



2020 SURGEON SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM (SSTP) ORIENTATION PACKAGE

Website – <http://www.surgery.utoronto.ca/research>

1) Surgeon Scientist Training Program website

<http://www.surgery.utoronto.ca/surgeon-scientist-training-program>

2) Important Contacts

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3) Graduate Student Status

While enrolled in the SSTP, you are both a graduate student governed by the rules of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) and a resident of Post MD (name change from PGME).

You are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation provided by your graduate department (IBBME, IHPME, IMS, LMP, OISE, etc.).

You are required to pay your registration fees, CMPA dues, CPSO fees, etc., to maintain an active “resident status” with Post MD. However, you also receive the benefits of being a graduate student, including health insurance, travel insurance, etc. (refer to <https://www.utgsu.ca> for more information).

Please note, if you are a Cardiac Surgery or Neurosurgery resident, your salary **WILL NOT** be administered by the Post MD Office once you have used your MOH PGY funding for the first year of SSTP. **This arrangement is not applicable if you are a General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Urology or Vascular Surgery resident. Residents from these divisions MUST apply to Clinician Investigator Program for a CIP-MOH fellowship during their first year in the SSTP. Deadline date is January 15.**

Thereafter, if you move or encounter administrative issues with respect to your salary, please contact Nancy Condo (contact info above).

If you secure a salary award, please forward your “Notice of Assessment” (NOA), “Authorization for Funding” (CIHR) or any other salary support letter to Nancy Condo and Val Cabral. This includes the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Program funding.

4) Funding Opportunities

Trainees have been previously successful in securing salary support and operating grants from various granting institutions, including the list below:

AANS Awards (Neurosurgery)	CAGS Research Award (General Surgery)
CBCF Fellowships (Breast Cancer)	CCRI Fellowship (Cancer)
CIHR Masters Award	CIHR Fellowship
CIP-MOH Fellowship	PSI Foundation Grants
Post MD Awards	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

5) Important Event Dates

<http://www.surgery.utoronto.ca/events/university-rounds.htm>

6) SGS Dates and Deadlines

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/facultyandstaff/Pages/Dates-and-Deadlines.aspx>



7) SGS Calendar

<https://sgs.calendar.utoronto.ca/general-regulations>

8) The Office of English Language and Writing Support

This office provides support to all students who engage in writing as a part of their graduate work. There are useful workshops and scientific writing consultations for those preparing a grant, manuscript or thesis.

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/GCAC.aspx>

9) ICJME Authorship Guidelines

All SSTP residents are encouraged to clarify authorship (order and named authors) for the projects you are affiliated with. Please refer to the ICJME guidelines.

<http://www.icmje.org/news-and-editorials/>

10) Clinician Investigator Program (CIP)

While enrolled in the SSTP, you are required to be a trainee of the CIP. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a resident in General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Urology or Vascular Surgery, you should apply for SALARY SUPPORT from **CIP-MOH in the first year**. If you are successful in receiving CIP-MOH fellowship in the first year in the SSTP, the level of funding is based on the current PARO-CAHO salary and benefit scale and is dependent on the PGY level at which you enter the SSTP. Your salary will NOT be topped up by the Department. This ensures that the years spent in graduate school are recognized by and governed in part by the RCSPC. Cardiac Surgery and Neurosurgery residents **must apply for CIP-MOH fellowship in their second year**. One of the requirements of CIP includes the completion of ITERs by your supervisor. These are entered in the POWER system and ensure periodic evaluation of your performance. Please refer to the website below for more information.

<http://cip.utoronto.ca/>

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<http://www.myparo.ca/your-contract/>