# **Clinician Investigator Program Orientation**

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**Clinician Investigator Program** 





### **BACKGROUND**







RCPSC ACCREDITED PROGRAM INTENDED TO PROVIDE TRAINEES WITH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES FOR CAREER IN HEALTH RESEARCH LARGEST PROGRAM IN CANADA WITH ~120 TRAINEES ENROLLED IN GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

NOVEL WORKSHOP-BASED MULTI-FACETED CURRICULUM



#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

CANMEDS competency-based

 Medical Research Expert, Scholar, Collaborator, Professional, Communicator, Manager, Health Advocate

Readily available on the CIP website (www.cip.utoronto.ca)

 Reflected on the ITARs and CIP Final Evaluation Form



### PROGRAM CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

Research: A core focus of every CIP trainee

Course work within a graduate program

Graded professional responsibility

Integration of research and clinical activities



# ROYAL COLLEGE TRAINING EXPECTATIONS (AS OF JULY 1, 2023)

#### Coursework for graduate degree

#### Mentored research training

#### Training in:

- Research ethics
- Submission of grant or fellowship application
- · Teaching skills
- Communication skills
- Data presentation
- EDI in research protocols

#### Contributions to and mentorship in research activities leading to:

- Presentation at a local, national or international meeting
- Submission of at least one article for peer-reviewed publication

#### Academic activities of CIP



## **CIP Curriculum Requirements**

Workshops – attendance to 8 workshops

 Organize one workshop with 1-2 fellow CIP trainees

### PORCCH modules

Patient
 Engagement
 modules at:
 <a href="https://porcch.ca/">https://porcch.ca/</a>

## Symposium & Networking Events

- attendance to 2 annual meetings
- Networking events

## ITAR – Phase I (first 12 months)

 every six months on POWER

## ITAR – Phase II (starting year 2)

- Every six months on POWER
- Yearly starting in the third year of a PhD

#### Supervisor Evaluation (NEW)

 Trainee evaluation of supervisor after 6 months and then annually.

#### PAC/Thesis Committee

 Submit list of committee members to CIP office within first 6 months



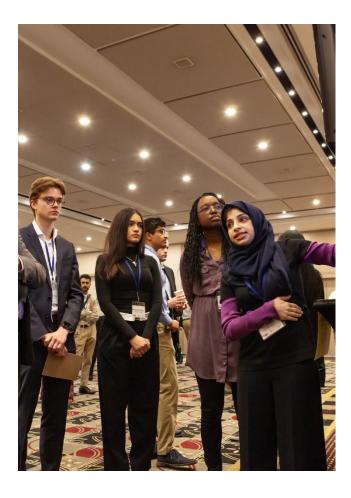
# **CIP Workshop Timelines**

Weeks 0-2	- organize your group and submit a one-page proposal to Dr. McCart and the CIP Coordinator	
Weeks 2-6	<ul> <li>develop structure of the workshop</li> <li>ensure interactive/ active learning</li> <li>finalize details with the speaker(s) including date and time</li> <li>workshops are approx. 2 hours</li> <li>Submit the date and time to the CIP Coordinator</li> </ul>	
Week 6	- the CIP Coordinator sends out registration	
Weeks 6-10	- finalize details of the workshop	
Week 10	- Workshop! - Evaluation of workshop (during workshop)	
Weeks 10-12	- one-page reflection on the workshop process and event	



## Symposium & Networking Events

Opportunity to network, develop mentors, and build community within CIP and Clinician Scientist/ Investigator community at U of T







# Trainee/Supervisor/Program Evaluations

- Phase I ITAR, Phase II ITAR
- CIP Annual Evaluation Form (Evaluation of Research Program/CIP)
- CIP Supervisor Evaluation Form (new!)
  - Trainee evaluation of supervisor after first 6 months, 12 months and then annually
- Other methods of CIP evaluation:
  - Workshops evaluations
- CIP Final Evaluation Form (compliance with RCPSC CanMEDs)



# **Timeline to Completion**

Timeline	MSc Degree	PhD Degree
Before Starting	- Apply to graduate unit	- Apply to graduate program
	- Choose supervisor	- Choose supervisor
	- Secure funding	- Secure funding
	- Notify CIP Office	- Notify CIP Office
	- Apply/register with CIP	- Apply/register with CIP
Start of CIP	- Register with SGS	- Register with SGS
	- Enroll in courses	- Enroll in courses
	- Pay fees	- Pay fees
Following	- Meet with CIP Director (Orientation)	- Meet with CIP Director (Orientation)
Admission		
2 Months	- Select PAC/Thesis Committee	- Select PAC/Thesis Committee
6 Months	- First PAC meeting	- First PAC meeting
	- Submit ITAR	- Submit ITAR
	- Finalize research plan	- Finalize research plan
12 Months	- Second PAC meeting	- Second PAC meeting
	- Submit ITAR	- Submit ITAR
18 Months	- Third PAC meeting	- Third PAC meeting
	- Submit ITAR	- Submit ITAR
	- Decide on PhD transfer (if applicable)	- Begin publication (ongoing)
	- Plan for MSc completion	
	- Begin publication (if applicable)	



# **Timeline to Completion**

Timeline	MSc Degree	PhD Degree
2 Years	- Complete degree	- Fourth PAC meeting
	- Write & defend thesis	- Submit ITAR
	- Submit FITER	
	- Request Attestation of Completion	
2.5 Years		- Complete coursework
		- Plan thesis schedule and content with PAC
3 Years		- Fifth PAC meeting
		- Submit ITAR
3.5 Years		- Set thesis submission and defense dates
4 Years		- Sixth PAC meeting
		- Submit ITAR
		- Write & defend thesis
		- Submit FITER
		- Request Attestation of Completion



## **Completion of CIP**

- Completion of CIP is considered once all curriculum requirements are completed and once trainees have successfully defended their thesis (for Post-Doc Fellows – when the research is completed)
- There are CIP Program completion requirements
  - Connect with CIP office before you defend or complete your research
- Completion of CIP must be confirmed by the CIP Competence Committee
- Confirmation is submitted with your Attestation of Completion by the CIP office to PGME
- PGME forwards your completion information to the RCPSC



## Completion of CIP cont'd, Certificates

- You will be issued two certificates:
  - 1. U of T PGME CIP certificate
  - 2. RCPSC CIP certificate
- The RCPSC CIP certificate is not sent until trainees have completed their residency
  - May mean several years after completion of CIP for some trainees
- Follow up with the CIP office after one year of completion of CIP if you do not receive your certificates.



### Resources



CIP Director and CIP Office (uoft.cip@utoronto.ca)



CIP Website (<a href="http://cip.utoronto.ca">http://cip.utoronto.ca</a>)



**CIP Handbook** 



Newsletter



#### **Resources - Office of Learner Affairs**

- The Office of Learner Affairs (OLA) works with learners on an individual basis to optimize the learning environment and experience
- OLA provide guidance on:
  - Crisis management
  - Wellness programs
  - Personal Supports
  - Career Planning
  - Academic Coaching & Clinical Skills Enhancement

Link: About OLA | Medical Education (utoronto.ca)



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