

**Regulations for obtaining a Duchesnay fellowship administered by
the CFWH
in order to complete an elective in international women's health in a
developing country**

General Information

The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health attributes two Duchesnay fellowships every year to resident students in obstetrics and gynaecology who desire to complete an elective in a health care center of a developing country. The fellowships cover four to eight weeks and the amount varies from \$2,500CAD to \$4,500CAD according to the length of the elective. A \$700CAD lump-sum will be allocated to the local supervisor of the elective.

Criteria

To be eligible for the fellowship, you must send the following documents via email or fax:

- A two-page letter (maximum) describing the field experience objectives and the links with your career projects;
- A registration proof;
- A written authorization from a Canadian supervisor;
- Information on the host health care center along with a letter from the local supervisor of the elective; and
- a curriculum vitae.

The SOGC holds projects in several countries, including Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, Uganda, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Bolivia and Ukraine. The choice of an elective in one of the aforementioned countries would enable the SOGC to offer support to the candidate in the planning of his/her elective.

The selection process will be held once a year, in January. To be eligible, the files must be sent by March 31st, annually. Any incomplete files will be refused.

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Eligibility

The candidate must be a Canadian citizen, registered as a resident in obstetrics and gynaecology in a Canadian health care institution and a member of the SOGC.

Selection

The Selection Committee will be composed of a CFWH delegate, an SOGC International Women's Health Program (IWHP) delegate, the chair of the SOGC International Women's Health Committee, an APOG delegate and the Executive Director of the CFWH as a non-voting member. The CFWH will have a pre-selection which will only confirm that the files received are complete and that the submitted applications comply with the prerequisites.

The selection guidelines are the following:

- An interest in the elective initiative;
- The adequacy between the candidate's profile, the elective project and the field needs;
- The future application of the experience that will be acquired in the field.

The recipients will be contacted by the CFWH. A sum equivalent to 80% of the value of the fellowship will be sent to them in the month following their acceptance by the Selection Committee. The funds must be used within 12 months, otherwise they must be returned to the CFWH. The local supervisor of the elective will receive the planned lump-sum (\$700CAD) at the end of the elective. Within a month of their arrival following the elective, the recipients must present their plane tickets (including their boarding pass) to the CFWH, an elective report and a fellow assessment done in the field by the local supervisor. Also, the recipient must present at the International Symposium of the SOGC's Annual Clinical Meeting following the elective.

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Responsibilities of the selected candidates

- Purchase of a plane ticket;
- Passport and visas, if requested;
- Health insurance;
- Vaccines;
- Accommodation on site;
- Confirmation of the arrival and departure dates to the local supervisor;
- Writing of an elective report for the Foundation;
- Presentation (oral or poster) if requested at the International Women's Health Symposium of the SOGC (costs of travel may be covered by the CFWH);
- Photo/video of experience and letter to donor.

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