



Leadership and innovation  
in **oncology** advanced  
practice nursing

## **Canadian Centre of Excellence in Oncology Advanced Practice Nursing**

### **Research Fellowship — Description and Application Form**

#### **Introduction**

Established in 2008, the Canadian Centre of Excellence in Oncology Advanced Practice Nursing (OAPN) is the first nursing research unit to be introduced by a cancer program in Canada. OAPN provides a comprehensive, integrated national program of leading-edge research, education and knowledge translation initiatives to support the effective use of generalist, specialized and advanced nursing roles in cancer control.

Dr. Denise Bryant-Lukosius is the Director of OAPN which is located within the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre at Hamilton Health Sciences. The Juravinski Cancer Program (JCP) is one of the largest comprehensive cancer programs in Canada, serving over 2.3 million people in the Central West region of Ontario. In addition to OAPN, the JCP is an academic teaching and research intensive program associated with the Faculty of Health Sciences including the School of Nursing, Department of Oncology and the Escarpment Cancer Research Institute at McMaster University. The JCP is recognized as an international leader in advanced practice nursing, knowledge translation, basic science, clinical trials and health services research in cancer control.

OAPN has received new research funding to design, implement and evaluate new models of care and interventions that empower patients and promote self-management. This research will also include a special focus on precision medicine in cancer care.

Objectives for this priority project include:

- Establish a comprehensive self-management support program that gets the right people to the right services, delivered by the right providers, and at the right time
- Increase access to self-management support through integration of cancer centre and community-based services
- Develop and evaluate novel tools and resources to support integration of self-management support into routine cancer care practices
- Prepare patients, family caregivers and health care providers for their new roles related to self-management support in cancer care

## **Research Training Fellowship**

OAPN is offering a one-year Masters, PhD or Post Doctoral Research Fellowship for nursing or other health professions starting July 1, 2017.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to tailor the Fellowship experience to meet individualized learning needs, further develop research knowledge and skills, and establish their own program of research through:

- Mentorship and training by a research supervisor
- Graduate or Post Graduate courses
- Participation as a co-investigator on provincial/national/international research teams
- Support for grant writing
- Research infrastructure to conduct pilot projects
- Development and submission of manuscripts for publication
- Co-tutoring and/or teaching graduate research courses, and
- Supervising undergraduate and/or graduate research students

## **Terms of the Fellowship**

The Fellowship is a one-year full-time position with a total award of \$45,000 for salary (including benefits) and \$5,000 for research and/or education expenses. The preferred start date for the award is July 1, 2017.

## **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- The Fellowship is open to health professionals who are Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada at the time of application;
- Enrollment in a Masters or PhD program or completed a PhD within the last 3 years;
- Demonstrate a strong interest and background in oncology, health services/health policy research and/or knowledge translation; and
- Must be able to participate full-time for onsite research training and OAPN activities in Hamilton.

## **Application Process**

The closing date for applications is June 5, 2017 with an interview and the final selection process to be completed by July 1, 2017. Applications should be mailed or couriered to:

Dr. Denise Bryant-Lukosius,  
Director, Canadian Centre of Excellence in Oncology APN (OAPN)  
Juravinski Cancer Centre, Room 4-222  
699 Concession St., Hamilton, Ontario. L8V 5C2

**The completed application package must be received by June 5, 2017 and include the following components:**

- A brief outline of Fellowship goals and their relevance to the new funding research objectives. (maximum of 150 words)
- A statement of the applicant's long-term career goals. (maximum 100 words)
- A summary of the applicant's education, employment and research experience and how the Fellowship experience will support the development of his/her program of research. (maximum 200 words)
- An up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae that includes all peer reviewed publications and presentations.
- An outline of the proposed training plan and how training activities will support the achievement of Fellowship goals. The applicant must be onsite in Hamilton. (maximum 350 words)
- A brief timeline outlining the timing, sequence and completion dates of training plan activities. (maximum 100 words)
- If employed, a letter of support from current employer. This letter should include a clear description of the applicant's work time and commitments, any restrictions on participating in the Fellowship and the physical, practical and financial resources to be provided by their employer.
- Two reference letters (i.e. from an academic supervisor and from other faculty or researchers) that can comment on how the applicant's academic achievements and research skills and experience are a good fit and will enable successful completion of Fellowship goals.
- The Director of OAPN, Dr. Denise Bryant-Lukosius will supervise the Fellowship. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Bryant-Lukosius to discuss their proposed research program and interest in the Fellowship.
- Co-supervision by a university-based faculty member with research training and expertise that is complementary to the applicant's proposed program of research may also be negotiated. The role and expertise of the co-supervisor and contribution to meeting Fellowship training goals should be outlined by the applicant. The co-supervisor should also provide a letter indicating his/her agreement to participate in the Fellowship and the types of support they would be willing to provide to meet research training goals. (maximum 150 words)

Following a review of the applications, the successful candidate will meet with OAPN's director to finalize the details of the training plan and terms of the Fellowship agreement.

**If you have questions or require additional information about how to apply to this Fellowship, contact Sarah Rietkoetter, Program Coordinator for OAPN>**

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