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Details on programs accepting Fellows for 2022-2023 can be found [online](#).

Les détails sur les programmes acceptant les boursiers pour 2022-2023 sont disponibles [en ligne](#).

AAGL Fellowship Programs

There are currently 3 fellowships in Canada that are a part of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) fellowship program:

University of Toronto – Mount. Sinai & Women’s College Hospital

<https://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/advanced-gynaecologic-surgery>

University of Toronto – Sunnybrook

<https://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/minimally-invasive-gynaecologic-surgery-migsaagl>

University of Ottawa

<https://med.uottawa.ca/obs-gyne/minimally-invasive-gynecology/mis-gynecology-fellowship>

Details on the AAGL programs and application process can be found at:

<https://www.aagl.org/service/fellowships/>

Please note: Application dates and details are different than for the CanSAGE programs.

Introduction

La version française suit

In 2019, CanSAGE launched a centralized Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Canadian Fellowship Program for non AAGL programs. PLEASE NOTE THAT AAGL PROGRAMS REQUIRE APPLICATION THROUGH THE AAGL CENTRALIZED PROCESS AND NOT THROUGH CanSAGE. They are noted in this binder for completeness's sake.

Foreign applicants may apply through the CanSAGE match, but consideration will be restricted to only those programs who accept foreign graduates fulfilling all prerequisites (e.g., sitting FRCSC exams, self-funded). Please refer to the specific programs for further information.

Important dates:

- Applications for CanSAGE programs will be accepted from June 7 to August 15, 2021.
- Interviews will be conducted by each program in September and early October.
- Match results will be sent at the end of October.

The fee to apply is \$100 plus tax which must be paid by credit card when completing the online application form.

You can access the online application form by clicking or copy and pasting this link:

<https://events.eply.com/MIGS2021>

Applicants will be able to access their online application and log back in to make changes/updates until August 15, 2021. A username and password will be sent via email once the required fields are provided and the fee payment has been processed.

Note: The verification question on the form should only be answered once selected programs have been identified and all documents you are responsible for have been uploaded – i.e., once the application is 100% complete (excluding reference letters).

What you will need to provide by **Deadline of August 15, 2021:**

- Contact information
- Eligibility information
- Programs you are applying to
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of intent (letter may be tailored for each program selected)
- **Three letters of reference***
 - One (1) from your current or former residency program director
 - Two (2) from staff of your choosing (please note any extra letters received beyond the first 2 will not be considered)
- Acceptance of a binding agreement
- Payment

[*INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE LETTER – Word »](#)

Contact information: For all questions, contact us at migs@cansage.org.

International Medical Graduates

Not all of the Canadian MIS programs are structured to accept international medical graduates who do not meet the criteria for full licensure. Individual programs may require full licensure as a consultant with the provincial Medical Regulatory Agency, even for those candidates who are self-funded. These requirements, and the opportunity to obtain a provisional license, vary between Canadian provinces and we would encourage you to carefully review the requirements for each program before applying.

If you are ineligible for licensure, your application will not be considered for that program.

There are several programs that are able to accommodate international medical graduates as postgraduate fellows, the availability of these positions will vary year to year. Please consult the individual program information in this guide for these programs and their requirements.

If you are unsure about the requirements of any individual program, we suggest you contact the listed program director prior to submitting your application.

Licensure information for each province is available by contacting the individual medical regulatory authority below.

Provincial Medical Regulatory Authorities

British Columbia – <https://www.cpsbc.ca/for-physicians/registration-licensing>

Alberta – <https://cpsa.ca/physicians/registration/apply-for-registration/apply-for-independent-practice/>

Saskatchewan –

<https://www.cps.sk.ca/imis/cps/registration/Licensure.aspx?LicensureCCO=Licensure%20Overview>

Ontario – <https://www.cpsso.on.ca/Physicians/Registration/Requirements>

Québec* – <http://www.cmq.org/page/en/permis-exercice-diplome-medecine-quebec-canada-etats-unis.aspx>

To be considered by Québec programs, all applicants must be French-speaking.

Introduction

En 2019, CanSAGE a lancé un programme canadien de jumelage de moniteurs cliniques en chirurgie gynécologique minimalement invasive centralisé pour les programmes non AAGL.

VEUILLEZ NOTER QUE LES PROGRAMMES AAGL EXIGENT UNE APPLICATION VIA LE PROCESSUS CENTRALISÉ AAGL ET NON PAR CanSAGE. Ces programmes sont inclus dans ici-bas par souci d'exhaustivité.

Les candidats étrangers peuvent postuler via le jumelage CanSAGE, mais l'admissibilité sera limitée aux seuls programmes qui acceptent les diplômés étrangers remplissant toutes les conditions préalables (par exemple, passer des examens FRCSC, autofinancés). Veuillez vous référer aux programmes spécifiques pour plus d'informations.

Dates importantes :

- Les candidatures aux programmes CanSAGE seront acceptées entre le 7 juin et le 15 août 2021.
- Les entretiens seront menés par chaque programme en septembre et au début octobre.
- Les résultats des matchs seront envoyés à la fin octobre.

Les frais pour l'application sont de 100 \$ plus taxes qui doivent être payés par carte de crédit lors du processus d'application en ligne.

Vous pouvez accéder au formulaire de candidature en ligne en cliquant sur, ou en copiant et collant, ce lien: events.eply.com/MIGS2021

Les candidats pourront accéder à leur formulaire en ligne et y apporter des modifications / mises à jour jusqu'au 15 août 2021. Un nom d'utilisateur et un mot de passe seront envoyés par courrier électronique une fois les champs obligatoires remplis et le paiement des frais payés.

Remarque : Vous ne devez répondre à la question de vérification figurant dans le formulaire que lorsque les programmes sélectionnés ont été identifiés et que tous les documents ci-dessous ont été téléchargés, c'est-à-dire une fois la demande complétée à 100% (à l'exclusion des lettres de référence).

Ce que vous devrez fournir avant **la date échéance du 15 août 2021** :

- Informations de contact
- Informations d'admissibilité
- Les programmes auxquels vous postulez
- Curriculum vitae
- Lettre d'intention (la lettre peut être adaptée à chaque programme sélectionné)
- **Trois (3) lettres de référence***
 - Une (1) de votre directeur actuel ou ancien directeur de programme de résidence
 - Deux (2) de superviseurs de votre choix (veuillez noter que des lettres en surplus des 2 premières ne seront pas diffusées)
- Acceptation d'un accord contraignant
- Paiement

* [INSTRUCTIONS POUR LES LETTRES DE RÉFÉRENCE – Word »](#)

Contact : Pour toutes questions, contactez-nous à migs@cansage.org.

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Diplômés en médecine internationaux

Les programmes Canadiens de Chirurgie Minimale Invasive ne sont pas tous structurés pour accepter les diplômés internationaux en médecine qui ne satisfont pas aux critères d'un permis d'exercice complet. Les programmes individuels peuvent exiger un permis d'exercice complet en tant que consultant auprès de l'Agence provinciale de réglementation médicale, même pour les candidats autofinancés. Ces exigences, ainsi que la possibilité d'obtenir une licence provisoire, varient d'une province canadienne à l'autre et nous vous encourageons à examiner attentivement les exigences de chaque programme avant de postuler.

Si vous n'êtes pas admissible à un permis, votre demande ne sera pas prise en considération pour ce programme.

Il existe plusieurs programmes qui peuvent accueillir des diplômés internationaux mais la disponibilité de ces postes varie d'année en année. Veuillez consulter les informations sur les programmes individuels dans ce guide pour ces programmes et leurs exigences.

Si vous n'êtes pas sûr des exigences d'un programme individuel, nous vous suggérons de contacter le directeur de programme répertorié avant de soumettre votre candidature.

Les renseignements sur la licence pour chaque province sont disponibles en contactant l'autorité de réglementation médicale individuelle ci-dessous.

Autorités provinciales de réglementation médicale :

Colombie-Britannique – <https://www.cpsbc.ca/for-physicians/registration-licensing>

Alberta – <https://cpsa.ca/physicians/registration/apply-for-registration/apply-for-independent-practice/>

Saskatchewan –

<https://www.cps.sk.ca/imis/cpps/registration/Licensure.aspx?LicensureCCO=Licensure%20Overview>

Ontario – <https://www.cpsso.on.ca/Physicians/Registration/Requirements>

Québec* – <http://www.cmq.org/page/en/permis-exercice-diplome-medecine-quebec-canada-etats-unis.aspx>

Pour être considérés par les programmes québécois, les candidats doivent être francophones.



The University of British Columbia

University/Location	University of British Columbia, BC Women's Hospital
Program Title	Advanced Training Program in Endometriosis, Pelvic Pain and Advanced Laparoscopy
Program Director	Dr. Catherine Allaire
Mailing Address	BC Women's Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis F2-4500 Oak St, Vancouver, BC V6H 3N1
Telephone Fax	Tel. (604) 875-2534 Fax (604) 875-2569
E-mail Contact	callaire2@cw.bc.ca (program director)
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	\$60,000/year plus benefits with the opportunity to do Locum call (gynae and/or OB). Four weeks paid vacation. One weekend/month of gynae call coverage. Masters tuition (TBD) and conference support (\$2000/year)
Length of Program	Two years
Quota	1 position
Faculty	Paul Yong Christina Williams Mohamed Bedaiwy Caroline Lee Rebecca Weaver (physiotherapist) Clinical Counsellor
Eligibility Requirements	FRSC License to practice in BC TOEFL required prior to interview if coming from French-speaking University
Research Requirement	1 day per week protect time for research and teaching. Expected to submit two original papers for publication. Completion of Master's degree if not already done

Focus of the Program

The ultimate goal of the Program is to develop highly skilled leaders in clinical management, teaching and research related to chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis and advanced laparoscopic surgery. The program is offered to Canadian gynecologists and is housed at the BC Women's Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis in Vancouver, BC where Drs. Allaire, Bedaiwy, Williams, and Yong see approximately 2000 new and follow-up patients per year with complex gynecologic problems.

The trainee will spend 2-3 days per week in the operating room, performing advanced minimally invasive surgeries, including laparoscopic total and subtotal hysterectomy, myomectomy, excision of deeply infiltrating endometriosis including bowel/bladder/ureteric disease, ovarian remnants and lysis of extensive adhesions. The clinic time (1-2 days/week) will be spent with the four gynaecologists as well as the physiotherapist and counselor. There will also be opportunity to spend time with allied physicians from the in-hospital complex pain team and to participate in the Multidisciplinary Vulvodynia Program at VGH. The trainee has protected time (one day/week) for research and teaching. She/he will be involved in teaching residents, both in the operating room and on pelvic trainers. The trainee has time and support to complete an original research project in the field of endometriosis, pelvic pain, advanced laparoscopy or surgical education. Our program has an active research arm with CIHR funding and a full-time research assistant.

The first year will focus on:

1. Multidisciplinary evaluation and management of complex gynecologic problems, with emphasis on endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain and fibroids
2. Advanced surgical management of complex pelvic disease
3. Developing general endovaginal ultrasound skills as well specialized ultrasound for diagnosis of deep endometriosis
4. Independent practice: the trainees have their own clinic 0.5 days per week starting 3 months into training program.
5. Master's courses and starting a research project.

The second year of the program focuses on:

1. Research productivity and completion of Master's thesis
2. Continuing to advance surgical skills in severe endometriosis cases
3. Improving specialized ultrasound skills for deep endometriosis
4. Improving the curriculum and teaching our MIS residents
5. Continued independence with more complex cases seen in trainee's clinic and assigned OR time as MRP.

University of Calgary

University/Location	University of Calgary
Program Title	Fellowship in Gynecologic Endoscopy
Program Directors	Dr Liane Belland Dr. Kathy Lo
Telephone	403-944-3797
E-mail Contact	Program Director: Liane.Belland@albertahealthservices.ca Program Administrator: Crystal Ryszewski crystal.ryszewski@albertahealthservices.ca
Faculty	Dr. Liane Belland (Peter Lougheed Centre) Dr. Ari Sanders (Peter Lougheed Centre) Dr. Kathy Lo (Rockyview Hospital) Dr. Michael Sector (Foothills Medical Centre) Dr. Alese Wagner (South Health Campus) Dr. Jackie Thurston (South Health Campus) Dr. Chandrew Rajakumar (South Health Campus)
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	\$72,000 minimum, locum opportunities through the Rural Locum Program as well as on call locum opportunities within Calgary
Length of Program	The MIGS Fellowship program at the University of Calgary will be offering two possible streams for applicants as follows: 1) 2-year academic Fellowship fulfilling the CanSAGE 2-year curriculum objectives 2) 1-year clinical Fellowship that will fulfill the CanSAGE curriculum for one-year programs in addition to the expectation of participation in a clinical research program with one publication by the end of fellowship year and fulfillment of the following criteria: a) The applicant has completed residency from a Canadian OB/GYN program and has secured a position for employment following successful completion of the Royal College exam. The applicant is looking to hone surgical skills and augment the breadth of surgical competencies prior to starting independent practice. b) The applicant is currently practising as an OB/GYN but is within 5 years of having completed their residency in Canada. The applicant is seeking to focus on certain surgical skills that will benefit the community to which they will return following completion of the Fellowship term.
Quota	1 position
Eligibility Requirements	FRCS Full license to practice in Alberta Full CMPA Coverage
Additional Degrees i.e. MSc/MEd	Research Opportunity Project to be completed and presented at department research day, publication and presentation at a national/international meeting expected with the 2-year fellowship.

Focus of Program	
1)	Severe Endometriosis with multidisciplinary and collaborative approach with the laparoscopic colorectal service and urology, and ability to gain skills in performing targeted US for the qualification of deep endometriosis for preoperative planning.
2)	Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy for the complex/advanced gynecologic cases including large fibroids, adhesive disease, Mullerian anomalies, etc...
3)	Laparoscopic Myomectomy
4)	Hysteroscopic Endometrial Resection, repair of ischmocele, resection of intrauterine septae,
5)	Urogynecology: vaginal hysterectomy, sacrospinous fixation, laparoscopic colposacropexy, laparoscopic Burch urethropexy, TVT/TOT
6)	Independent Fellow Clinic with opportunity to provide clinical continuity in patient care as well as preoperative assessment in complex cases. Full postoperative follow up is provided.
7)	Outpatient surgical procedural suite participation
8)	Participation in Chronic Pain clinics with specific surgical intervention as needed

University of Saskatchewan – Regina

University/ Location	University of Saskatchewan, Regina
Program Title	Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Program Directors	Dr. John Thiel Dr. Darrien Rattray
Mailing Address	100-2631 28 th Avenue Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 6X3
Telephone Fax	(306) 586-1800 (306) 586-3511
E-mail Contact	drjthiel@aol.com
Faculty	Dr Huse Kamencic Dr Darrien Rattray Dr. Martha Briggs Dr Laura Weins – Saskatoon Dr. Jennifer Duda - Saskatoon
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	Approximately \$100,000 per year, Fellows are able to bill surgical assist fees and regular gynecology call, with occasional Obstetrics call available as well as some opportunity for individual billable work Full reimbursement for CMPA cost
Eligibility Requirements	Certification as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, including Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada International medical graduates should review the section on requirements elsewhere in this guide Must meet requirements for full licensure as a consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan For further information please see https://www.cps.sk.ca/imis/cpps/registration/Licensure.aspx?LicensureCCO=1#LicensureCCO
Length of Program	1 year
Quota	2 positions per year
Focus of the Program	Management of chronic pain related to gynecologic causes with emphasis placed on a multi-disciplinary approach Development of an excellent surgical skill in the OR and Ambulatory clinic
Application Due	As per CanSAGE fellowship application

<p>Additional Degrees i.e. MSc</p>	<p>Research Opportunities</p> <p>Medical and surgical management of leiomyomas Diagnosis and repair of cervical niche Use of medical cannabis in the management of chronic pelvic pain Device trials for endometrial ablation, tubal sterilization and fibroid management Management of fibroids including hysteroscopic resection, myomectomy and laparoscopic guided radiofrequency ablation techniques Multi-disciplinary approach to management of chronic pelvic pain</p> <p>We have an active research program and the fellow is expected to develop a research project and complete the project for abstract submission and publication. There is also ample opportunity to participate in existing projects.</p> <p>For candidates who wish to complete a Master’s degree we are able to adapt the program to their schedule.</p>
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McMaster University

University/Location	Hamilton, Ontario
Program Title	Fellowship in Advanced Pelvic and Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
Program Directors/Faculty	Program Director: Dr. Nicholas A. Leyland Associate Program Director: Dr. Sarah Scattolon
Mailing Address	Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 1280 Main St. West HSC 2F39 Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4K1 Canada
Fax	905-577-0471
E-mail Contact	leylann@mcmaster.ca
Website	https://obsgyn.mcmaster.ca/education/fellowship-programs/minimally-invasive-surgery
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	65K+ benefits plus an additional 15-20K for call stipend and the opportunity to bill for after-hours call procedures. Four weeks paid holidays per year.
Length of Program	Two years, starting July 1
Quota	1 position
Faculty	Dr. Stephen Bates (Brantford General Hospital, Brantford) Dr. Mary Coll-Black (St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton) Dr. Mathew Leonardi (McMaster University Medical Center, Hamilton) Dr. Lea Luketic (St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton) Dr. Ben Tse (Humber River Hospital, North York) Gynecologic Oncologists General Surgeons & Urologists Affiliated Pain Clinic Practitioners
Eligibility Requirements	FRCS Full license required in Ontario

Focus of the program

Clinical:

1. Complex interdisciplinary endometriosis surgery including upper vaginectomy, bowel & bladder surgery, appendectomy, resection of all stages of endometriosis with and without CO2 laser
2. Hysteroscopy with focus on myomectomy, Asherman syndrome, correction of Mullerian anomalies, endometrial ablation
3. Complex TLH, vaginal hysterectomy, complex open surgery
4. Laparoscopic myomectomy and specimen retrieval
5. Obstetrical massive hemorrhage team for placenta accreta spectrum cases - Caesarean Hysterectomy and Internal Iliac artery ligation
6. Laparoscopic cervical cerclage
7. 1 day/week of focused MIGS clinic with emphasis on:
 - Evaluation, workup and medical management of patients with multifactorial chronic pelvic pain
 - Comprehensive physical exam, POC ultrasound to evaluate endometriosis and adhesive disease.
 - Office sonohysterogram for uterine cavity assessment

Academic:

1. Concurrent Master's program is recommended (i.e. HRM, Health Sciences Education etc), and some support provided for this. Educational tuition assistance is available for Master's degrees pursued through McMaster University
2. Research project(s) required throughout fellowship with goal of presentation at national/international conferences with financial support for presentation at conferences.
3. Elective time can be arranged at ancillary sites
4. Teaching opportunities for medical students and residents via CMAS lab, Principles of Surgery course, OSCEs
5. Participation in departments and grand rounds

Other:

1. Opportunity for Hamilton Health Sciences Gynecology call, and/or moonlighting Ob/Gyn call with ability to bill for such after-hours clinical work
2. Senior fellow mentorship for community gynecologists learning MIS skills

University of Toronto – North York General Hospital

University/Location	University of Toronto, North York General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
Program Title	Fellowship in Advanced Gynaecologic Surgery and Health Quality Improvement
Program Directors/ Faculty	Drs. Abheha Satkunaratham and Alice Pham
Mailing Address	4001 Leslie Street, Suite 2SE North York, ON M2K 1E1
Telephone	(P) 416-756 6205 (F) 416-756-6268
Website	https://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/advanced-gynaecologic-surgery-and-health-quality-improvement
E-mail Contact	abheha.satkunaratham@nygh.on.ca alice.pham@nygh.on.ca
AAGL Affiliated	No
Faculty	Dr. Daniel Kreichman Dr. Sabrina Lee Dr. Kirsten Smith Dr. Cici Zhu
Salary	\$75 000 with an additional \$5000 to support research and/or Masters/certificate program
Length of Program	1 year
Quota	1 position
Eligibility Requirements	Applicants must have completed their FRCS(C) requirements and hold an independent practice license from the Province of Ontario.
Additional Degrees i.e. MSc/MEd	None however, work in health quality improvement is strongly encouraged.

Program Information

North York General Hospital is offering a 1-year long fellowship in advanced gynecologic surgery and health quality improvement. North York General Hospital is a leading community academic hospital with one of the highest annual volume of gynecology procedures done at a single site. There is an unwavering commitment to quality improvement initiatives both at a national and international level – it is a partner site and one of the founding members of the Southern Ontario Network of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The Surgical Services Program at NYGH also participates in the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program, often surpassing goals set for the program. Our goal is to train and develop surgeons who will bring the depth and breadth of expertise and leadership at NYGH to their community. Applicants must have completed their FRCS(C) requirements and hold an independent practice license from the Province of Ontario.

Structure

The fellow will spend 3-4 days in the operating room, and Friday afternoons supervising the Acute Gynecology Clinic (AGC) that is run by the chief resident. The fellow will be the staff supervisor for all chief resident surgical cases booked in AGC. Clinic time with a fellowship faculty member will be up to 1 day per week and this includes exposure to a urogynecology clinic comprised of fitting of pessaries and management of pessary complications. There are also opportunities to train in first trimester sonography in our Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic and in dilatation and evacuation procedures (all of which involve mentorship from faculty who are both local and national experts). There is ½ day to 1 day of protected research time – work in health quality improvement is strongly encouraged. Our previous fellows have completed certification and Masters' programs in Health Quality and Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Leadership. The fellowship will support trainees to present original research, generated at NYGH, up to \$5000 per year, subject to approval by the fellowship directors.

Objectives

At the end of the fellowship, the candidate will be able to demonstrate core competencies in both basic and advanced laparoscopic cases including CO2 laser technology and safety. The fellow will be trained by six fellowship-trained faculty in laparoscopic hysterectomies for enlarged uteri, laparoscopic myomectomies, excision of deeply infiltrating endometriosis (including concurrent surgeries with our general surgery and urology colleagues), fertility-optimizing gynaecologic surgery, challenging operative hysteroscopies, vaginal hysterectomies, primary and recurrent pelvic organ prolapse repairs as well as anti-incontinence procedures. In addition to technical skill, the fellow will learn to manage perioperative and postoperative complications, train in situational awareness and how to minimize potential adverse events, as well as develop leadership skills in research and teaching. Of note, there is also a designated faculty lead member for fellow wellness.



University of Toronto – St. Joseph’s

University/Location	University of Toronto, St. Joseph’s Health Centre
Program Title	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery / Complex Benign Gynecology
Program Directors/ Faculty	Dr. Mary Melchior
Mailing Address	St. Joseph's Health Centre Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Toronto Email: mary.melchior@unityhealth.to
Telephone	Tel: (416) 207-1998
Website	http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/gynaecologic-endoscopic-surgery
E-mail Contact	mary.melchior@unityhealth.to
AAGL Affiliated	No
Faculty	Dr. Clarissa Bambao Dr. Paul Davies Dr. Brian Liu Dr. Artin Ternamian
Salary	\$80,000.00 annually Opportunity for additional income possible (potential OB and Gyne locum and call +/- stipend, non-fellowship surgical assist). Education stipend to be applied yearly.
Length of Program	1 year
Quota	1 position
Eligibility Requirements	License to practice in Ontario Medical degree FRSC Certification
Additional Degrees i.e. MSc/MEd	Research Opportunity Possibility exists for clinical research Fellow expected to develop and complete research project for abstract submission, publication and presentation at national or international meeting

Focus of Program

Our Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) fellowship is a 1 year program that has a focus on complex benign gynecologic surgery. We have 5 OBGYN staff who specialize in large fibroid uteri, Stage IV endometriosis, and urogynecologic conditions. We routinely perform total and subtotal laparoscopic hysterectomies, laparoscopic myomectomies with in-bag morcellation, LASER resection of advanced endometriosis, laparoscopic and vaginal urogynecologic procedures and operative hysteroscopies. Fellows will spend 3-4 days/week in the OR and 1-2 days/week in clinic. There is opportunity for protected education/academic time.

Applicants must have fulfilled their FRCS requirements and hold an independent medical license from the province of Ontario. Benefits, leave, employment policies and other particulars conform to current University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology fellowship rules and regulations. A formal candidate selection process comprises the application process, an interview, and a site visit in early summer.

The Setting:

St. Joseph's Health Centre is a community based teaching institution affiliated with the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Toronto. It offers a CanMEDS-structured teaching environment. The core faculty comprise of veteran and emerging mentors with well-established national and international reputations. Over the years, past graduates have excelled in MIGS and now practice in leading teaching and community health centres.

University of Toronto – St. Michael’s Hospital

University/Location	University of Toronto
Program Title	Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction
Program Director	Dr. Deborah Robertson
Mailing Address	St. Michael’s Hospital Department of Obs/Gyn 30 Bond St., 15CC-018b Toronto, ON M5B 1W8
Telephone Fax	(416) 864-5384 (416) 864-6073
Website	http://www.stmichaelshospital.com/programs/women/gynecology-fellowship.php http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/minimally-invasive-gynaecologic-surgery-migs
E-mail Contact	Program director: Dr. Deborah Robertson deborah.robertson@unityhealth.to Program administrator: Ms. Janet Forrest janet.forrest@unityhealth.to
Faculty	Dr. Sari Kives Dr. Carmen McCaffrey Dr. Alysha Nensi Dr. Deborah Robertson Dr. Eli Shore Dr. Andrea Simpson Dr. Dana Soroka
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	\$70,000 + support of Master’s program to \$15,000 max + funding for conference/presentations (subject to approval) + WSIB.
Length of Program	24 months
Quota	1 position (1 incoming fellow per year; total 2 fellows over 2 years)
Eligibility Requirements	FRCS Full license to practice in Ontario Medical degree CMPA coverage
Additional Degrees i.e. MSc	Time allotted for support of pursuit of post-graduate degree. Development of research projects with expectation to present at one or more national meetings and have manuscript prepared for publication by the end of the fellowship.

Focus of Program

Our team is composed of six gynecological surgeons who specialize in minimally invasive gynecological techniques and one urogynecologist. All members of the fellowship team are experts in pelvic floor reconstruction. Our main goal is to provide the least invasive surgical technique for each patient while ensuring the best clinical outcome. During their two years of training, fellows receive a breadth of gynecological surgical training which includes laparoscopic, vaginal, and robotic surgery. Typical surgeries performed at our centre include laparoscopic and vaginal hysterectomies, vaginal repairs with McCall culdoplasty, hysteroscopy, advanced laparoscopies including treatment of endometriosis and fibroids, laser laparoscopy for advanced endometriosis, TVT/TVT-O/TOT procedures and cystoscopy, Lefort colpocleisis, and robotic assisted laparoscopic hysterectomies and myomectomies. Surgical simulation is incorporated into the curriculum.

Fellows share clinical duties (operating, clinics, rounding) while having the opportunity of completing a Masters program of their choice. Occasional L+D coverage. The schedule is flexible based on the fellows present and may be adjusted to meet individual goals and academic demands. Electives may be organized to meet the needs of the fellows.

Educational Focus of the Program:

1. Minimally invasive surgical approaches to hysterectomy, myomectomy, advanced endometriosis, pelvic organ prolapse and other pelvic pathologies;
2. Disorders of the pelvic floor: clinical and surgical management;
3. Exposure to robotic assisted gynecological hysterectomies and myomectomies;
4. Principles of endoscopy and electrosurgery;
5. Anatomy of the retroperitoneum and management of the pelvic mass;
6. Preoperative assessment of the patient and selection of least invasive surgical approach;
7. Management of peri-operative complications: prevention, recognition and treatment.



McGill University

University/Location	McGill University
Program Title	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
Program Directors/ Faculty	S. Krishnamurthy and T. Tulandi
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Website	https://www.mcgill.ca/obgyn/education/postgraduate-medical-education/fellowship-programs/obstetrics-and-gynecology
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Faculty	Dr Sonja Bodmer-Roy, Dr Pira Korsieporn, Dr Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Dr Jacqueline Madar, Dr Fady Mansour, Dr Jessica Papillon Smith, Dr Violaine Marcoux, Dr Dong Bach Nguyen, Dr Togas Tulandi, Dr Andrew Zakhari, Dr Cleve Ziegler
AAGL Affiliated	No
Salary	RAMQ or third party
Length of Program	2 years
Quota	One position
Additional Degrees i.e. MSc/MEd	Recommended

Focus of Program
<p>Our program has a high volume of advanced laparoscopy and hysteroscopy surgery, including urogynecologic surgery. Laparoscopic cases include myomectomies, adnexal surgery, retroperitoneal dissection, adhesiolysis and stage 3 / 4 endometriosis (radical & conservative procedures. Hysteroscopic surgeries such as myomectomy by morcellation & resection, adhesiolysis, septoplasty and isthmocele resection. Ample number of both laparoscopic hysterectomies and vaginal hysterectomies with salpingectmies & salpingo-oophorectomies are performed in our centres. Fellows assist surgery in the operating room and gradually conduct advanced laparoscopic or hysteroscopic surgery under supervision. They will increasingly accept full responsibility for any surgical or medical management and supervise residents in surgery.</p> <p>Fellows have the opportunity to attend the multi-disciplinary Chronic Pelvic Pain clinic, conducted at the Montreal General Hospital site with Drs Bodmer-Roy and Korsieporn.</p> <p>A unique feature of our program is the incorporation of fertility preservation procedures to gynecologic endoscopy. These include laparoscopic ovarian suspension for young women undergoing pelvic radiation, and laparoscopic abdominal cerclage for women with repeated pregnancy loss who have failed conventional vaginal cerclage.</p>

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While acting as junior attending on the inpatient gynecology service, fellows will have teaching responsibilities within the residency program regarding patient care and clinical decision making. Fellows will run morning teaching rounds, staff inpatient consults with residents in gynecology service, and function as junior attendings for emergency surgeries and surgical consults allowing them to gain independence in their clinical training.

Fellows will participate in Gynecology on-call from home in conjunction with the attending staff.

Weekly Gynecology Endoscopy lab-based teaching to PGY1 & PGY 2, curriculum containing a variety of simulation and didactic activities, is expected of the fellows. Within the residency programs, fellows participate in and assist in teaching gynecology simulations, and anatomy labs. Our fellows also attend Grand Rounds and Mortality/Morbidity Conferences within the department and participate in journal clubs with residents and attendings.

All fellows give at least one Grand Rounds lecture on a MIGS topic of their choice and present at our Annual Resident and Fellow Research Day. All fellows are required to attend FMIGS Boot Camp run by CanSAGE and encouraged to attend and present research at a variety of conferences including SOGC, CanSAGE, SEUD AAGL, SGS and ASRM.

MIGS fellows have the wider opportunities of being at a large academic institution. There are many educational programs for attendings, residents and fellows in the fields of medical education, quality improvement, patient safety, and global health.

Université de Montréal (*Français seulement*)

Université/Location	Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHUM (1000 rue St-Denis, Montréal) • CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (5415 Boul. l'Assomption, Montréal)
Titre du programme	DES en chirurgie gynécologique minimalement invasive
Site Web	https://deptobsgyn.umontreal.ca/etudes/des-en-chirurgie-gynecologique-minimalement-invasive/
Nombre de Fellows	Possibilité de 2/ année
Directeur de Fellowship	Dr Chantal Rivard
Adresse postale	CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal 5415 Boul. L'Assomption, Montréal, Québec, H1T 2M4
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Enseignants	Dr Ian Brochu (CMI, CHUM) Dr Suzanne Fortin (gynécologie oncologique, CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal) Dr Émilie Gorak (CMI, CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal) Dr Émilie Hudon (CMI, CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal) Dr Jennifer Longpré (CMI, CHUM) Dr Mélissa Roy (CMI, CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal) Dr Catherine Tremblay (CMI, CHUM)
Affiliation AAGL	Non
Salaire	Selon la Fédération des Résidents du Québec (niveau R6) \$ 40 000 si étudiant étranger
Durée du programme	1an
Quota	2
Exigences d'admissibilité	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diplôme d'obstétricien-gynécologue : certification (ou éligibilité pour certification) en obstétrique-gynécologie du Collège Royal des Médecins et Chirurgiens du Canada ou équivalent dans son pays d'origine. • bonne connaissance de la langue française

Focus du Programme

Il s'agit d'une formation surspécialisée de 12 mois dont le but vise à acquérir une expertise chirurgicale spécialisée en endoscopie gynécologique, soit laparoscopie avancée et hystéroscopie opératoire. Cette formation préparera un expert en chirurgie minimalement invasive qui pourra alors servir de référence dans son milieu pour le traitement des patientes, enseigner ces techniques aux résidents du programme d'obstétrique-gynécologie ainsi qu'à ses pairs, contribuant ainsi au rayonnement local, régional et national.

1-Chirurgie laparoscopique avancée: 3 jours/semaine

- Hystérectomie totale de cas complexes incluant fibromes de grand volume, adhérences sévères, etc.
- Kystes ovariens de volume important
- Endométriose sévère
- Myomectomie
- Morcellation
- Suture intra/extra corporelle
- Colposacropexie
- Introduction à la chirurgie robotique

2. Chirurgie hystéroscopique: ½ à 1 jour/semaine

- Chirurgie ambulatoire sous sédation
- myomectomie
- syndrome d'Asherman
- septoplasties
- Ablation de l'endomètre

3. Clinique externe d'évaluation pré et post-opératoire (1 jour/sem)

4. Projet de recherche avec présentation des résultats dans un congrès (1/2 à 1 jour/semaine)

5. Enseignement aux résidents (1/2 jour/mois)

6. Préparation de présentations / Journal Club (1/2 jour/mois)



UNIVERSITÉ
LAVAL

Université Laval à Québec (*Français seulement*)

Université/Location	Université Laval à Québec CHU de Québec, Pavillon CHUL
Titre du programme	Fellowship en chirurgie endoscopique gynécologique avancée
Site web	http://www.fmed.ulaval.ca/les-programmes-detudes/etudes-en-medecine/fellowships-formations-complementaires/fellowship-en-chirurgie-endoscopique-gynecologique-avancee/presentation/
Directeur du programme	D ^r Philippe Laberge Co-directrice : D ^{re} Sarah Maheux-Lacroix
Adresse postale	Département d'obstétrique-Gynécologie Université Laval Pavillon CHUL 2705 boul. Laurier R-00762 Québec, QC G1V 4G2, CANADA
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Faculté	D ^r Philippe Laberge, MD FRCSC ACGE (formation en endoscopie à Clermont-Ferrand, France) D ^{re} Madeleine Lemyre, MD FRCSC (formation en endoscopie à Stanford, Californie, USA) D ^{re} Sarah Maheux-Lacroix, PhD MD FRCSC (formation en endoscopie à Sydney, Australie) D ^{re} Kristina Arendas, MD MHM FRCSC (formation en endoscopie, Université McMaster, Ontario)
Affiliation AAGL	Non
Salaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selon la Fédération des Résidents du Québec (niveau R6)• \$45,000 si étudiant étranger
Durée du programme	12 mois consécutifs
Quota	2 moniteurs cliniques

Focus du Programme

1. Chirurgie laparoscopique avancée:

- Endométriose complexe-interdisciplinaire/ chirurgie digestive/cystectomie partielle/appendicectomie
- Hystérectomie totale et sub-totale, cystoscopie
- Myomectomie
- Techniques de morcellation et d'extraction
- Suture intra/extra corporelle
- Colposacropexie
- Cerclage et endoscopie de la grossesse

2. Chirurgie hystéroscopique:

- Myomectomie, polypectomie
- Lyse de synéchies, Asherman's
- Métroplastie
- Clinique ambulatoire: vaginoscopie, sédation i.v. ablation globale, morcellation
- Ablation de l'endomètre: résectoscopique et non-résectoscopique

3. Échographie transvaginale/ sonohystérographie

4. Clinique externe pré-op/post-op

5. Enseignement: club d'endoscopie, présentation aux journées annuelles

6. Recherche: projets cliniques sous la supervision du D^{re} Maheux-Lacroix.

7. Rayonnement: présentations à un congrès national et international / publications