



Michael G. DeGroote
INSTITUTE FOR PAIN RESEARCH AND CARE

The Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care Pain Fellowships

The prestigious Michael G. DeGroote Fellowship Awards for pain research provide postdoctoral candidates or pain fellows with the opportunity to pursue leading-edge research in pain.

The awards are designed for candidates who have an exemplary academic record and are interested in pain research within the Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care (IPRC). This program is funded by an endowment through the generosity of Mr. Michael G. DeGroote.

These fellowships aim to encourage and support pain research training and provide salary support to individuals with an exceptional background and an interest in a career path related to pain. Successful candidates of these awards will have the opportunity to work with faculty who are conducting innovative research and are considered among the best in their field.

Value and Number of Fellowships

- Funding for up to three (3) fellowships annually is available; each with a value of \$60,000 CDN per year.
- The term of the award is one (1) year with the potential for a one year renewal.
- Any additional funding required to support the fellowship financially must be supplemented by the supervisor's own resources.

Eligibility Criteria

- Fellowships will be granted to individuals undertaking research in pain who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement.
- Candidates must have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree, and have started their IPRC postdoctoral/pain fellowship appointment prior to receiving award funding.
- Award recipients must be eligible to work in Canada.
- Proposed projects must clearly demonstrate concordance with the mission and vision of the IPRC.

- Fellowships will be held within the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University, which includes affiliations with academic hospitals within Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.
- Recipients must not hold any other major post-doctoral fellowship or award.
- Preference will be given to candidates whose supervisor is a faculty member of the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care.

Application Process and Deadline

- Applications must be sent via email to the Scientific Director, Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care at npc@mcmaster.ca. All application components must be received prior to the application deadline date.
- Applications must include:
 - Covering letter
 - Research proposal (maximum one-page outline that aligns with the vision/goals of the IPRC).
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter from proposed supervisor(s) confirming his/her willingness and ability to supervise the applicant for the duration of the award.
 - Two (2) letters of reference sent directly to the IPRC to support application.
- Application deadline: November 15th

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee for the award will be comprised of the IPRC Executive Committee and IPRC Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Applications will be evaluated for merit. The two-step process will include review by the IPRC Executive Committee then ranking by the SAB.
- Application decisions will be conveyed by February 28th. All applicants will be notified of the result of their submission.
- Fellowships will be awarded based primarily on the following criteria (other criteria may be introduced at the discretion of the Selection Committee):
 - Knowledge and skills demonstrated through the originality and excellence of the proposed research project.
 - Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research project.
 - Alignment of the research with the vision/goals of the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care (see 'IPRC Terms of Reference' Appendix)
 - Academic merit
 - Letters of reference
 - Confirmation of support from proposed supervisor.