CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Attention: All PGY 4 Residents

The Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Alberta is inviting applications for admission to its Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program (CAPS RP), with a start date of July 1, 2018. The Program is accredited with the Royal College, and consistent with Royal College requirements, it is two years in duration.

The first year of the CAPS RP is also the PGY 5 year of the general psychiatry residency. During the PGY 5 year, CAPS rotations and most of the academic curriculum are related to child and adolescent psychiatry. However, the University of Alberta CAPS RP recognizes the importance of supporting subspecialty residents in preparing for their Royal College general psychiatry exam. To that end, subspecialty residents participate in a Consolidation of Learning (COL) rotation before the exam. The COL rotation focuses on exam preparation, while also meeting CAPS RP requirements.

The second year of the CAPS RP builds on the clinical and academic skills and knowledge acquired during the first year, and helps subspecialty residents prepare for transition to fully independent practice. It also supports them in their preparation for the CAPS Royal College exam, which is scheduled for the fall following completion of the second year of the program. Note that successful completion of the FRCPC exam is a prerequisite to taking the CAPS Royal College exam.

There are about 30 psychiatrists in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Alberta. Several are actively involved with the CAPS RP. They provide excellent clinical supervision, academic teaching, and mentorship, as do the psychologists and other allied mental health professionals who are associated with the Program.

The CAPS RP offers many choices for core and elective/selective horizontal clinical rotations, including child and adolescent inpatient care, consultation/liaison and emergency psychiatry in a tertiary children’s hospital, child and adolescent outpatient and day treatment programs, adolescent forensics, adolescent residential treatment, infant and preschool psychiatry, and a variety of specialty clinics (e.g. Autism, Tourette’s, ADHD, Mood Disorders, Trauma and Attachment Disorders, and Adolescent Addictions and Concurrent Disorders). Elective and selective rotations can also be arranged with the Department of Pediatrics. As well, the University of Alberta Department of Psychiatry supports its residents, including CAPS RP residents, to enrich their learnings and broaden their perspectives by undertaking electives at other universities.

The Royal College requires subspecialty residents to complete a scholarly project in research, quality improvement, or education. At the University of Alberta, the scholarly project is structured as a longitudinal rotation in the PGY 6 year, with the option for additional, elective time to work on scholarly project(s) in PGY 5 and/or PGY 6. As well,
there are two 1-year longitudinal psychotherapy rotations: family psychotherapy in PGY 5, and child and adolescent individual psychotherapy in PGY 6.

The formal academic curriculum is extensive and distributed across the 2 years of the Program. It includes Foundations of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry seminars in the summer of the PGY 5 year, and monthly Academic Days from September to June of each year. The Program offers 20 seminars each on Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology and Developmental Psychopathology, 10 seminars each on Family Therapy and Individual and Group Therapies, a Journal Club, a seminar series on Normal Child and Adolescent Development, and several other structured academic activities.

The Program recognizes that it is important to actively support its residents in maintaining a healthy work/life balance. With that goal in mind, PGY 6 residents are not required to take evening or night call. Instead, Royal College requirements are met by PGY 6 residents through a daytime rotation in emergency child and adolescent psychiatry.

Two positions are available for PGY 5s to enter the 2-year University of Alberta Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program, with a start date of July 1, 2018. Please refer to the appended documents below for details regarding eligibility criteria and the application process, and for an application form.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Beverley Stich, Program Director, or Sharon Murphy, Program Administrator:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

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Eligibility Criteria
The following eligibility criteria must be met in order for applications to be considered:

1. Applicants are currently in PGY 4 of a general psychiatry residency at a Canadian university.
2. Applicants will be qualified for and plan to take the Royal College general psychiatry exam at the end of their upcoming PGY 5 year.
3. Applicants are in good standing in their current general psychiatry residency program.
4. Applicants are eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

We regret that we are unable to accept applications from international medical graduates at this time.

Application Instructions
Please read the following application instructions carefully:

1. To be considered for admission to the University of Alberta Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program (CAPS RP) on July 1, 2018, ensure that the application package is received no later than September 11, 2017.
2. Include the following in the application package:
   a. A completed University of Alberta CAPS RP Application Form (see below)
   b. A Letter of Intent, which includes comments about:
      i. Why you are interested in child and adolescent psychiatry
      ii. Possible career interests or direction upon completion of the Subspecialty Program
      iii. Attributes that illustrate your suitability to practice as a child and adolescent psychiatrist
   c. A current Curriculum Vitae outlining educational background and experiences, and scholarly and other accomplishments
   d. A Letter of Good Standing from your current Psychiatry Residency Program Director
   e. Three letters of reference:
      i. Ask referees to include information about your competency in each of the Royal College CANMeds roles (medical expert, communicator, collaborator, leader, health advocate, scholar and professional) and your suitability to become a child and adolescent psychiatrist
      ii. Advise referees to submit their reference letters to Dr. Beverley Stich at the above Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry address or fax number, and to ensure that they are received no later than September 18, 2017

Selection Process
1. Following a review of all completed applications by the Program Director and/or Selection Committee, suitable candidates will be invited for interviews.
2. Candidates will be contacted no later than October 2, 2017 to set up the interviews.
3. Interviews will take place between October 13 and November 3, 2017.
4. The interview process is as follows:
   a. Interviews will be conducted by the Program Director and 2 members of the Selection Committee
   b. All candidates will be asked the same pre-determined interview questions
   c. The Selection Committee will use a standardized method to rate responses to the interview questions
5. The Selection Committee will review the application package and interview results of each of the candidates and rank them accordingly.
6. A Letter of Offer of a position in the CAPS RP will be sent to each successful candidate on November 15, 2017.
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COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

Legal Surname: All legal given names in full (indicate most commonly used):

Date of Birth: (yyyy/mm/dd) Current University:

Medical Licensure; Please Specify: Email Address:

Present mailing address: Apt.# No. & Street Area Code & Phone number:
City Province Postal Code

Permanent Address: Apt.# No. & Street Area Code & Phone Number:
City Province Postal Code

☐ Same as mailing address

Citizenship: ☐ Canadian ☐ Other: _____________

Immigration Status (If not Canadian Citizen):
☐ Permanent Resident
☐ Student Authorization

First Language: ☐ English ☐ French ☐ Other: _____________

Document Checklist:
☐ Application Form ☐ Letter of Intent ☐ Current CV
☐ Letter of Good Standing from the General Residency Program Director

Reference Letters (three required): Please provide names of each individual providing a reference letter and their relationship to you.

Reference Letter 1:

Reference Letter 2:

Reference Letter 3:

Signature of Applicant: __________________________ Date: __________________________