



Hold'em for Life Charity Challenge has made a generous and transformative commitment to oncology research and education at the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine and our partner hospitals.

The *Hold'em for Life Oncology Fellowships* are open to University of Toronto residents and clinical fellows pursuing cancer research, at any of the Faculty's nine fully affiliated teaching hospitals. A multidisciplinary U of T committee will annually review and rate all proposals.

- Award Amount: \$50,000
- Funding must be applied to the trainee's salary
- Applications will be considered for funding from **July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**
(*The Fellowship Review Committee will consider applications with an alternate start date within the academic year. Expected alternate start date must be included in application form.*)
- Eligible candidates must fulfill the following criteria:
 - Be a medical doctor licensed to practice in Ontario
 - Commit to spending at least 2 years in residency or clinical fellowship training, during which at least 1 year has a minimum of 80% protected time committed to research
 - **Be registered with the University of Toronto Post MD Program as a resident or clinical fellow**
 - Have a Supervisor with a faculty appointment at the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine
 - Projects must be in the field of oncology. Applicants can apply from any University of Toronto clinical department or related clinical discipline (including but not limited to: medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, psychosocial oncology, medical imaging, pathology etc.)
 - Matching funding from the supervisor is no longer required.

Renewal proposals will be considered for current Hold'em for Life Oncology Fellows with the support of the supervisor. For these applications, please only submit a **one-page summary** that confirms other eligibility criteria is met and includes a progress update.

Key dates for 2025 Competition:

Application opens: July 2025

Application deadline: October 6, 2025 (11:59pm EST) Late applications will not be considered.

Notification of committee review and outcome: Winter 2026

Funding begins: July 1, 2026 (or at another date within the academic year, based on application and per committee approval)



APPLICATION COVER FORM
To be submitted by supervisor

Applicant (Trainee) Information

Name:

Email address:

University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine Department:

Please include a current CV with the application.

Supervisor Information

Name:

Email address:

University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine Department:

University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine Department Business Officer:

Hospital Affiliation:

**If Hospital Affiliation is UHN, please specify site:*

Please briefly describe the trainee's role in the project (1-2 sentences):

Please include a current CV with the application

Trainee's education status at time of award: Resident PGY____ or Clinical Fellow

Project information

Project title:

Please submit a proposal no more than 2 full pages, single-spaced, 12 pt font. Up to two diagrams accepted (as part of the 2 page maximum proposal).

Proposal must include:

1. Hypothesis
2. Objective(s)
3. Rationale
4. Methods
5. Statement of Impact

Prior work is not required.

Submit all materials (application cover form, proposal, applicant CV and supervisor CV) to oncology.trainee.awards@utoronto.ca by October 6, 2025, (11:59pm EST). All applicants and their supervisors will be notified of the outcome of their application by the Hold'em for Life Oncology Fellowship Committee in Winter 2026.