BC Cancer is committed to reducing the incidence of cancer, reducing the mortality from cancer, and improving the quality of life of those living with cancer. BC Cancer provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia in partnership with regional health authorities to deliver a range of cancer services, which include prevention, screening, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, supportive care, rehabilitation and palliative care.

BC Cancer is an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) which plans, manages and evaluates specialty and province-wide health-care services across BC. PHSA embodies values that reflect a commitment to excellence. These include: Respect people • Be compassionate • Dare to innovate • Cultivate partnerships • Succeed with purpose.

2019/2020 Clinical Research Radiation Oncology Fellowships
BC Cancer and University of British Columbia – Radiation Therapy Program

Application deadline: September 2018

BC Cancer manages a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia. It operates six regional cancer centres in Abbotsford, Kelowna, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, and Victoria. Clinical Research Fellowships are available at each of the six centres.

While all centres are focused on training fellows to deliver excellent clinical care, the focus in research varies by centre and may be tailored to the interests of the fellow, as indicated in the table below. In the past, fellows have successfully led projects examining RT technical innovations, including brachytherapy and stereotactic ablative radiotherapy, and capitalized on the availability of provincial data resources to complete population-based outcomes evaluation projects.

Abbotsford
Population oncology, outcomes research, prostate/gynae brachytherapy.

Kelowna
A Clinical and Research Brachytherapy Fellowship including both LDR and US-planned HDR prostate incorporating mpMRI for treatment planning and QA, MRI-planned intracavitary and interstitial gynecologic brachytherapy and LDR breast.

Prince George
Patient Reported Outcomes, Health Services Delivery Research, Population Oncology, Head & Neck Cancer, SABR for metastatic disease.

Surrey
Will tailor research projects based on candidate’s desired disease sites. New stereotactic expansion will allow candidate to work on setting up a stereotactic program and an outcomes research with oligometastases, prostate, brain and body.

Vancouver
Precision radiotherapy (SBRT, SABR, developmental RT), prostate/gynae brachytherapy, operations research, cancer outcomes (breast, prostate, lymphoma, CNS), quality assurance, palliative care, patient decision aids, medical education as well as site specific fellowships (e.g. head and neck cancer).

Victoria
Prostate brachytherapy, Stereotactic Ablative radiotherapy (brain and body), Breast cancer. Outcomes Research.

Fellowship candidates must be physicians who will have completed training in Radiation Oncology suitable to practice as a specialist in their home country and have demonstrated ability in basic or clinical research as evidenced in their CV. Fellows must be eligible to obtain an education license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC. English proficiency is an important criterion for the educational license and the College currently requires a candidate to demonstrate their English proficiency by obtaining a score of at least 7 in each of the components of the academic IELTS test. Provision of such evidence of English proficiency will be required if the primary language of their medical education was not English. Preference is given to candidates who completed their residency in radiation oncology within the last 5 years.

Candidates should be looking for a one- or possibly two-year opportunity. The selected candidates will be expected to divide their time between clinical activities and research. Fellows will be registered as post-graduate trainees with the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Prior to applying to individual preceptors, all non-Canadian Radiation Oncology resident candidates MUST first contact Aida Castro-Chan to confirm their eligibility.

Applications to our fellowship programs are provincially coordinated. Eligible applicants should submit their Curriculum Vitae, contact information for 3 references, and cover letters for each of the BC Cancer Centres they wish to apply to. All documents should be submitted to Aida Castro-Chan, who will forward relevant documents to the respective fellowship directors;

Aida Castro-Chan: acastro@bccancer.bc.ca

Further information about specific opportunities available at each centre can be obtained by contacting one or more of the following fellowship directors. For general questions about UBC/BC Cancer Fellowship, Rob Olson, Division Head, can be contacted.

Abbotsford
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Victoria
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BC Cancer will fund up to five fellowship positions in the province in the 2019-2020 fellowship year. Applications are encouraged to discuss named fellowship opportunities (e.g. CARO/Elekta) with potential supervisors as well as funding for combined fellowship and advanced degree opportunities such as the Clinical Educator Fellowship Program through the Centre for Health Education Scholarship (http://ches.med.ubc.ca/programs).

For more information about BC Cancer, please visit the website at: www.bccancer.bc.ca.

BC Cancer is part of the Provincial Health Services Authority which is committed to employment equity and hires peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.