

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM**

The John Alexander Stewart Fellowship Award

Guidelines

Introduction

This award was created in 1975 with funding from the John Alexander Stewart Estate. A significant financial contribution from Dr. J.O. Parker also supported the fellowship fund.

Revision date for the terms of reference: January 19th, 2023.

Eligibility

The purpose of the John Alexander Stewart Fellowship Award is to fund a research-intensive fellowship for trainees and thereby promote the development of academic faculty within the Queen's University Department of Medicine. Preference is given to trainees who are being recruited to return to Queen's University Department of Medicine in a faculty position.

The John Alexander Stewart Fellowship Award is a Fellowship (1-2 awarded per year) available to qualified persons of high academic distinction in Canada or abroad who are at an early stage of their career (senior residents, fellows, postdoctoral fellows). Applicants must hold an MD, PhD or equivalent. The award is open to trainees committed to a career in academic medicine in any of the Divisions in the Department of Medicine.

MD applicants pursuing fellowship training are eligible to apply even if their fellowship is external to Queen's University provided the training is deemed research intensive and they are being recruited back to the Department of Medicine (DOM).

Terms of the Award

- The John Alexander Stewart Fellowship will be awarded annually on the Head of the Department of Medicine's recommendation.
- The total funding for JAS Fellowship Award is \$50K per annum in salary dollars only. The supervisor is required to pay the cost of employee benefits in relation to the \$50K salary.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for external funding from any source and can hold more than one award, up to \$150K annually. The fellowship should be research-

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intensive so the minority of their time, during regular working hours, should be spent on clinical activity.

- **For MD applicants:**
 - The JAS is a research-intensive fellowship, but clinical training is permitted as a component of the fellowship.
 - MDs must be eligible to qualify for a CPSO license and practice Medicine in Ontario.
- **For PhD applicants:**
 - Must meet the criteria to hold a work permit in Ontario (i.e., satisfy a labor market impact assessment-LMIA).
- The start date for the fellowship is July 1st. The department will only consider one extension request. The funding will return to DOM if the recipient cannot start the fellowship within one year of receiving the award.
- All award recipients require a nominating faculty member who must be a **GFT** (geographic full time) member within the Department of Medicine.

Adjudication

A subcommittee of the Department of Medicine Research Committee will review the applications. This committee will be chaired by the Department Head and include the Director of Translational Institute of Medicine-TIME and at least one or two other faculty members, as determined by the Head.

In the event that more than one applicant applies, preference will be given to applicants who are being recruited back to the DOM.

Supervisors will normally have an established externally funded research program for applications involving DOM research supervisors.

Applications

The application documents in pdf/electronic format are to be forwarded to the attention of Salwa Nihal, Department of Medicine, Room 3-2-303, GIDRU, email: snc1@queensu.ca

Call for applications will be sent out in November/December, and the starting date for this award will typically be the following July 1st.