

Application Guidelines

Queen's University Geriatric Psychiatry Subspecialty Program

Queen's University, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Geriatric Psychiatry is now accepting applications for the Residency Program in Geriatric Psychiatry for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The Residency Program in Geriatric Psychiatry is approved by the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada.

Training will be carried out at five sites in the Kingston area, each of which has a site director to help facilitate the residents' learning activities. The division of Geriatric Psychiatry is comprised of a very strong faculty complement with a national reputation for excellence in research and pioneering development in the field of Geriatric Psychiatry. Our faculty is actively involved in our national organization, the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry (CAGP) as well as the CAGP online review course. Several of our residents have been supported by our faculty in research projects and have been recipients of the CAGP trainee awards.

Our program is also notable as the first Geriatric Psychiatry program in the country to have implemented a competency-based medical education (CBME) training program. This officially commenced July 1, 2018 although elements were in place prior to the official date, and we have continued to build and refine the program.

Some of the other strengths of our program include the opportunity for the residents to work with richly collaborative multidisciplinary teams across different clinical settings; exposure to outreach visits in both urban and rural settings; and a close collaboration with our acute care hospitals, which also includes the Behaviour Supports Transition Unit. The division of Geriatric Psychiatry also has close ties and regular educational events with our Geriatric Medicine colleagues which lays a fertile ground for collaboration in education and research. Our division is academically orientated and there are numerous opportunities for the residents to engage in research in diverse areas including educational and clinical research, as well as several teaching opportunities. The training will be tailored to suit the residents' learning objectives, with protected time to meet the residents' educational needs in addition to their clinical activities within the framework of the Royal College Subspecialty Training Requirements.

IMG applicants accepted into programs in Ontario have return of service (ROS) requirements mandated by the ministry. Please refer to the following link for details:

www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/hhrsd/physicians/ros.aspx#IMG

For further details on our program and application process, please visit our website at:

<https://psychiatry.queensu.ca/academics/subspecialties/geriatric-psychiatry>

Application Process:

The applicant should submit:

1. A brief letter of intent outlining
 - a) The desire to apply for the Residency Program in Geriatric Psychiatry at Queen's University
 - b) Career plan and how the Residency Program in Geriatric Psychiatry at Queen's University will help to further this plan
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Letter of good standing from the current Psychiatry Residency Program Director, if in a residency program. If residency training has already been completed, the applicant should arrange for a letter from their Department Head or equivalent, or from a past Residency Program Director if their training ended less than five years ago
 - i) Two other letters of reference, at least one of which should be from a Psychiatrist practicing Geriatric Psychiatry

Submission of the Application:

The application can be accessed on our website at <https://psychiatry.queensu.ca/academics/subspecialties/geriatric-psychiatry>. Applications may be submitted either on paper or electronically via e-mail, but must be received by the deadline.

Assistance with travel and accommodation costs may be available if an interview is offered.

Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Sharon Thompson, Program Assistant
Queen's University, Department of Psychiatry
752 King Street West
Kingston, ON K7L 4X3

OR

Via email to Sharon Thompson: sharon.thompson@kingstonhsc.ca

For further information about the program or to discuss your application, please feel free to contact Dr. Maria Hussain directly at hussainm@providencecare.ca.