# BOARD OF DIRECTORS FELLOWSHIPS
# FOR ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH

**GENERAL STATEMENT:** Through the generosity of the Board of Directors of the IWK Health Centre, Fellowships are offered for advanced clinical and research training in the various disciplines of children's and women's health care. Candidates must have a special aptitude for teaching, research, and clinical care and have a career goal of attaining high academic achievement. Successful candidates will normally train at the IWK Health Centre or associated laboratories and will be known as 'Director's Fellows'. A letter of support for the Fellow and an indication of need for the training must be provided by the IWK department sponsoring the applicant. Applications may be considered for an award to be held outside of the Centre if training in the required area is not available at the IWK and if the Fellow will return to a full-time staff appointment at the IWK.

Fellowships will be offered on a competitive basis and successful candidates will be chosen by the Fellowship Selection Committee. Fellowships are tenable in any field of children's or women's health care. Usually, a maximum of six Fellows are funded at any time. Fellowships are renewable for a second year assuming satisfactory progress and on application, consideration will be given for an additional year.

**GILLIS AND PEDDLE FELLOWSHIPS:** In recognition of the contributions made to the IWK Health Centre by Dr. Alex Gillis and Dr. Leo Peddle, the Board has designated two of the existing Fellowships as the Gillis Fellowship and the Peddle Fellowship respectively, and has determined that they should be awarded annually to those Fellows who best exemplify the ideals of compassionate health care of patients and their families, clinical excellence, and a commitment to seek better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat illness. Normally, these additional awards will be made, on merit, to Fellows in their second year and will provide an additional $2,000 to support the purchase of learning materials, enrolment in courses, and attendance at conferences.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must have a medical degree and ordinarily will have completed the full requirements for certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (or equivalent) by the time of taking up the Fellowship. However, in disciplines where the first year of Fellowship can be equated with the final year of primary specialty training, candidates who are within one year of eligibility for certification will be considered. Selection will be based on:

- clinical and academic qualifications and demonstrated interest in the area of training;
- evidence of high standards of compassionate clinical care and contribution to a multidisciplinary clinical team;
- evidence of research interest and ability ; and,
- evidence of the department's or division's capability to provide role models and to offer clinical training and/or research experience of high calibre.

Thus, the awarding of a Fellowship will involve consideration of the training environment as well as the candidate. All Fellows will be expected to devote no less than 25% of their time to the conduct of original research in the special area of their Fellowship, and no less than 25% of their time to clinically related activities.

**CLOSING DATES:** The closing dates for receipt of complete application packages is **May 1st** for Fellowships to begin 14 months later. If positions are still available, a second competition will be held with the deadline for applications in November. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**APPLICATIONS:** Candidates must use the approved application form and must complete section A in full. The Fellowship supervisor must complete section B. A complete application consists of the following: a) the application form; b) the candidate's curriculum vitae; c) a letter from the IWK department sponsoring the applicant; and d) at least three assessments from persons with whom the candidate has studied, one being the director of the applicant's training program and one being a non physician member of a multidisciplinary clinical team who has worked with the candidate. These assessments must directly address the selection criteria described above.

In order to enter the second year of Fellowship the applicant must submit a progress report and the supervisor must provide a letter of support. In situations where an applicant for a second year will be focussing principally on research, a condition of eligibility will be that the candidate must also apply to CIHR and/or another granting agency for external Fellowship support. Application forms for these agencies may be obtained from the Research Services Office, IWK Health Centre, 5850/5980 University Avenue, PO Box 9700, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 6R8.

All successful applicants, will be registered as postgraduate students with Dalhousie University and because of necessary involvement in direct patient care, must be eligible for an educational licence from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia. For graduates of medical schools outside Canada and the USA, this educational licence is contingent on successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination. Information about this examination is available from any Canadian consulate or embassy.

Completed application forms are to be returned to the Vice-President Medicine, IWK Health Centre, 5850/5980 University Avenue, PO Box 9700, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 6R8.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Fellowships will have a value corresponding to the equivalent residency scale depending on the qualification of the candidate. The award provides an allowance for educational courses and workshops that may be provided at the IWK or elsewhere in order to assist Fellows in their professional development. Benefits will be provided comparable to those of post-graduate students in Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine programs. Fellowships are subject to Canadian income tax. During the tenure of a Directors' Fellowship, Fellows are not permitted to receive remuneration for any other work without the express permission of the Vice-President Medicine. They may, with the Vice-President's approval, engage in and accept remuneration for such departmental activities as are deemed to be contributory to their professional development.

**PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS:** Fellows will be required to present their research proposals and results regularly to their clinical and research peers. Fellows are also expected to prepare the results of their research for publication. Any such publication or award should acknowledge that the author is holder of a Board of Director's Fellowship at the IWK Health Centre.