



Clinical Fellowship Guidelines

2024-2025 Competition

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Award Overview

Muscular Dystrophy Canada and the Neuromuscular Disease Network for Canada Announces **National Clinical Fellowships in Neuromuscular Medicine & Electromyography**:

In order to support the training of future Canadian leaders in neuromuscular care and electromyography, the Neuromuscular Disease Network for Canada (NMD4C) and Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC) are pleased to announce national clinical fellowship grants in neuromuscular medicine and electromyography.

Support

Salary support of **\$80,000 for one year**. Successful applicants must attest that they are not simultaneously receiving another salary award. The host institution is permitted to provide additional salary support commensurate with the trainee's PGY level. Benefits are the responsibility of the host institution.

Term: One-year clinical fellowship for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Grant Cycle Timeline

<i>Application Launch:</i>	<i>September 3, 2024</i>
<i>Application Deadline:</i>	<i>October 15, 2024</i>
<i>Notification of Funding:</i>	<i>January 2025</i>
<i>Funding Start:</i>	<i>July/September 2025</i>

Location

The fellowship is tenable at any academic health sciences center in Canada with a neuromuscular medicine and electromyography training program that meets the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists (CSCN) standards for certification in electromyography.

Eligibility

Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have completed postgraduate training in adult or paediatric neurology or psychiatry in a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada accredited program at the time of commencement of the fellowship (at least one Canadian citizen/permanent resident will be awarded funding). *or*

International/Canadian applicants who have completed postgraduate training in adult or paediatric neurology or psychiatry outside of Canada that have met the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada requirements, will be eligible if they have the support of the proposed Canadian fellowship training director.

Selection Criteria

Quality of the applicant

- Past accomplishments in clinical care, education and research
- Clinical and academic leadership potential in neuromuscular care and electromyography
- Commitment to advancing neuromuscular care in Canada
- Quality of the training plan
- Quality of the training environment
- Educational resources available to the trainee

- Expertise and commitment of the training director and other clinical neurophysiologists
- Track record of training leaders in neuromuscular care and electromyography

At least **two fellowships** will be awarded on a competitive basis for the 2024/2025 academic year. Awardees and proposed fellowship training programs are expected to actively participate in NMD4C and MDC's educational/training activities (i.e., present/participate in NMD4C NMD case rounds).

Application Checklist

All of the following items must be submitted by the application deadline.

- Cover letter providing contact information for the applicant
- Current curriculum vitae/biosketch (CIHR Biosketch completed on the Canadian Common CV website (<https://ccv-cvc.ca/>) and downloaded as a PDF
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or current permanent residency status (if applicable)
- Personal statement (1 page maximum) outlining the applicant's motivation to undertake this fellowship training
 - How the proposed fellowship training will foster their professional development
 - Future plans to contribute to neuromuscular care and electromyography in Canada including a commitment to write the CSCN EMG examination
- Two** letters of reference, one of which must be from the applicant's Neurology/Physiatry residency training director, outlining their knowledge of the applicant's:
 - Contributions and achievements during neurology/physiatry training
 - Clinical and academic leadership potential in neuromuscular care and electromyography
- Proposed training plan (1 page maximum)
 - Details of proposed neuromuscular training (e.g., inpatient and outpatient experience)
 - Details of proposed electromyography training (number and type of EMG studies)
- Letter of support from the proposed fellowship training director outlining:
 - Suitability of the applicant for fellowship training
 - Resources that will be committed to train the applicant, including description of any formal curriculum on neuromuscular medicine and EMG, and a list of supervisors and their expertise
 - List of past neuromuscular and EMG fellowship trainees, including their dates of training, success at the CSCN EEG examination, and current positions

Application Deadline: October 15th, 2024. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Applications must be submitted in English, in the form of a single PDF file by email or other electronic means to: research@muscle.ca. Direct your cover letter to NMD Clinical Fellowship Committee.

Applications will be reviewed according to above criteria by peer-review selection committee, with members from NMD4C, MDC and CSCN.

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Questions and Technical Support

For submission, award status and any other related fellowship-related questions please contact:
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About MDC

Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC) is a national, non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of those impacted with neuromuscular disorders by continually working to provide ongoing support and resources while relentlessly searching for cures through well-funded research. MDC works to support individuals affected by neuromuscular disorders in the “here and now” through our programs and services outside of the traditional circle of care. These include funding for equipment and assistive technology, system navigation and education. At the same time, we also invest in “tomorrow” by supporting research, which fosters advances in improving health outcomes and influencing positive change systemically.

About NMD4C

The Neuromuscular Disease Network for Canada (NMD4C) is a pan-Canadian network that brings together the country’s leading clinical, scientific, technical, and patient expertise to improve care, research, and collaboration in neuromuscular disease. Launched in January 2020 with funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC). The mission of NMD4C is to improve the care, research and treatment of NMDs for all Canadians. Its vision is to be a comprehensive, inclusive, open and enduring network through which Canadian stakeholders can share expertise and data, and collaborate on joint activities and research for the benefit of Canadian patients.