[Hold’em for Life Charity Challenge](https://holdemforlife.com/who-we-are) 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](https://medicine.utoronto.ca/about-faculty-medicine/fully-affiliated-hospitalsresearch-institutes). 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, 2025 – June 30, 2026**
(*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 2024 Competition:
Application opens: July 2024
Application deadline: October 4, 2024 (11:59pm EST) Late applications will not be considered.
Notification of committee review and outcome: Winter 2025

Funding begins: July 1, 2025 (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 4, 2024, (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 2025.**