Clinician Investigator Program – Funding Opportunity
Deadline to apply: January 8, 2024

U of T has a funding opportunity for 2024-20245 for trainees in the Clinician Investigator Program (CIP). The CIP is an accredited PGME training program of the RCPSC. **Application deadline is January 8, 2024.**

Its goal is to educate physicians towards an independent career as a clinical investigator combining medical practice and research. The areas of research available for study include not only the traditional areas of laboratory and clinical biomedical research, but also such fields as economics and management, social, behavioural and information sciences as they apply to health and disease. The purpose of the CIP is to:

- provide individuals in a postgraduate medical education RCPSC specialty/subspecialty training program the opportunity to undertake research training with the intention of pursuing a clinician scientist/clinical investigator career track; or
- provide a postdoctoral research experience for graduates of an MD/PhD program.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) provides annual funding for 14 positions dedicated to CIP trainees at the University of Toronto. The MOH funding is intended to provide one year of support at the appropriate PGY level of the two-year CIP. The second year of funding is typically found through research grants or departmental funding.

The 14 CIP-MOH positions will be funded on a merit basis through a rigorous review process by the CIP Committee.

New CIP applicants will be required to complete the application form (attached) and provide **all the accompanying documents** to the Clinician Investigator Program, indicating that they are applying for MOH-CIP funding. We ask that when reviewing your resident’s CIP application, you also discuss optimal time in their residency training to apply to CIP.

Applicants for MOH funding who are current CIP trainees do NOT need to complete the application again. However, these applicants must indicate via email their request to be funded by MOH-CIP and whether there are any changes in any of the information provided in their original application to the CIP.

Accompanying documents need to be supplied by **both new applicants and current CIP learners**:

**New Applicants to CIP:**

- [Completed CIP application](#)
- Current CV
- Letter from prospective supervisor in support of the application.
- Letter from RCPSC Residency Program Director in support of the application including a 2-year commitment of funding from department sources for the trainee during CIP, a guarantee of
minimum of 80% protected research time, and copied to the Clinical Chair and Department Business Manager.
  
  - Note – the funding commitment must be at the learner’s current PGY level per the PARO salary grid.

- A one-page Letter of Intent from the learner – outlining why applicant is interested in CIP, what the applicant hopes to achieve by participating in CIP, and applicant’s future goals as a Clinical Scientist

- A one-page description of the nature of the research the learner will be undertaking in CIP if their application is successful.

Current CIP Trainees:

- Current CV
- Letter from the RCPSC Residency Program Director in support of funding and outlining the sources of funding support the resident has received to date from the department or external sources, copied as above (Clinical Chair, Department Business Manager).
  
  - Note – the funding commitment must be at the learner’s current PGY level per the PARO salary grid.

- Letter from current supervisor outlining applicant’s research progress in the graduate program to date.

- Statement of current project, progress and future plans.

Consideration for MOH funding will be based on the overall strength of the CIP application and confirmation of funding for the second year of the program. Additional information on the Clinician Investigator Program can be found on the recently updated CIP website http://cip.utoronto.ca/. Applications for a July 1 start should be received no later than January 8, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the CIP Selection Committee and decisions will be conveyed by the Chair of the Committee to both candidates and Program Directors.

If you have any questions concerning the CIP application process please contact Julie Amato at uoft.cip@utoronto.ca. If you have questions about the available MOH funding please contact PGME Payroll at pgme.payroll@utoronto.ca.