activity should take the form of a clinical traineeship of one to four weeks' duration if done on a full-time basis & proportionately longer if done part-time
- consist of an active, individualized and practical experience related to clearly defined educational objectives
- expected that recipients will forego all or part of their usual clinical duties for the duration of the traineeship
- *other formats considered on a case by case basis*

- report to be submitted to CAGPO within 4 weeks of completion of the program outlining the extent to which the educational objectives were achieved & impact of training on the physician's practice
- scholarship recipients also expected to attend the next CAGPO conference (registration fee will be waived) and present a brief 5-10 minute overview of experience including educational objectives & impact of training on their practice as outlined in formal report
- if unable to attend conference, a video or slideshow would be an acceptable alternative

Time & Location of Traineeship

- traineeship to occur in Canada in cancer program able to offer suitable supervision & clinical experience
- training must commence within 6 months of award being made
- candidates should make contact with cancer centre & negotiate timing, supervision & content of proposed traineeship
- *if educational needs cannot be met in Canada, committee may consider other sites of training on case by case basis*

Amount & Disbursement of Award

- value of each scholarship is \$4,500 per full-time week of training to maximum of four weeks per recipient
- total number of weeks of scholarship funding may vary year to year & will depend on CAGPO's financial position & funding available to Scholarship Committee

Continuing Education Credits:

- CAGPO scholarships will be eligible for Mainpro+ credits from the College of Family Physicians of Canada based on individual application by the recipient
- see www.cfpc.ca for details

Selection of Recipients:

- Selection of the recipients will be made by CAGPO Scholarship Committee based on the overall merit of application, benefit to community, to achieve a balance amongst regions of Canada & between rural & urban practitioners
- number of scholarships awarded will be based on the merit of the applicants and funding available to the committee

Procedure for Application

- applications must be postmarked, faxed or emailed no later than *midnight, Tuesday, March 31, 2020* & should include:
- description of proposed learning objectives, setting and supervision for training experience & duration of training
- description of community presently served by physician and expected benefits of training to community

- letter from traineeship supervisor and/or sponsoring agency or institution indicating they have agreed to provide training opportunity
- brief biographical profile
- if any of above details are not included, application will be considered incomplete & will not be considered

The Balance Sheet

- 2005: \$11,250
- 2006: \$25,000
- 2007: \$20,000
- 2008: \$11,250
- 2009: \$2,500
- 2010: \$13,500*
- 2011: \$27,000
- 2012: \$13,500
- 2013: \$13,500
- 2014: \$18,000
- 2015: \$4,500
- 2016: \$9,000
- 2017: \$31,500
- 2018: \$18,000
- 2019: \$36,000
- Total: \$254,500

2018-19 CAGPO Scholarship Recipient:

- Dr Wendy Lambert has completed a 4 week traineeship to enhance skills in:
- management of PICC line issues, paracentesis & thoracentesis
- hypertension & diabetes
- lymphedema clinic
- radiation side effects
- follow-up clinics in breast & colorectal
- RACE Team (rapid assessment clinical events)

Current Recipients:

- Dr. Amar Singh (Wasaga Beach, ON) and Dr. Kate McLachlin (Collingwood, ON) have each been awarded three weeks of funding to pursue clinical training as GPOs at the Royal Victoria Hospital / Simcoe Muskoka Region Cancer Program under the supervision of Dr. Sara Rask in anticipation of the future development of a systemic therapy clinic in Collingwood.

Current Recipients:

- Dr. Nureen Sumar (Calgary, AB) has been awarded two weeks of funding to attend the Palliative Care Education and Practice (PCEC) Course sponsored by the Centre for Palliative Care at the Harvard Medical School.