

APPLICATIONS FOR FACULTY APPOINTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOSOCIAL, PALLIATIVE & END-OF-LIFE CARE (GIPPEC)

WHAT IS GIPPEC?

The Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC) is devoted to supporting and developing interdisciplinary research and education that addresses medical, psychosocial and societal problems related to advanced and terminal disease. GIPPEC aims to support and build local, national and international collaboration in research and education, to generate speculation, experimental enquiry and meaningful evidence to inform health policy, clinical practice and public awareness, and to improve global access to psychosocial and palliative care for individuals with advanced and terminal disease and their families. The interdisciplinary scholarship that emerges from GIPPEC will add breadth and depth to discussion and debate and generate critical awareness into how terminal illness functions culturally, discursively, and politically. The knowledge, evidence and awareness that emerges through interdisciplinary GIPPEC scholarship has the potential to influence decision-making at all levels regarding the complex and often controversial medical, legal and ethical issues that arise related to progressive disease and the end of life.

GIPPEC aims to bring together, in a global research centre, the combined scholarship of faculty within health sciences, the professional departments, the social sciences and humanities and from a range of other disciplines and departments, linked to international collaborating centres of research and education. GIPPEC will build on existing research groupings at the University of Toronto in palliative and end-of-life care and the scholarship in a wide range of Faculties, Departments, Divisions, Institutes, Centres and Schools at the University of Toronto.

GIPPEC will be composed of Core Faculty Members with primary appointments in existing university departments and divisions who devote a significant proportion of their academic responsibilities to the aims of the GIPPEC. It will also include Associate Faculty Members who devote part of their academic responsibilities to the aims of the GIPPEC.

Those affiliated with GIPPEC may be eligible for academic support. Additionally, GIPPEC Core and Associate Faculty, and their trainees, are eligible to apply for GIPPEC Fellowships and Seed Grants for interdisciplinary collaborative research. The GIPPEC Fellowship Program is an opportunity for trainees to develop and build research skills and to pursue critical enquiry within an interdisciplinary network of scholars and investigators pursuing ground-breaking research in the field.

BENEFITS OF GIPPEC FACULTY APPOINTMENT:

- Opportunities to participate in global outreach and in interdisciplinary collaboration in research and education
- Access to infrastructure resources in research and education
- Eligibility for Academic support, seed funding for new initiatives and fellowship support for trainees

CRITERIA FOR CORE FACULTY:

(Not all criteria will apply to individual faculty members)

- Primary areas of research and/or education that fall within the aims of GIPPEC;
- Faculty appointment at the University of Toronto;
- Significant program of research and/or education relevant to the aims of GIPPEC;
- International collaboration and global outreach;
- Willingness to supervise and mentor students and trainees;
- Expertise in health policy and knowledge translation at national and/or regional level in the disciplines/thematic areas of GIPPEC; and
- Participation in GIPPEC symposia and events

CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE FACULTY:

As for Core Faculty, but activities in research or education within the aims of GIPPEC may occupy a lesser proportion of time.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested candidates fulfilling the requirements listed above shall submit the following:

- CV
- Personal statement describing their interest in GIPPEC (max 1 page)
- An overview of current and planned research and/or other relevant experience (max 2 pages)

Completed application should be sent as one PDF file to gippec@uhn.ca

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