

Total Burn Care (Acute & Reconstructive Surgery) Fellowship McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences

We are excited to announce that McMaster University (Department of Surgery), in conjunction with Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), is offering a one-year Burn Fellowship encompassing all aspects of burn care under Dr. Jeschke's leadership. The Burn Program serves a catchment area of more than 2.5 million residents. The service provides tertiary and quaternary level care to patients within the catchment area. The Hamilton General site houses the Regional Burn Unit and the Regional Trauma Centre.

The fellowship is designed to provide an integrated experience in the medical management of both critically ill and non-critically ill burn injuries, their acute operative care and secondary reconstructive management. The fellowship also offers dedicated time for CO₂ laser management of post-burn hypertrophic scars.

The candidate must have completed their residency in General or Plastic Surgery and be eligible to write the Board examination in their specialty. The candidate must have a strong interest in burns, trauma, and critical care. In association with the clinical fellowship, we also offer extensive research opportunities under the guidance of Dr. Marc Jeschke (Vice-President of Research, HHS).

The fellow's responsibilities will include total care of the burn patient, including but not limited to the medical and surgical care of patients with acute burn injuries. Progressive responsibility in follow-up care and post-burn rehabilitation. There will be opportunities to develop skills in post-burn reconstructive surgery. Fellows will work under the supervision of dedicated burn surgeons. Fellows will also be able to participate in the day-to-day teaching of trainees (medical students and residents) assigned to the burn rotation.

Documentation Applicant is Required to Submit to the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Office:

1. Postgraduate Medical Education Application form: <https://pgme.mcmaster.ca/train/forms/pgme-fellowship-application-form/>
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Specialty Certificate (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or equivalent)
4. Certified Copy of Medical Degree
5. Certified Copy of Transcripts
6. If the applicant has already secured external funding, the applicant must provide proof of the funding source and the amount of the funding.
7. Visa applicants must include a Letter of Intent to Return to Home Country form.

Process:

1. The PGME office will forward all eligible applications to the Program Director or Fellowship Director for consideration.
2. The fellowship program will conduct its selection process.
3. The files of the successful candidates will be sent to the PGME Office along with a letter recommending that an offer be issued.

International Medical Graduates

Note: All IMG's will be required to complete a Pre-Entry Assessment Program (PEAP). This is a requirement of CPSO. The PEAP is a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks. All documents must be completed with the CPSO before the start of the PEAP. The PEAP will count towards the fellowship training.

Deadline for Applications: Deadline for submission of applications is March 31 for a January 1 start the following year, and September 30 for a July 1 start the following year (Note: there may be some flexibility regarding start dates; please contact V. Kastrati at the email below for further details).

Learn more about our team: <https://www.thestar.com/th/news/hamilton-region/2023/05/26/hamilton-general-burn-unit.html>

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