

Fellowship Overview

This one-year program (2027-28) is designed to develop technical excellence and clinical judgment across:

- Acute wrist trauma and complex reconstruction (including malunions, non-unions, avascular necrosis and post-traumatic arthritis)
- Brachial plexus and peripheral nerve surgery
- Degenerative conditions such as hand and wrist arthritis
- Minor surgical procedures (compression neuropathy, tenosynovitis, soft tissue masses, Dupuytren's)
- Digital replantation and limb salvage procedures

We also offer moderate exposure to microsurgical reconstruction, soft tissue coverage, spasticity surgery, tendon transfers, and procedures involving the shoulder and elbow.

Program Highlights

- A balanced orthopedic and plastic surgery training model
- Hands-on experience in microsurgery, nerve, and soft tissue reconstruction
- High case volume across trauma, nerve, arthritis, and reconstructive surgery
- Weekly academic rounds and teaching sessions
- Opportunities for clinical research and quality improvement initiatives
- Support for supplemental training courses, national/international conference attendance, and local cadaver lab experience throughout the year.

Application Process

Eligibility Requirements

This is a Canadian fellowship and therefore is NOT accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The ACGME is only responsible for the accreditation of post-MD medical training programs within the United States. Currently, this is not a paid fellowship. If you have a licence to practice medicine in the province of Ontario, then you would be able to generate income from billing as an Assistant. All other candidates must have funding from an external source.

Must have completed or be completing a residency in plastic or orthopaedic surgery.

If not yet completed residency, may be in either the 4th or 5th year of residency.

Must satisfy prerequisites listed in the General Guidelines for U of T Plastic Surgery fellowships.

Application Requirements

Application Form

Completed the [Hand Fellowship Application Form](#)

Please send your application to HandProgramAdmin@uhn.ca c/o Dr. Ryan Paul at Ryan.Paul2@uhn.ca.

Cover Letter

Cover letter and statement of intent on why you wish to pursue Hand Surgery Fellowship training in Toronto.

- Indicate your current level of training
- One-year fellowship: July 1 – June 30

Curriculum Vitae

Curriculum vitae, which should include pre-medical, medical and post-medical school training, research publications, certificates, awards, and scholarships.

Reference Letters

Three letters of reference. One letter must be from the most recent training director (residency or fellowship). If employed for more than 2 years, the chief of the division in which the surgeon is working may write this letter.

External Financial Support

If not eligible for practice in Canada, **must** provide a letter of commitment of financial support for 1 year from an external source (minimum CAD \$ 87,725.28).

Note: This amount changes yearly.

TOEFL, TSE or iBT Scores

If the language of your medical school was not English, you must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the

new [TOEFL-ibt](#). The minimum scores required are published on the General Guidelines page for U of T fellowships.

Any document submitted in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation.

In-person interviews are mandatory for individuals on the North American continent. In-person interviews are strongly encouraged for overseas applicants; however, an online video interview will be considered.

If you are an applicant from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, or the United Arab Emirates, you must apply directly through PGME.