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Advanced Surgical Skills & Implants for Skeletal Trauma Canada-Ukraine Project







ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship offers specialized training to early-career Ukrainian orthopaedic surgeons (2-10 years of practice) in advanced techniques for managing complex limb and pelvic injuries with the Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Orthopaedic Trauma Service (OTS).

Fellows will learn how to organize a busy regional orthopaedic trauma service by actively participating in daily clinical activities and helping coordinate patient care with other administrative units and regional partners.

Focused educational opportunities in related fields can be organized to meet the learning needs of the Fellow (eg. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Microvascular Surgery, Spine Surgery, Trauma Resuscitation...)

The Fellowship is made possible by financial support from the BCU Foundation.



DETAILS

Duration - 3 months.

Stipend - approximately CA\$5000/month

• Fellows responsible for living expenses.

Start dates - July 02, 2024, October 01, 2024, January 06, 2025, April 01, 2025.

Site - Hamilton General Hospital, Ontario, Canada.



TIMELINE

Mid-March 2024 - interview with candidates begins until all 4 (four) spots are filled.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Actively practicing licensed Ukrainian orthopaedic surgeon providing trauma care
 - Medical students and residents are not eligible.
- 2-10 years post-residency independent practice experience.
- English language proficiency at a level sufficient to interact with medical/surgical specialists regarding complex cases and techniques
 - Translation services are not provided in this fellowship.

SELECTION PROCESS

Complete online application form:

• https://forms.gle/UBYi7CoQAQ8rJkFs6



Required documents:

- CV (Curriculum Vitae)
- Medical degree/certification documents
- International passport photo page.



The Fellowship Program Committee interviews the eligible candidates.



Four (4) successful candidates work with the McMaster Postgraduate Medical Education Office (PGME) to complete regulatory paperwork.





BRIGHTER

Founded in 1887, McMaster University is a top Canadian medical research university located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

The Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster is the birthplace of Evidence Based Medicine and is recognized as one of the world's 50 best schools to study life sciences and medicine.





The McMaster Centre for Evidence-Based Orthopaedics (CEO) conducts successful and high-quality research through collaborations and partnerships with researchers across the globe.

The CEO team has completed several landmark trials in the field of orthopedic trauma.



ABOUT THE ASSIST UKRAINE INITIATIVE

The invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 has resulted in a high volume of complex traumatic skeletal injuries. Furthermore, the conflict has disrupted hospital supply chains and capacity.

The ASSIST Ukraine Initiative was established in 2022 through the McMaster University Department of Surgery to help Ukrainians build musculoskeletal trauma surgery capacity.

Since 2022, the ASSIST project established partnerships and has provided support to Ukrainian regional hospitals and medical organizations:

- virtual educational opportunities
- case consultations
- medical text translation
- collecting and shipping equipment and supplies.



HAMILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA SERVICE

The Hamilton General Hospital site of Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) is a busy academic tertiary Level 1 trauma center serving a catchment population of over 2.75 million Ontarians.

HHS is the main clinical teaching site for the McMaster University Faculty of medicine.

The HHS Orthopaedic Trauma Service is one of the busiest in the country. It is staffed by six surgeons with fellowship training in orthopaedic trauma.

The HHS Trauma Program cares for >1000 trauma patients annually with >600 having an Injury Severity Score >16.

The McMaster Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship has been training orthopaedic trauma surgeons from across the globe for more than 20 years. The Faculty are committed to building capacity in developing countries through a partnership with the International Outreach Program.

APPLICATION FORM





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