

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023/2024 UBC INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (IMH) MARSHALL FELLOWS PROGRAM IN MENTAL HEALTH

The UBC Institute of Mental Health resides in the Faculty of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, and is one of the few mental health centers of excellence in Canada. It provides a forum for interdisciplinary collaboration among stakeholders provincially, nationally, and internationally to help better understand the causes of mental illness, develop better treatments, and reduce the impact on patients, families, communities, and society as a whole.

The IMH's interdisciplinary membership includes basic and clinical researchers from all UBC faculties, whose activities aim to build on recent advances in the fields relevant to mental health and neuroscience, to translate these advances into clinically effective preventive and treatment strategies, and to train and educate young researchers and clinicians.

To create translational research capacity in mental health, the IMH has established the Marshall Fellows Program in Mental Health to support the research training of young investigators in translational research, and invest in promising young clinician scientists who will contribute to advancing understanding and treatment of psychiatric disorders. The 2023/2024 program will fund stipends for up to six Fellows per year.* Upon their offer and acceptance of the IMH Marshall Fellowship, Fellows will also be granted membership to the IMH.

*Fellows in their first year of funding have the option to apply for a second and final year of funding in the following year.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES:

Applicants for the IMH Fellows Program must have a MD or PhD, and must be eligible to hold a UBC Postdoctoral or Clinical Fellow appointment for a minimum of 12 months.

Applicants must have a supervisor or a co-supervisor identified at UBC with an established track record in grant funding and peer reviewed publications. The supervisor/co-supervisor must be a member of IMH.

Applications must be submitted by Sunday April 30, 2023, no later than 11:59pm PST.

Funding is for a stipend only (\$75,000 per year) for a period of one year. Note that the IMH does not pay institutional overhead on the Fellows Program.

Applicants who have been awarded other major awards should contact Vicky Yau (vicky.yau@ubc.ca) to check their eligibility for an IMH Fellow award.

Successful applicants will be notified by email in June 2023. Earliest award start date is September 1, 2023.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) **Lay Abstract** (fewer than 500 words): A summary of the Applicant's proposed research project, written in layman's terms. If the proposal is funded, this material may be used in IMH announcements.
- 2) **Applicant CV** (max. 5 pages): Canadian Common CV, NIH Biosketch or other similar format (at minimum to include details of prior training, grants, abstracts, and peer reviewed manuscripts)
- 3) **Proposal** (max. 2 pages, with no appendices): Must include i) Introduction, ii) Background and Justification, iii) Objectives, iv) Hypotheses, v) Central Methodology, and vi) Significance.
- 4) **Citations/References** (max. 1 page)
- 5) **For Applicants applying as a New Fellow**, submit a **Research Training/Career Plan** (max. 1 page): A brief description of present or recently completed research training, project and training goals to be accomplished during the IMH Fellowship program, and applicant's future career plans.

For Current Fellows applying for a 2nd year, in lieu of a Research Training/Career Plan, please submit your **2022/2023 Interim Progress Report online** at:
https://ubc.ca/1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LX007HghYn8zli.

- 6) **Mentor/Sponsor Letter**** (max. 1 page): A letter from an on-site mentor stating how the award will enhance Applicant's training or cultivate translational research of relevance to the IMH mission, and describing the mentor's commitment to facilitate the specific research proposal. The letter must specify what resources the mentor is able to provide to support applicant's training and facilitate completion of the applicant research project.

***An additional 1-page letter from an additional mentor may be included, only if this mentor provides an area of expertise not otherwise available. If a second mentor letter is included, it must explain the second mentor's unique role in the project and not simply be a letter of support.*

- 7) **Mentor CV** (max. 5 pages): Canadian Common CV, NIH Biosketch or other similar format (Must include grants, total number of publications, abstracts, most significant accomplishments/ contributions).

In the interest of a fair and equitable evaluation process, any supplemental material not listed above (i.e., appendices) will NOT be considered in the review process. Additionally, any pages exceeding the specified length will be discarded. Applications not following the guidelines may be administratively rejected.