

**CiMED/uOSSC One-Year Fellowship in Medical Education Research with or without simulation**

AND

**CiMED/uOSSC Two-Year Research-Intensive Fellowship in Medical Education Research with or without simulation**

**\*\*Note: Currently, we are accepting fellows for a July 1, 2027 start**

**Introduction:**

The Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CiMED) in partnership with the University of Ottawa Skills and Simulation Centre (uOSSC) are offering a Fellowship in Medical Education Research with or without Simulation. The overall aim of this fellowship is to prepare candidates for an academic career as clinician educators. The program will include both:

- Training and mentorship in curriculum, teaching, and learning.
- Initiating, designing and conducting innovative research relevant to the field of health professions education and practice.
- There are 2 fellowships available:
  - CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship in Medical Education Research (+/- Simulation)
  - CiMED/uOSSC Two-Year Research-Intensive Fellowship in Medical Education (+/- Simulation) – this two-year program is designed for individuals doing a concurrent medical education graduate degree (Master or PhD)

CiMED and the uOSSC have established collaborations with the Medical Council of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Canada.

**CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship Objectives:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of key issues in medical education relevant to the clinical educator.
2. Initiate, design, conduct, present and/or publish an educational research project or scholarly project under the supervision of a CiMED or Department of Innovation in Medical Education (DIME) Faculty member and clinical supervisor. The 2-year fellowship will provide sufficient time for completion of the entire research cycle.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of concepts in learning theory, experimental design, quantitative and qualitative analysis, evaluation, and computer applications in education.
4. Participate in structured CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship curriculum (see items 5 and 6 under Expectations) and other educational activities (i.e. Meridith Marks Medical Education Days, DIME rounds, End of Year Ceremony, Medical Education Journal Club and others).

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5. Demonstrate commitment to medical education by considering enrolment in a graduate degree program in education (Master or PhD).

***Sponsoring clinical departments will have additional specific objectives for their discipline. Please contact clinical departments for details. If you are applying from outside of Canada and wish to do clinical work during your fellowship, you must apply to and be accepted by the appropriate clinical department.***

### **1-Year Expectations for Enrolment in the CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship (with simulation)**

1. Enrolment in a Master or PhD in medical education or equivalent is strongly recommended and will be viewed favorably. (This is mandatory for the 2-year fellowship)
2. Minimum 1-year commitment to 1-year Fellowship (2 years for 2-year fellowship)
3. Minimum **50%** protected non-clinical time/duties (NCT)
4. Co-supervision by a CiMED/DIME Faculty member and a clinician within the supporting/sponsoring Department with a similar research interest.
5. **Foundations in Applied Medical Education (FAME)** attendance is mandatory (was formally Healthcare Education Scholars Program (HESP). It is scheduled on Tuesday mornings from 8 am to 12pm.
6. **Foundational Elements of Applied Simulation Theory (FEAST)** is mandatory for fellows who are considered "Simulation fellows". It is scheduled for Wednesday mornings (with limited exceptions) from 8:30 am to 11:30am. It is available as an option for all CiMED/uOSSC fellows.
7. **CiMED Journal Club** – attend and participate actively – at least 50% of journal clubs throughout the year (5 to 6/yr). You must present at least once and demonstrate ability for critical analysis of a medical education manuscript
8. **Research in Progress Rounds (Rocket Rounds)/Medical Education Scholars Hour (MESH)** – attend and present at October Rocket Rounds and attend and participate in MESH Rounds (at your discretion)
9. **Submit project to Meridith Marks Medical Education Days held in Spring 2027** present your research in progress as either an oral or a poster – will be assigned to you
10. **Participation in a scholarly project or a research project is mandatory.** For the 2-year fellowship, a fully developed and completed research project is mandatory.

### **1-Year Expectations for Enrolment in the CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship (without simulation)**

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2. Minimum 1-year commitment to 1-year Fellowship (2 years for 2-year fellowship)
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## **2-Year Expectations for Enrolment in the CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship (with simulation)**

### **1. General Expectations**

- a. Enrolment in a Master of Education degree or PhD is strongly recommended and will be viewed favorably. (This is mandatory for the 2-year fellowship)
- b. Minimum 1-year commitment to 1-year Fellowship (2 years for 2-year fellowship)
- c. Minimum 50% protected non-clinical time/duties (NCT)
- d. Co-supervision by a CiMED/DIME Faculty member and a clinician within the supporting/sponsoring Department with a similar research interest.

### **2. Year 1:**

- a. **Foundations in Applied Medical Education (FAME)** attendance is mandatory (was formally Healthcare Education Scholars Program (HESP). It is scheduled on Tuesday mornings from 8 am to 12pm.
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- d. **Research in Progress Rounds (Rocket Rounds)/Medical Education Scholars Hour (MESH)** – attend and present at October Rocket Rounds and attend and participate in MESH Rounds (at your discretion)
- e. **In the 1<sup>st</sup> year of your fellowship, participants are expected to present their research-in-progress through either an oral or poster**

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**presentation or to co-lead an educational workshop.** By the second year, fellows are required to deliver an oral presentation of their completed research.

- f. Participation in a scholarly project or a research project is mandatory. For the 2-year fellowship, a fully developed and completed research project is mandatory. During your 1<sup>st</sup> year, it is expected that you start your project work.
3. **Year 2:**
    - a. Ongoing project work
    - b. **Leadership course** – series of 3-hour workshops to help develop skills expected of a clinician educator in leadership positions
    - c. **CiMED Journal Club** – attend and participate actively – at least 50% of journal clubs throughout the year (5 to 6/yr). You must present at least once and demonstrate ability for critical analysis of a medical education manuscript
    - d. **Research in Progress Rounds (Rocket Rounds)/Medical Education Scholars Hour (MESH)** – attend and present at October Rocket Rounds and attend and participate in MESH Rounds (mandatory for those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2-year program)
    - e. **Submit your completed project to Meridith Marks Medical Education Days held in the Spring 2028** for presentation where you will be an oral presenter

### **2-Year Expectations for Enrolment in the CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship (without simulation)**

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  - a. Enrolment in a Master of Education degree or PhD is strongly recommended and will be viewed favorably. (This is mandatory for the 2-year fellowship)
  - b. Minimum 1-year commitment to 1-year Fellowship (2 years for 2-year fellowship)
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- e. **In the 1<sup>st</sup> year of your fellowship, participants are expected to present their research-in-progress through either an oral or poster presentation or to co-lead an educational workshop.** By the second year, fellows are required to deliver an oral presentation of their completed research.
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### **Application Process for the CiMED/uOSSC Fellowship**

1. Canadian medical graduates **who do not plan to do clinical work** or who are planning to do a concurrent residency or clinical fellowship must apply to both the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Office AND directly to CiMED. You can access the PGME website here (<http://www.med.uottawa.ca/Postgraduate/eng/>). Then send a separate application directly to CiMED. Applicants should submit:
  - a. A completed application form;
  - b. Current CV;
  - c. Statement of research interest(s) or proposal;
  - d. Plans for financial support;
  - e. Three letters of reference.
2. Canadian medical graduates **who do plan to do clinical work** outside of postgraduate training (e.g., staff or academic/clinical scholar) must apply to both the appropriate clinical department AND directly to CiMED. On the postgraduate website select the appropriate clinical department. Then send a separate application directly to CiMED. Please note that the clinical department deadline and CiMED deadline for applications may be different. It is strongly suggested that you contact the clinical department directly for specific information regarding applications. Applicants should submit to CiMED:
  - a. A completed application form;
  - b. Current CV;
  - c. Statement of research interest(s) or proposal;
  - d. Plans for financial support;

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- e. Three letters of reference and a letter of support from their Department and/or Division Heads acknowledging the protected time requirements.

(<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-medicine/postgraduate-medical-education/registration>)

***\*\*If the fellow is planning on doing a 2-year research intensive fellowship, and wishes to do clinical work for 2 years, this needs to be discussed and approved by the appropriate clinical department.***

3. International medical graduates
  - a. All international fellows must also complete an application through the PGME Office (Foreign Trainees Without Canadian Legal Status) under Foreign Fellow Application. Select the appropriate clinical department, or if no clinical work will be completed, select DIME/uOSSC Fellowship in Medical Education.
  - b. All international fellows wishing to do simulation must be doing a clinical fellowship concurrently.
4. Tuition and Fees
  - a. Applicants from CiMED sponsoring Departments – no tuition will be applied
  - b. Applicants from non-CiMED sponsoring Departments – tuition for 2026/2027 academic year: \$11,000
  - c. International applicants – please contact Dr. Claire Touchie ([ctouchie@toh.ca](mailto:ctouchie@toh.ca))

All applicants who are accepted will be charged an additional registration fee by the PGME office. Please contact the PGME office directly for a current fee. Applicants will be responsible for any other administrative fees charged by the PGME office.

5. Funding
  - a. No funding is provided during this fellowship through CiMED. International applicants will have to show proof of funding or sponsorship.

**First application deadline for International and Canadian applicants:**

**Midnight September 16, 2026 for July 1, 2027 start date.**

**Second application deadline for Canadian applicants (please note Canadian applicants are encouraged to apply in September as availability for the second deadline is not guaranteed):**

**Midnight March 17, 2027 (for July 1, 2027 start date)**

Email completed forms to:

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For questions and inquiries, please contact Dr. Claire Touchie ([ctouchie@toh.ca](mailto:ctouchie@toh.ca))

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### Application Check List

1. The application form (page 7 only)
2. Current CV
3. Statement of research interests or proposal for academic scholarship (1 page maximum)
4. Plans for Financial Support
5. Three (3) letters of reference. If planning to do clinical work also include a letter of support from the Department and/or Division Heads acknowledging the protected time requirements.
6. For international graduate applicants, please include: translated transcripts and diplomas. Please note that we will not translate your records.
7. The University of Ottawa has mandatory immunization requirements for all postgraduate Fellows. Please see the link below for all requirements: <https://med.uottawa.ca/postgraduate/current-trainees/registration/immunization-requirements>

*Please send in your complete application in one single PDF file.*

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