



2026-2027 PROGRAMS:  
Advanced Gynecologic Surgery

PROGRAMMES 2026-2027 :  
Chirurgie gynécologique avancée

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**PLEASE NOTE:** There are currently two fellowships in Canada that are a part of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) fellowship program. Applicants can apply directly through CanSAGE and these two Canadian AAGL programs will be included in the CanSAGE Match. There is NO need to apply to the AAGL nor do you need to participate in the AAGL Match process for the two participating programs above.

If you are applying to any other American AAGL programs, then you still must apply through the AAGL. Please note, however, that the CanSAGE match date is before the American match date so if you enter and are accepted through the CanSAGE match, you would be expected to withdraw from the American match. The Canadian AAGL programs will submit the matched applicant directly to the AAGL.

Details on the AAGL programs can be found at: <https://aagl.org/fmigs-programs/>

# Introduction

## *La version française suit*

In 2019, CanSAGE launched a centralized Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Canadian Fellowship Program for Canadian non-AAGL programs. In 2026, the Program changed its name from Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery to Advanced Gynecologic Surgery.

Applicants can apply directly through CanSAGE to the three Canadian AAGL programs and these programs will be included in the CanSAGE Match.

### **Important dates:**

- Applications will be accepted from March 9 to April 30, 2026 (5pm ET).
- Interviews will be conducted by each program from May 4 to July 22, 2026.
- Match results will be sent August 14, 2026.

The fee to register is \$150 plus tax which must be paid by credit card prior to completing the online application form.

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

<https://cansagescanpeg.wildapricot.org/event-6542166>

- Begin by completing the registration form and submitting your payment.
- You will then receive a confirmation email with the link to the application form.
- A separate link will be provided for your references to upload their reference letters.

Make sure you have all the required information and documents before you begin the application.

What you will need to provide by **deadline of April 30, 2026**:

- 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\* received before the deadline of April 30, 2026**
  - 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:**

[https://cansage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026\\_Reference\\_final.docx](https://cansage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_Reference_final.docx)

**Contact information:** For all questions, contact us at [migs@cansage.org](mailto:migs@cansage.org).

## International Medical Graduates

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

Not all of the Canadian MIGS 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.

**Please contact the program directly if interested in applying. Further direction will be provided by the program.**

**DO NOT PROCEED THROUGH THE CanSAGE MATCH UNTIL YOU ARE  
PRE-APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE PROGRAM.**

There are programs that can 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 ineligible for licensure, your application will not be considered for that program.**

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/cpps/registration/Licensure.aspx?LicensureCCO=Licensure%20Overview>

Ontario – <https://www.cpso.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, SCanPEG a lancé un programme canadien de jumelage de moniteurs cliniques en chirurgie gynécologique minimalement invasive centralisé pour les programmes non AAGL. En 2026, le programme a changé de nom, passant de « Chirurgie gynécologique minimalement invasive » à « Chirurgie gynécologique avancée ».

Les candidats peuvent postuler directement par SCanPEG aux trois programmes canadiens de l'AAGL et ces programmes seront inclus dans le jumelage SCanPEG.

## Dates importantes :

- Les candidatures seront acceptées entre le 9 mars et le 30 avril 2026 (17h, heure de l'Est).
- Les entretiens seront menés par chaque programme et se tiendront du 4 mai au 22 juillet 2026.
- Les résultats des matchs seront envoyés le 14 août 2026.

Les frais pour l'application sont de 150 \$ plus taxes qui doivent être payés par carte de crédit lors du processus d'application en ligne.

Vous pouvez accéder au formulaire d'inscription en cliquant sur, ou en copiant et collant, ce lien : <https://cansagescanpeg.wildapricot.org/event-6542166>

- Veuillez commencer par remplir le formulaire d'inscription et envoyez votre paiement.
- Vous recevrez ensuite un courriel de confirmation contenant le lien vers le formulaire de demande.
- Un lien distinct sera fourni pour que vos références puissent télécharger leurs lettres de référence.

Assurez-vous d'avoir toutes les informations et tous les documents requis avant de commencer la demande.

Ce que vous devrez fournir avant **la date échéance du 30 avril 2026** :

- 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\* avant la date échéance du 30 avril 2026**
  - 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 :

[https://cansage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026\\_Reference\\_final.docx](https://cansage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_Reference_final.docx)

**Contact** : Pour toutes questions, contactez-nous à [migs@cansage.org](mailto:migs@cansage.org).

## Diplômés en médecine internationaux

Les candidats étrangers peuvent postuler via le jumelage SCanPEG, 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).

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.

**S'il vous plaît, contactez directement le programme avec lequel vous aimeriez postuler. Des directives supplémentaires vous seront fournies par le programme.**

**NE PROCÉDEZ PAS AU JUMELAGE DE LA SCanPEG AVANT D'AVOIR REÇU UN ACCUSÉ DE RÉCEPTION CONFIRMANT VOTRE CANDIDATURE PAR LE 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 admissible à un permis,  
votre demande ne sera pas prise en considération pour ce programme.**

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.cpso.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.**

Les détails sur les programmes acceptant les Fellows pour 2026-2027 sont disponibles sur le site web SCanPEG :

<https://cansage.org/fellowship-match/>

<https://cansage.org/cansage-migs-fellowships/>



## University of British Columbia

University	University of British Columbia, BC Women's Hospital
Program	Advanced Training Program in Endometriosis, Pelvic Pain and Advanced Laparoscopy
Directors	Co-Directors: Dr. Caroline Lee and Dr. Catherine Allaire
Address	BC Women's Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis, F2-4500 Oak St, Vancouver, BC V6H 3N1
Telephone	(604) 875-2534
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E-mail	caroline.lee@cw.bc.ca
URL	<a href="https://obgyn.ubc.ca/education/clinical-fellowships/advanced-laparoscopy/">https://obgyn.ubc.ca/education/clinical-fellowships/advanced-laparoscopy/</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$100,000
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Mohamed Bedaiwy, Dr. Caroline Lee, Dr. Tinya Lin, Dr. Christina Williams, Dr. Paul Yong, Rebecca Weaver: physiotherapist, Jillian Wagg: counsellor
Eligibility requirements	FRCSC License to practice in BC TOEFL required prior to interview if coming from French-speaking University
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	1 day per week protected time for research and teaching. Expected to submit two original papers for publication. Depending on their career goals, fellows will complete a course-based or research thesis-based MSc. Fellows with a previous thesis-based MSc/PhD degree will have a customized research program. All fellows will complete a research project and will have access to the full-breadth of research opportunities available at the Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis, including clinical, epidemiologic, qualitative, knowledge translation, and basic and translational research.

Program focus	<p>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, Lee, Lin, Williams, and Yong see approximately 2000 new and follow-up patients per year with complex gynecologic problems.</p> <p>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, adenomyomectomy, 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 six gynaecologists as well as our physiotherapist and counsellor. There will also be an 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 is expected to provide one weekend/month of gynae call coverage. 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.</p> <p>The first year will focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multidisciplinary evaluation and management of complex gynecologic problems, with emphasis on endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain and fibroids</li> <li>2. Advanced surgical management of complex pelvic disease</li> <li>3. Developing general endovaginal ultrasound skills as well specialized ultrasound for diagnosis and evaluation of deep endometriosis</li> <li>4. Independent practice: the trainees have their own clinic 0.5 days per week starting 3 months into training program.</li> <li>5. Master's courses and starting a research project.</li> </ol> <p>The second year of the program focuses on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research productivity and completion of Master's thesis</li> <li>2. Continuing to advance surgical skills in severe endometriosis cases</li> <li>3. Improving specialized ultrasound skills for deep endometriosis</li> <li>4. Improving the curriculum and teaching our MIS residents</li> <li>5. Continued independence with more complex cases seen in trainee's clinic and assigned OR time as MRP</li> </ol>
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## University of British Columbia – Fraser Health Authority

University	University of British Columbia
Program	UBC - Fraser Health Clinical Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery and Complex Gynecology
Director	Dr. Michael Suen
Address	C420 - 4500 Oak Street, Vancouver BC, Canada, V6H 3N1
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E-mail	lauren.ritchie@cw.bc.ca
URL	<a href="https://obgyn.ubc.ca/education/clinical-fellowships/advanced-laparoscopic-fraser/">https://obgyn.ubc.ca/education/clinical-fellowships/advanced-laparoscopic-fraser/</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$75,000/year plus benefits with the opportunity to do Locum call (gynae and/or OB). Two weeks paid vacation. One weekend/month of gynae call coverage. Conference support (\$2500/year).
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Brittany MacGregor, Dr. Monique Marguerie, Dr. Justin Mui, Dr. Claudine Storness-Bliss, Dr. Yale Tang, Dr. Mina Wesa
Eligibility requirements	FRCS License to practice in BC TOEFL required prior to interview if coming from French-speaking University
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	Research: Trainees will have ½ to 1 day protected per week for research or alternative academic pursuit. The expectation will be to present at least one surgical video at a national or international conference, and trainees will be mentored in surgical video editing.

Program focus	<p>Our program consists of seven fellowship-trained minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons. During our 1-year program, trainees will gain tools and experience in managing challenging surgical and clinical scenarios.</p> <p>Clinical: Trainees will spend 1-2 days per week in an ambulatory setting. This includes Fellow's clinic, staff ambulatory clinics, and Jim Pattison Outpatient Chronic Pelvic Pain Clinic. The focus of these clinics will be the work-up and management of complex gynecologic conditions, and advanced ultrasound. At the Chronic Pelvic Pain Clinic, there will be the opportunity to work alongside allied health professionals.</p> <p>Surgical: Trainees will spend 2-3 days per week in the operating room. Trainees will focus on surgical management of fibroids, endometriosis, adenomyosis and abnormal uterine bleeding. They will graduate with proficiency in laparoscopic procedures such as hysterectomy, myomectomy, excision of deeply infiltrating endometriosis, abdominal cerclage, neosalpingotomy, and hysteroscopic procedures, such as myomectomy, septoplasty and lysis of adhesions. Trainees will also participate in planned Cesarean Hysterectomy for Placenta Accreta Spectrum disorder as BC's referral center for these cases is Royal Columbian Hospital.</p> <p>Educational: Trainees will become surgeon teachers by educating residents and medical students in a variety of settings, including non-structured teaching at the bedside and operating room, and structured teaching during academic half days, anatomy and simulation labs.</p>
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## University of Calgary

University	University of Calgary
Program	Advanced Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellowship
Directors	Dr. Ari Sanders, Director Dr. Liane Belland, Co-Director
Address	Room CC115C - 1441 29 St NW, Calgary
Telephone	(403) 944-4419
Fax	(403) 270-4249
E-mail	Program Administrator: Louise.Gofton@albertahealthservices.ca
URL	<a href="https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/education/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/education/AMIS">https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/education/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/education/AMIS</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	Salary is \$85,000 annually as per PGY-6 Alberta salaries in 2024. Locum opportunities through the Rural Locum Program as well as on call locum opportunities within the Calgary zone
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Liane Belland (Peter Lougheed Centre), Dr. Ari Sanders (Peter Lougheed Centre), Dr. Lauren Andrew (Peter Lougheed Centre), Dr. Lacey Brennan (Peter Lougheed Centre), Dr. Caitlin Jago (Rockyview Hospital), Dr. Evan Genge (Rockyview Hospital), Dr. Michael Sector (Foothills Medical Centre), Dr. Jackie Thurston (South Health Campus), Dr. Chandrew Rajakumar (South Health Campus)
Eligibility requirements	FRCS Full license to practice in Alberta Full CMPA Coverage
Additional degrees	A Master's degree is not a requirement, but is strongly recommended (if not previously obtained).
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	At least one research project should be completed within the 2-year fellowship period and presented at the department research day, along with publication and presentation at a national/international meeting. This should also include a manuscript submitted for publication. One video or research submission should be submitted to a national conference each year of fellowship. Presentation at the department grand rounds is expected at least once over the course of the 2-year fellowship.

Program focus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2) Total laparoscopic hysterectomy for complex/advanced gynecologic cases including large fibroids, adhesive disease, Mullerian anomalies, complex pelvic pathology, etc...</li> <li>3) Laparoscopic myomectomy</li> <li>4) Advanced hysteroscopy including myomectomy, hysteroscopic endometrial resection, ablation, repair of isthmocele, resection of intrauterine septae, adhesiolysis, etc.</li> <li>5) Advanced obstetrical-related procedures: laparoscopic cerclage, unusual/complex ectopic pregnancies, cesarean scar pregnancies, opportunities to be involved in placenta accreta spectrum/cesarean hysterectomy/cesarean myomectomy</li> <li>6) Other advanced laparoscopy - cesarean scar repairs, tubo-ovarian abscesses, etc.</li> <li>7) 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.</li> <li>8) Outpatient surgical procedural suite participation</li> <li>9) Participation in Chronic Pain clinics with specific surgical intervention as needed</li> </ol>
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## University of Saskatchewan – Regina

University	University of Saskatchewan – Regina
Program	Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Director	Dr. Darrien Rattray
Address	1717 Badham Blvd Regina, SK S4P 0L9
Telephone	(306) 586-1800
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URL	
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$150,000 per year plus any additional billings generated from general obstetrics / gynecology call. Locum opportunities available. Full reimbursement for CMPA cost through the SMA.
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Huse Kamencic, Dr. Aro Kan, Dr. Neha Sarna
Eligibility requirements	<p>Certification as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, including Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. No exceptions will be considered.</p> <p>International medical graduates should review the section on requirements elsewhere in this guide.</p> <p>Must meet requirements for full licensure as an independent consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.</p> <p>For further information please see <a href="https://www.cps.sk.ca/imis">https://www.cps.sk.ca/imis</a></p>
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	<p>Research Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical and surgical management of leiomyomas</li> <li>• Diagnosis and repair of cervical niche</li> <li>• Device trials for endometrial ablation, tubal sterilization and fibroid management</li> </ul> <p>Management of fibroids including hysteroscopic resection, myomectomy and laparoscopic guided radiofrequency ablation techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-disciplinary approach to management of chronic pelvic pain</li> <li>• Surgical simulation and medical education</li> </ul> <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>

Program focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of chronic pain related to gynecologic causes with emphasis placed on a multi-disciplinary approach</li> <li>• Development of an excellent surgical skill in the OR and Ambulatory clinic</li> </ul>
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## University of Manitoba

University	University of Manitoba
Program	Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) Fellowship
Directors	Co-Directors: Dr. Anet Maksymowicz, Dr. Devon Evans
Address	Remoni Fernandopulle, BA Program Coordinator – Dept of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, Dept of Gynecologic Oncology, Dept of Maternal Fetal Medicine, & Dept of MIS Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba WN 5007, Women's Hospital 665 William Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0L8
Telephone	(204) 787-8365
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E-mail	remoni.fernandopulle@umanitoba.ca
URL	<a href="https://umanitoba.ca/medicine/departement-obstetrics-gynecology-and-reproductive-sciences/minimally-invasive-gynecologic-surgery-fellowship">https://umanitoba.ca/medicine/departement-obstetrics-gynecology-and-reproductive-sciences/minimally-invasive-gynecologic-surgery-fellowship</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$114,996 salary; Many fee for service moonlighting opportunities locally in Winnipeg in both gynecology and obstetrics
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Alaa Awadalla, Dr. Anet Maksymowicz, Dr. Devon Evans, Dr. Lisa Spangelo, Dr. Margot Rosenthal
Eligibility requirements	-FRCSC -Independent/unrestricted license to practice in Manitoba -CMPA coverage
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	From an academic perspective, the fellow will be expected to present and ideally publish at least one academic work during their time with us. We have experience making high quality surgical videos and enjoy mentoring trainees on this valuable skillset as well.

Program focus	<p>Our Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) Fellowship is based at the St. Boniface Hospital Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis Clinic and the Heartland Fertility Clinic but will provide you with exposure to a variety of clinical settings. You will have the opportunity to work alongside university and private practice MIGS subspecialists and operate at our 2 tertiary sites and 2 community sites (all within Winnipeg, MB). We have 5 fellowship-trained MIGS subspecialists who have different areas of expertise and interest and are excited to share their practices with you.</p> <p>You will generally spend one day a week in clinic at either the Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis Clinic or the Heartland Fertility Clinic. You will learn not just about surgical planning, but also the complexities of workup and management of multifactorial pelvic pain, overlapping pain disorders, sensitization, and complexities of navigating ovulatory suppression. We emphasize the need for longitudinal follow-up and care that goes beyond hormones and surgery, teaching about neuromodulators, pain education, and the role for integrative therapies in a patient's journey towards an improved quality of life or fertility. You will also have the opportunity to learn clinic-based transvaginal ultrasound techniques and skills relevant the diagnosis and characterization of pelvic pathology and endometriosis specifically.</p> <p>There will be 2 to 4 days in the OR per week, with the remaining days allocated to appropriate fellow-clinics at our faculty's private clinics, call, and academic work. There are limited call requirements, but many call opportunities depending on the fellow's interest in fee for service moonlighting and further clinical experience outside of typical working hours. We have designed the program to be supportive and customizable to the individual learner and their needs. This is very much a competency-based, as opposed to service-based, fellowship program; we endeavour to make every week feel valuable to the fellow and will modify the schedule week to week depending on the case mix of available ORs and urgent cases that come up.</p> <p>From an academic perspective, the fellow will be expected to present and ideally publish at least one academic work during their time with us. We have experience making high quality surgical videos and enjoy mentoring trainees on this valuable skillset as well. Attendance at the annual CanSAGE bootcamp, conference, and academic half days will be mandatory. Fellows may also have the opportunity to attend the JnJ MIGS bootcamp in the US and the World Congress on Endometriosis depending on the year (q2year conference).</p> <p>We service a very large geographical catchment area and are proud to offer a high volume of MIGS-relevant clinical experiences, both in the clinic and in the OR. In addition to complex benign gynecologic surgical procedures involving fellowship-relevant issues like deeply infiltrating endometriosis, complex fibroid burden, adhesions related to prior surgery/PID/TOAs, isthmocele resection/repair, appendectomy, ureteric stenting, operative hysteroscopy, and major pelvic vessel isolation/ligation, we also perform placenta accreta spectrum disorder caesarean hysterectomies, adnexal laparoscopy in pregnancy, laparoscopic cerclage, and very high BMI laparoscopic surgery. We are starting to perform vNOTES hysterectomy and can incorporate this into the fellowship for those interested in this route of surgery. Radiofrequency volumetric thermal ablation (RFVTA) is a technology that we are currently exploring and aim to start in the next couple of years, but we are not yet at the stage where we can guarantee access to this in our program. We are also in the process of securing Robotics access for the MIGS section.</p> <p>Prepare to immerse yourself in a comprehensive training experience! You will gain invaluable experience and we will equip you with the skills and confidence necessary to excel in this dynamic field. Also, we promise our license plates don't lie; come see what we have to offer here and why we choose to live in 'Friendly Manitoba'!</p>
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## McMaster University

University	McMaster University, McMaster Site
Program	Advanced Pelvic and Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
Director	Dr. Sarah Scattolon
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$80,000 + benefits
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1-2
Faculty	Core Supervisors: Dr. Mathew Leonardi, Dr. Jay Tigdi, Dr. Sarah Scattolon Adjunct Faculty: Additional MIS Trained Surgeons, General Surgeons: Dr. Shawn Forbes, Dr. Ilun Yang, Dr. Jessica Bogach Urologist: Dr. Laura Nguyen, Thoracic Surgeon: Dr. John Agzarian
Eligibility requirements	FRCS Full independent practice license required in Ontario; ability to bill.
Additional degrees	Concurrent Master's program is recommended (i.e. HRM, Health Sciences Education etc) or other professional certificate. Educational tuition assistance is available for Master's degrees pursued through McMaster University
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	Research project(s) required throughout fellowship with manuscript submission and goal of presentation at national/international conference with some financial support for presentation at conferences.

Program focus	<p>Clinical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complex interdisciplinary endometriosis surgery including upper vaginectomy, bowel &amp; bladder surgery, appendectomy, resection of all stages of endometriosis (multiple surgical modalities including CO2 laser, ultrasonic devices, advanced bipolar devices)</li> <li>2. Hysteroscopy with focus on myomectomy, Asherman syndrome, correction of Mullerian anomalies, endometrial ablation</li> <li>3. Complex TLH, vaginal and complex open surgery</li> <li>4. Laparoscopic myomectomy and specimen retrieval, isthmocele repair</li> <li>5. Obstetrical massive hemorrhage team for placenta accreta spectrum cases - Caesarean Hysterectomy and Internal Iliac artery ligation</li> <li>6. Laparoscopic cervical cerclage</li> <li>7. Leading expert centre for comprehensive advanced pelvic ultrasound including endometriosis and fibroid mapping, complex ovarian pathology, sonohysterogram, ultrasound-based procedures</li> <li>8. ~1 day/week of focused MIGS clinic with emphasis on: -Evaluation, workup and multidisciplinary management of patients with multifactorial chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis, fibroids, mullerian anomalies, infertility</li> <li>9. -Comprehensive physical exam, dynamic expert ultrasound to evaluate endometriosis and adhesive disease</li> <li>10. Pelvic Floor Injection Program, Outpatient Hysteroscopy</li> <li>11. Component of General Gynecology call covering Hamilton Health Sciences (home call)</li> </ol> <p>Academic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Research project(s) required throughout fellowship with goal of presentation at national/international conferences with financial support for presentation at conferences</li> <li>3. Elective time can be arranged at ancillary sites</li> <li>4. Teaching opportunities for medical students and residents via CMAS lab, Principles of Surgery course, OSCEs</li> <li>5. Participation in department and city-wide grand rounds</li> </ol> <p>Other:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opportunity for additional moonlighting Ob/Gyn call at neighbouring centers with ability to bill for such after-hours clinical work</li> <li>2. Senior fellow mentorship for community gynecologists learning MIS skills</li> <li>3. Multiple surgeons to provide a breadth of experience and opportunity</li> </ol>
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## McMaster University – St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton Site

University	McMaster University - St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
Program	Advanced Gynecologic Surgery
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$86,000 with benefits. We will contribute up to \$5000 to support an advanced degree initiated within the fellowship. No call requirements but opportunities for on-site moonlighting for OBGYN call
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Mary Coll-Black, Dr. Katy Tafler
Eligibility requirements	FRCS Independent unrestricted license to practice in Ontario Full CMPA Coverage
Additional degrees	Encouraged but optional support for advanced degree
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	Research time and support with development of project for presentation at department rounds, CanSAGE conference (financially supported) and publication encouraged.

Program focus	<p>This fellowship focuses on training strong minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons who will be able to enter practice and be leaders in the field in a variety of settings (academic, community, urban or rural). Our fellowship curriculum is aligned with CanSAGE with plentiful opportunities for modification and focus on additional skills and areas of interest in line with the fellow's individualized goals.</p> <p>Clinical Strengths and Fellowship Focus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advanced endometriosis surgery with excision of endometriosis of all stages and locations. Collaboration with our on-site multidisciplinary endometriosis team including colorectal surgery, urology and thoracic surgery.</li> <li>2. Complex fibroid surgery including laparoscopic and open multiple myomectomy, specimen retrieval, and surgical prevention of hemorrhage</li> <li>3. Optional opportunities to participate in robotic surgery program for TLH for FIGO 1 endometrial cancer in high BMI patients</li> <li>4. Complex laparoscopy for pelvic adhesions, complex TLH, PID/TOA, retroperitoneal dissection, internal iliac artery ligation, cesarean scar defect repair, non-tubal ectopic pregnancy</li> <li>5. Advanced hysteroscopy with management of fibroids, septoplasty, severe intrauterine adhesions, cesarean scar defects</li> <li>6. Opportunities to participate in outpatient hysteroscopy procedure suite</li> <li>7. Integrated fellow clinic for independent management and longitudinal follow-up of patient care. Fellow ORs in second year</li> </ol> <p>Academic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concurrent advanced degree or diploma in relevant area is recommended but not required</li> <li>2. Participation in CanSAGE AHD</li> <li>3. Research support with development of project/surgical educational video for presentation at CanSAGE conference (financially supported) and publication encouraged</li> <li>4. Teaching opportunities within residency program at simulation centre and pig lab</li> </ol>
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## University of Toronto, Trillium Health Partners

University	University of Toronto
Program	Pelvic Floor Surgery
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$80,000 minimum
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Amanda Cipolla, Dr. Nupur Dogra, Dr. Jason Hermenegildo, Dr. Adrienne Li, Dr. Siobhan Mark, Dr. Kim Rogers The faculty consist of urogynaecologists as well as generalist gynaecologists with advanced laparoscopic training. All faculty perform generalist gynaecologic procedures, allowing the fellow to maintain these generalist skills in the OR.
Eligibility requirements	Currently, we are only accepting applicants of Canadian residency programs in obstetrics and gynaecology. Applicants must have completed their FRCS(C) requirements and hold an independent practice license from the Province of Ontario.
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	Fellows will have protected academic time to initiate a quality improvement or other scholarly project to gain practical skills in project execution. Formal teaching includes involvement in the University of Toronto didactic sessions through the urogynecology department. Fellows will work closely with residents in both a collaborative and teaching capacity to enhance their surgical coaching skills.

Program focus	<p>This 1-year fellowship in Pelvic Floor Surgery at Trillium Health Partners (THP) aims to build on the core competencies from a general OBGYN residency program to enhance proficiency at surgeries aimed to treat common pelvic floor disorders including incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. Prospective fellows should be interested in pursuing a generalist community practice and this fellowship will allow for maintenance of generalist gynecologic skills. One in 10 women will require surgery for pelvic floor disorders and patients in Ontario experience some of the longest wait times for these surgeries. This fellowship offering specifically focuses on achieving competence in prolapse and incontinence procedures given the expanding community needs for generalists who offer these surgeries.</p>
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## University of Toronto – North York General Hospital

University	University of Toronto/North York General Hospital
Program	Advanced Gynecologic Surgery and Health Quality Improvement
Directors	Co-Directors: Dr. Abheha Satkunaratnam, Dr. Alice Pham
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$86,400 plus \$5000 for Masters or research/conference support
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Kirsten Smith, Dr. Sabrina Lee, Dr. Cici Zhu, Dr. Angela Deane
Eligibility requirements	A certificate of registration for Independent Practice is required prior to the start of your fellowship. You must also register with the University of Toronto's and NYGH's PGME office. Independent Malpractice insurance must be obtained from the CMPA for gynecological surgery, and if obstetrical on-call is anticipated appropriate coverage for both obstetrics and gynaecology.
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	Participation in a Diploma/Certificate or Masters equivalent course in quality improvement and/or patient safety while enrolled in the fellowship is encouraged. Active participation in on-going quality improvement initiatives. Presentation at annual University of Toronto research day and Canadian Society of the Advancement of Gynecologic Excellence.

Program focus	<p>Advanced complex gynecologic surgical training including vaginal, hysteroscopic, laparoscopic, and laparotomic. Health Quality Improvement and Patient Safety.</p> <p>North York General Hospital is offering a one-year long fellowship in advanced gynaecologic surgery and health quality improvement. North York General Hospital is a leading community academic hospital with one of the highest annual volume of gynaecology 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 (SOON-ObGyn). 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.</p> <p>Structure:</p> <p>The fellow will spend three to four 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 one day per week and this includes exposure to a urogynaecology 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 half-day to one-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.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>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.</p>
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## University of Toronto – St. Joseph’s Health Centre

University	Unity Health Toronto - St. Joseph's Health Centre
Program	Advanced Benign Gynecologic Surgery
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$85,564.01
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Paul Davies, Dr. Anna Kobylanskii, Dr. Erica Pascoal, Dr. Brian Liu, Dr. Mary Melchior
Eligibility requirements	Applicants must have fulfilled their FRCSC requirements and hold an independent medical license from the province of Ontario.
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	1 research project will be supported
Program focus	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.

## University of Toronto – Unity Health - St. Michael's Hospital

University	University of Toronto/Unity Health - St. Michael's Hospital
Program	Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction
Directors	Co-Directors: Dr. Deborah Robertson, Dr. Alysha Nensi
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URL	<a href="http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/minimally-invasive-gynaecologic-surgery-migs">http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/minimally-invasive-gynaecologic-surgery-migs</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$85,564.01 CAD (reflective of PARO PGY-3 scale, effective July 1, 2025). The position includes WSIB coverage, a maximum of \$15,000 in Masters program support, and additional funding for approved conference presentations.
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1-2
Faculty	Dr. Sari Kives, Dr. Siddhi Mathur, Dr. Carmen McCaffrey, Dr. Alysha Nensi Dr. Deborah Robertson, Dr. Eliane Shore, Dr. Andrea Simpson, Dr. Dana Soroka
Eligibility requirements	FRCS Full license to practice in Ontario Medical degree CMPA coverage
Additional degrees	Time allotted for support of pursuit of post-graduate degree.
Accepts IMGs	No
Research requirement	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.

Program focus	<p><b>Program Overview: MIGS Fellowship</b>  Our fellowship program features a team of seven gynecological surgeons with specialized expertise in advanced minimally invasive techniques and one fellowship-trained urogynecologist. Central to our mission is delivering optimal patient outcomes through the least invasive surgical methods.</p> <p><b>Clinical &amp; Surgical Training:</b>  Over this comprehensive two-year program, fellows gain mastery across a broad surgical spectrum, including laparoscopic, vaginal, hysteroscopic, open, and robotic-assisted approaches. A defining hallmark of our program is the development of high-level proficiency in all approaches to gynecological surgery including pelvic floor reconstruction. We emphasize the use of innovative surgical technologies, providing fellows with exposure to radiofrequency ablation (RFA) which integrates intraoperative ultrasound for enhanced surgical precision.</p> <p>Clinical volume at our center includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advanced MIGS:</b> Laparoscopic resection of deep endometriosis (including CO2 laser resection), large fibroids, and adnexal masses. Advanced hysteroscopy. Vaginoplasty and surgical management of Mullerian abnormalities.</li> <li>• <b>Urogynecology:</b> Vaginal repairs with vault suspension, TVT/TVT-O/TOT procedures, cystoscopy, and Lefort colpocleisis.</li> <li>• <b>Robotic Surgery:</b> Assisted laparoscopic hysterectomies and myomectomies.</li> <li>• <b>Complex Surgical Obstetrics:</b> Fellows gain specialized exposure to high-acuity obstetric surgery, including the management of placenta accreta spectrum (PAS) and performing cesarean sections in patients with significant surgical complexities, such as large fibroids, adnexal masses, and high body mass index (BMI).</li> </ul> <p><b>Academic Integration &amp; Flexibility:</b>  We prioritize a balanced professional life with a schedule that accommodates individual academic goals. Fellows share responsibilities in the OR, clinics, and inpatient rounding, with dedicated time to pursue a tailored Masters program. Training may be further enhanced through integrated surgical simulation and the opportunity for elective rotations designed to meet specific learner needs.</p> <p><b>Educational Focus of the Program:</b>  The curriculum is designed to ensure the fellow achieves expertise in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advanced Surgical Approaches:</b> Mastery of minimally invasive hysterectomy, myomectomy, and the management of complex pelvic masses.</li> <li>• <b>Endometriosis &amp; Pelvic Pain:</b> Comprehensive medical and surgical management of deep infiltrating endometriosis, including the use of CO2 LASER technology.</li> <li>• <b>Pelvic Floor Medicine:</b> Expertise in the clinical and surgical management of pelvic floor disorders and mastery of vaginal surgery techniques.</li> <li>• <b>Robotic Excellence:</b> Proficiency in robotic-assisted platforms for complex gynecological procedures.</li> <li>• <b>Safe Introduction of Innovative Technologies:</b> Proficiency in newer modalities such as radiofrequency ablation in the management of uterine leiomyomas.</li> <li>• <b>Complex Surgical Obstetrics:</b> Advanced skills in planning and managing high-risk surgical deliveries, including placenta accreta spectrum and surgery in the context of high BMI or significant pelvic pathology.</li> <li>• <b>Surgical Principles:</b> In-depth knowledge of retroperitoneal anatomy, endoscopic techniques, and electrosurgical principles.</li> <li>• <b>Perioperative Leadership:</b> Expertise in preoperative assessment, surgical planning for the least invasive approach, and the prevention, identification, and management of surgical complications.</li> </ul>
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## University of Toronto – Humber River Health

University	University of Toronto
Program	Minimally Invasive Gynecology and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$80,000 plus call opportunities.
Program duration	1 year
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. André LaRoche, Dr. Neetika Sidana, Dr. Grace Yeung, Dr. Magdalene Payne, Dr. Lesley Hawkins
Eligibility requirements	Applicants must have completed their FRCS(C) requirements and hold an independent practice license from the Province of Ontario.
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	Yes. International medical graduates need to have their own funding if they are unable to obtain a Canadian independent practice license. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	0.5-1 day per week of protected research time. 1 video presentation at national or international conference.

Program focus	<p>Humber River Health (HRH) is a prominent 1.8 million square foot, fully digital acute care facility in Canada, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and catering to a wide range of medical needs. It serves a population of over 850,000 individuals residing in the northwest Greater Toronto Area. HRH operates 722 acute inpatient beds at the Wilson site, with over 4000 staff, approximately 800 physicians and over 1,000 volunteers. HRH also includes the Reactivation Care Centres (RCCs) at the Finch and Church Campuses, which represent a unique partnership among multiple hospitals in the GTA with a focus on delivery of specialised care with the focus on reactivation to patients who have been designated as Alternative Level of Care.</p> <p>Our program consists of four fellowship-trained minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons, one urogynecologist and one generalist OBGYN. During our 1-year program, trainees will gain the skillset and experience in managing challenging surgical and clinical scenarios.</p> <p>Trainees will spend 0.5-1 day per week in an ambulatory setting. This includes Chronic pelvic pain clinic, MIS surgery clinic, Urogynecology clinic, as well as outpatient hysteroscopy clinic.</p> <p>They will spend 3-4 days per week in the operating room. They will spend 2-3d per week with the MIS team and 1 day per week with the urogynecology team. The remainder of the time will be dedicated to research.</p> <p>Trainees will focus on surgical management of fibroids, adenomyosis, endometriosis and pelvic floor reconstruction. They will graduate with proficiency in laparoscopic procedures such as hysterectomy, myomectomy, excision of deeply infiltrating endometriosis, hysteroscopic procedures, such as myomectomy, septoplasty and lysis of adhesions, as well as Laparoscopic Radiofrequency fibroid ablation (Acessa) and robotic surgery. Trainees will also participate in planned Cesarean Hysterectomy for Placenta Accreta Spectrum disorder and develop skills at Internal Iliac Ligation.</p> <p>Trainees will become surgeon teachers by educating residents and medical students in a variety of settings, as well as staff colleagues. including non-structured teaching at the bedside and operating room, and structured teaching during academic half days, as well as simulation at the James B Neill Centre for Applied Simulation and Innovation.</p>
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## University of Ottawa

University	University of Ottawa
Program	Academic Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery and Complex Gynecology
Directors	Co-Directors: Dr. Karine J. Lortie, Dr. Sukhbir (Sony) Singh
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URL	<a href="https://www.omig.ca">https://www.omig.ca</a>
AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	\$86,000 Paid vacation: Four (4) weeks (20 days) plus nine (9) statutory holidays per year Paid support for conference presentation expenses for one national and one international meeting Simulation fellowship tuition fee covered Locus opportunities available IMG: must be self-funded
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Karine J. Lortie, Dr. Sony S. Singh, Dr. Hanan Alsalem, Dr. Tamer Elfazari, Dr. Genevieve Horwood, Dr. Vincent Della Zazzera (imaging), Dr. Dwayne Hickling (urology), Dr. Isabelle Raiche (colorectal surgery)
Eligibility requirements	FRCS CMPA coverage CPSO licence to practice in Ontario IMG: eligibility approval through UofO PGME upon receipt of necessary documentation
Additional degrees	If candidate chooses to pursue a Masters, protected time allocation will be reviewed on an as needed basis
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	Research training and projects will be an important factor for successful completion of this fellowship. They will be required to develop an independent research question and complete at least one project during year I, as well as present this project at a national or international conference. They are expected to have at least one research publication (or at a minimum a manuscript suitable for publication), two review articles or two case reports/video presentations by the time of their graduation. Year II will

	<p>focus on education research and/or program development, which must also be disseminated through presentation and publication. They will have the opportunity to participate in both national and international conferences and presentations such as those hosted by SOGC, AAGL, CanSAGE or SimSummit. Each fellow must demonstrate a full understanding of how clinical research is conducted. All proposals must be approved by the Ottawa Hospital Research Ethics Board (OHREB).</p>
Program focus	<p>Description:</p> <p>The program in Minimally Invasive Gynecology has been developed to provide an opportunity for concentrated exposure and additional training for the next generation of OB/GYN graduated who wish to provide advanced surgical care in an academic and clinical setting. The fellows will receive sub-specialty training and technical competency in sophisticated gynecological endoscopic procedures that can be used for treatment of complex benign gynecologic conditions.</p> <p>This fellowship builds upon a successful 1-year fellowship program that has been offered in Ottawa since 2008, with over 20 graduates practicing across the world. Our fellowship became AAGL accredited in 2014 as a 2-year program and now is CanSAGE affiliated only since 2025 as a 2 year program.</p> <p>The fellowship has two main overall objects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop clinical expertise in advanced gynecologic surgery; and</li> <li>2. To develop expertise in surgical education</li> </ol> <p>Each candidate will be allowed to develop a career path that is specific to their own goals and objectives. The additional academic training program will vary among candidates.</p> <p>During the clinical year - the trainees are expected to become knowledgeable about the indications, contraindications, complications and alternatives to endoscopic surgical treatments for pelvic pathology and to gain increased expertise in the surgical management of gynecological conditions including severe disease states.</p> <p>The second year - is an academic year and allows the candidate to develop a specific strength in gynecology leadership at a national, International level. The fellow may select any area of academic development including quality, epidemiology or education. Through the development of a structured program focusing on advanced gynecologic endoscopy surgical skills this fellowship is able to offer an experience that will graduate skilled surgeons and academic teachers and leaders.</p> <p>Year I – Clinical Expertise and Academic Foundation Building</p> <p>In year one of the program, the principal focus will be in clinical and surgical experience. During this time, the fellow will plan and start a research project within our MIS Gynecology Research group.</p> <p>This year will set the foundation for clinical expertise and allow the fellow to become an advanced gynecologic surgeon with proficiency in operative procedures. They will be expected to investigate and evaluate patient care with the goal of diagnosis energy sources. This academic year has the goal of creating communicators, and health advocates who are able to provide patient counselling and create and implement patient care programs for future minimally invasive gynecology, all in a professional manner.</p> <p>Education will be delivered in various forms including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Didactic lecture series</li> <li>- Direct intra-operative teaching and evaluation</li> <li>- Direct teaching and evaluation in clinical settings (surgical clinics and chronic pelvic pain clinic)</li> <li>- Educational courses (example: CanSAGE/AAGL AHD fellows MIS Course, CanSAGE bootcamp)</li> <li>- Research training and orientation (mandatory at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)</li> </ul>

	<p>- Laboratory training (cadaver programs, anatomy lab dissection yearly)</p> <p>The surgical exposure in our program exceeds the minimum requirements by the FMIGS. By having exposure to 5 MIGS surgeons, there is a wide breadth of cases and experience. We are proud of our past fellows' achievements and their current employment status (all grads are practicing MIGS). Opportunities for electives in urology and colorectal surgery or other areas of expertise/interest to a fellow can be reviewed with the program director.</p> <p>In addition to learning a "procedure", we are particular about teaching the surgical philosophy. It is important for us to share knowledge on the organization of the operating room and standard procedures, fundamentals of endoscopic surgical set-up, safe-entry techniques, and instrumentation required for each surgical procedure, performance of the procedure and advanced surgical techniques along with any complications that may occur. Other key components for this portion would be pre-operative and post-operative management, counseling skills and prevention and management of complications related to endoscopic surgery.</p> <p>Year II – Academic Year (Depending on Career Objectives of Candidate):</p> <p>Example: Fellowship in Medical Education and Surgical Simulation</p> <p>The second year is part of a well-established and nationally recognized education fellowship at the University of Ottawa Skills and Simulation Centre (uOSSC). This will include weekly didactic and interactive lecture series and independent academic educational research and/or program development.</p> <p>Clinical exposure will be maintained throughout the year with a weekly clinical encounter (either OR or clinics)</p> <p>Past fellows who have completed this program have developed novel models for surgical simulation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, adnexal surgery and hysteroscopy. The use of low and high-fidelity models are encouraged.</p> <p>Optional:</p> <p>Each of our fellows will have the opportunity to further advance their medical skills through the option to complete a one-month elective in urogynecology, urology, general surgery, gynecologic oncology and/or at the pain clinic.</p>
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## McGill University

University	McGill University
Program	Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
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AAGL affiliated	No
Salary	Remuneration according to the Fédération des Médecins Résidents du Québec, or external funding secured by applicant.
Program duration	2 years
Quota	1
Faculty	Dr. Dong Bach Nguyen, Dr. Andrew Zakhari, Dr. Fady Mansour, Dr. Jessica Papillon Smith, Dr. Anita Kuriya, Dr. Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Dr. Togas Tulandi
Eligibility requirements	Diploma from a recognized 5-year OBGYN residency program
Additional degrees	No requirement
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	Minimum of one research project for presentation nationally/internationally and subsequent publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
Program focus	Join McGill's MIGS Fellowship to train with a large group of dynamic, kind surgeons in a high-volume center and gain unparalleled exposure to our one-of-a-kind multidisciplinary surgical endometriosis centre, as well as advanced surgical techniques including vNOTES. Opportunities to work directly in Simulation, Education, Global health and research are abundant, if you're thirsty for more than your daily OR!

**Université de Montréal** (*Français seulement*)

Université	Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec 1. CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (5415 Boul. l'Assomption, Montréal) 2. CIUSS du Nord-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (5400 Boul. Gouin O, Montréal)
Programme	DES en chirurgie gynécologique minimalement invasive
Directeur de Fellowship	Dre Valérie To
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URL	<a href="https://deptobsgyn.umontreal.ca/etudes/des-en-chirurgie-gynecologique-minimalement-invasive/">https://deptobsgyn.umontreal.ca/etudes/des-en-chirurgie-gynecologique-minimalement-invasive/</a>
Affiliation AAGL	Non
Salaire	Selon la Fédération des Résidents du Québec (niveau R6) \$ 45 000 si étudiant étranger
Durée du programme	1 à 2 ans
Quota	1
Faculté	Dre Nathalie Bleau <sup>(2)</sup> , Dre Suzanne Fortin <sup>(1)</sup> , Dre Émilie Gorak <sup>(1)</sup> , Dre Vicky Hadid <sup>(2)</sup> , Dre Émilie Hudon <sup>(1)</sup> , Dre Mélissa Roy <sup>(1)</sup> , Dre Valérie To <sup>(2)</sup>
Exigences d'admissibilité	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>bonne connaissance de la langue française</li> </ul>
Diplômes supplémentaires	Aucune exigence
Accepte les diplômés internationaux en médecine (IMG)	Oui. Vous devez télécharger l'approbation écrite préalable de ce programme avec votre demande.
Exigence de recherche	1 journée par semaine est consacrée à la recherche. Au minimum, une présentation dans les congrès locaux, nationaux ou internationaux est requise.

Focus du programme	<p>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.</p> <p><b>1-Chirurgie laparoscopique avancée:</b> 3 jours/semaine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hystérectomie totale de cas complexes incluant fibromes de grand volume, adhérences sévères, etc.</li> <li>● Kystes ovariens de volume important</li> <li>● Endométriose sévère</li> <li>● Myomectomie</li> <li>● Morcellation</li> <li>● Suture intra/extra corporelle</li> <li>● Colposacropexie</li> <li>● Introduction à la chirurgie robotique</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Chirurgie hystéroscopique:</b> ½ à 1 jour/semaine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chirurgie ambulatoire sous sédation</li> <li>● Myomectomie</li> <li>● Syndrome d'Asherman</li> <li>● Septoplasties</li> <li>● Ablation de l'endomètre</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Clinique externe d'évaluation pré et post-opératoire</b> (1 jour/sem)</p> <p><b>4. Projet de recherche avec présentation des résultats dans un congrès</b> (1/2 à 1 jour/semaine)</p> <p><b>5. Enseignement aux résidents</b> (1/2 jour/mois)</p> <p><b>6. Préparation de présentations / Journal Club</b> (1/2 jour/mois)</p>
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**Université Laval à Québec** (*Français seulement*)

Université	Université Laval, Québec, QC, Canada
Programme	Formation complémentaire (fellowship) en chirurgie endoscopique gynécologique avancée
Directeur de Fellowship	Dre Sarah Maheux-Lacroix MD MSc PhD FRCSC, Gynecologist, Clinician-Investigator, Associate professor, Fellowship director MIGS program, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, CHU de Québec, Université Laval, orcid.org/0000-0003-4187-3708
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URL	<a href="https://www.fmed.ulaval.ca/etudes/formation-complementaire-fellowship-en-chirurgie-endoscopique-gynecologique-avancee">https://www.fmed.ulaval.ca/etudes/formation-complementaire-fellowship-en-chirurgie-endoscopique-gynecologique-avancee</a>
Affiliation AAGL	Non
Salaire	45 000 \$
Durée du programme	1 an
Quota	1
Faculté	Dre Madeleine Lemyre, MD, Dre Kristina Arendas, MD, Dre Sarah Maheux-Lacroix, MD MSc PhD, Dre Annie-Kim Gareau-Labelle, MD
Exigences d'admissibilité	<p>Pour être admissible au programme de formation complémentaire en chirurgie endoscopique gynécologique avancée, vous devez satisfaire aux exigences suivantes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoir complété avec succès une résidence en obstétrique et gynécologie</li> <li>- Être gynécologue depuis moins de 5 ans</li> <li>- Connaissances linguistiques</li> <li>- Pour garantir la sécurité des patientes et patients et la qualité des soins, il est essentiel que toute personne admise à cette formation maîtrise le français, à l'oral et à l'écrit.</li> </ul> <p>Conditions d'admission pour les médecins en résidence ou diplômés hors Québec. Vous devez fournir l'une des preuves suivantes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certificat d'études secondaires en français du ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec</li> <li>- Document attestant que vous avez fait des études secondaires ou postsecondaires en français dans un établissement francophone.</li> </ul> <p>Si vous ne pouvez pas fournir cette preuve, vous devez passer le Test de connaissance du français tout public (TCF TP) Tout public et soumettre votre résultat au moins 3 mois avant le début de votre stage. La note minimale requise est de 450.</p>

	<p>Si votre score est inférieur, mais au moins de 361, votre admission sera conditionnelle à l'obtention d'une note de 450 dans les six premiers mois de votre stage. Pendant cette période, tout contact clinique avec des patientes et patients devra être supervisé par une ou un médecin.</p> <p>Pour plus d'informations sur le TCF TP et les lieux où passer le test, consultez le site de France Éducation international.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connaissance du français oral</li> </ul> <p>Le comité d'admission évaluera votre niveau de français à l'oral lors de l'entrevue. Si votre niveau est jugé insuffisant, votre admission pourrait être refusée ou conditionnelle, même si vous avez fourni une preuve écrite de la maîtrise du français. Pour tous les détails, consultez la directive sur la maîtrise de la langue française pour les candidates et les candidats diplômés hors Québec (PDF) admissibles à un programme de formation complémentaire (fellowship) clinique.</p>
Diplômes supplémentaires	Aucune exigence
Accepte les diplômés internationaux en médecine (IMG)	Oui. Vous devez télécharger l'approbation écrite préalable de ce programme avec votre demande.
Exigence de recherche	Votre horaire inclura des plages réservées à la recherche, équivalant à une journée par semaine, afin d'amorcer et de poursuivre des projets de recherche en endoscopie gynécologique. La présentation de vos résultats à des congrès scientifiques et sous forme de publications au cours de votre formation sera fortement encouragée. Votre responsable de recherche vous supervisera de près pour cet aspect de votre formation complémentaire.
Focus du programme	<p>Ce programme vous permet de perfectionner vos compétences en chirurgie gynécologique, dans un contexte marqué par l'évolution rapide des technologies en laparoscopie et hystéroscopie. Il s'adresse à toute personne professionnelle souhaitant approfondir son expertise technique et théorique en chirurgie endoscopique.</p> <p>Au cours de la formation, vous pourrez :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maîtriser les principes, instruments et techniques de laparoscopie et hystéroscopie avancées.</li> <li>• Comprendre et traiter des pathologies complexes comme l'endométriose, les fibromes et autres masses pelviennes et les anomalies congénitales.</li> <li>• Anticiper et gérer les complications peropératoires et postopératoires.</li> <li>• Adopter une approche chirurgicale sécuritaire, adaptée aux contextes ambulatoires.</li> </ul> <p>Ce fellowship propose une immersion complète dans la pratique avancée, soutenue par une compréhension approfondie de l'anatomie pelvienne et des technologies de pointe.</p> <p>Ce programme mène à une attestation de formation complémentaire.</p>

## University of Toronto – Mount Sinai, Women's College and Trillium Health Partners

University	Unity Health Toronto
Program	Mount Sinai, Women's College and Trillium Health Partners
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URL	<a href="http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/advanced-gynaecologic-surgery">http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/advanced-gynaecologic-surgery</a>
AAGL affiliated	Yes AAGL
Salary	\$85,564.01
Program duration	2 years
Quota	2
Faculty	MSH/WCH Site: Dr. Lisa Allen, Dr. Olga Bougie, Dr. Nucelio Lemos, Dr. Lindsay Shirreff, Dr. Mara Sobel THP Site: Dr. Kinshuk Kumar, Dr. Marian Leung, Dr. Alisha Olsthoorn, Dr. Azra Shivji
Eligibility requirements	License to practice in Ontario Medical degree FRCSC Certification
Additional degrees	It is expected that the candidate pursues a professional development course/endeavor during the course of the fellowship. Examples may include: a Masters program, certificate course in education or quality improvement.
Accepts IMGs	Yes. You must upload written pre-approval from this program with your application.
Research requirement	0.5- 1 day per week will be spent on academic productivity. The fellow will be expected to complete at least one major research project over the course of the fellowship and present at Departmental Research Day and at national/international conference. The fellow will be mentored by staff who are trained in clinical epidemiology/research/quality improvement. They will receive instruction on how to edit surgical videos to be used for education and submission to national/international conferences and to propose research concepts and see project(s) to completion/presentation and publication.

Program focus	<p>Surgical: 2 – 3 days per week will be spent in the operating room. Our Division has eleven MIS- trained fellowship surgeons who operate at one of three sites. (Mount Sinai Hospital/ Women’s College Hospital and Trillium Health partners). The fellow will be trained in complex pelvic surgery (laparoscopic management of deeply infiltrating endometriosis (including use of laser), neuropelveology, internal iliac/uterine artery ligation, laparoscopic and mini-laparotomic myomectomy, all forms of laparoscopic hysterectomy and exposure to pelvic reconstructive procedures. The fellow will also be trained in advanced intra-uterine surgery and Müllerian anomalies (hysteroscopic myomectomy [electrosurgical and mechanical], endometrial ablation [including global endometrial ablation technique], management of Asherman’s Syndrome and symptomatic isthmocoele (Cesarean scar niche). Fellows will also have opportunity to participate in the management of surgical obstetrics including the management of patients with invasive placenta (approximately 24 patients with percreta/increta per year) and Cesarean-scar ectopic pregnancies.</p> <p>Clinical: Maximum 2 days per week will be spent in a variety of ambulatory clinics. This will include a fellow-specific clinic (approximately 2 half-days per month).</p>
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