

June 16, 2023

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

The Division of Child and Adolescent psychiatry at the University of Alberta offers a Royal College accredited Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty (CAPS) program. Our program is designed to be 24 months long, although typically 12 months are “double-counted” as both CAP subspecialty training and General Psychiatry training. Applicants must either be enrolled in a Royal College-accredited Psychiatry Program and be on track to be certified by the Royal College by the end of their PGY5 year, or they must have already obtained Royal College Certification in Psychiatry before starting the CAPS Program.

Our CAPS Program is committed to working collaboratively with CAPS residents and their Psychiatry Program Director during any potentially overlapping training time.

We are a close-knit program that offers three positions per year. We provide a wealth of excellent learning opportunities for becoming clinical and academic child and adolescent psychiatrists, and we work with each resident individually to support them in identifying and preparing for specific career interests within the field.

Our rotations are designed to help you achieve your Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). This starts with a Transition to Discipline rotation that links in to the start of your Foundations rotation set in the Emergency Department and Urgent Clinic of the Stollery Children’s Hospital and a community clinic. You will have close staff supervision as you get to know the program. There are a variety of clinics and day hospital programs to choose from to complete the Foundations stage, both through Alberta Health Services and CASA Child, Adolescent & Family Mental Health.

Core stage includes rotations in:

- Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (at the Stollery)
- Eating Disorders (University of Alberta Hospital)
- Forensics (Alberta Hospital Edmonton)
- Infant-Preschool Psychiatry (ElmTree Clinic)
- a Rural setting (rotation in Yukon or rural Alberta or through a longitudinal suburban clinic rotation)
- Residential Inpatients (CASA House)
- Acute Care Inpatients (Royal Alexandra Hospital)

Additional longitudinal experiences including family therapy, individual psychotherapy, a scholarly project & graduated exposure to on-call experiences are part of rounding out your clinical experience and complement the exposures you get on your horizontal rotations.

The end of training is devoted to your Transition to Practice and includes time for electives designed to allow you to consolidate the skills you have gained in managing a clinical service, teaching and preparing for lifelong learning.

Our formal academic curriculum includes seminar series in family therapy, individual psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, developmental psychopathology, normal development and our newly launched WIDER LENS curriculum (Wellness; Integration of Work & Life; Difficult Discussions & Dispute Resolution; Equity, Diversity, Inclusion; antiRacism; Leadership; Ethics; New starts & transition to practice; Systems & organizations). In addition to scheduled academic days, residents also have protected time to attend local Grand Rounds & the National Seminar Series.

Please see the “Application” button in this webpage for documents related to application.

Should you have any questions about our program or would like to connect prior to application, please contact Dr. Lindy VanRiper, Program Director, or Meagan Strachan, Program Administrator:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

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Eligibility Criteria

The following eligibility criteria must be met for applications to be considered:

- A. Applicants who will be completing a Psychiatry Residency Program during the first year of the CAPS Program:
1. Applicants are currently in PGY4 of a Psychiatry Residency Program at a Canadian university.
 2. Applicants will be qualified for and plan to take the Royal College Psychiatry Examinations at the end of their PGY5 year.
 3. Applicants are in good standing in their current Psychiatry Residency Program.
 4. Applicants are eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

Final acceptance into PGY6 is contingent on being a resident in good standing at the completion of PGY5, and on passing the Royal College Certification Exam in Psychiatry.

- B. Applicants who will be certified as a Psychiatrist by the Royal College before starting the CAPS Program:
1. Applicants must demonstrate that they were in good standing at the completion of their general psychiatry program.
 2. Applicants are eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

Application Instructions

In keeping with the 16 CAPS programs across the country, our application process includes the following:

1. Completed and signed application form
2. Letter of Good Standing from your Psychiatry residency Program Director
3. Updated CV: areas to cover should include, but are not limited to, educational background, scholarly activities, and other accomplishments
4. Personal statement (suggested maximum of 750 words): areas to cover should include, but are not limited to, your interest in the subspecialty, your interest in the U of A program specifically, your suitability as an applicant, and your possible career goals
5. 3 reference letters: letters should comment on your suitability to enter the subspecialty, as well as your competency in each of the Royal College CanMEDS roles (Medical Expert, Communicator, Collaborator, Leader, Health Advocate, Scholar, and Professional); at least one letter from a practice Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist preferred; Please address to Dr. Lindy VanRiper and the University of Alberta CAPS Selection Subcommittee.

Application Deadline: September 1st, 2023 - all components of application package must be sent to capadmin@ualberta.ca by this date

Selection Process

1. Following a review of all application packages by the Program Director and/or Selection Committee, suitable candidates will be invited for virtual interviews.
2. Candidates will be contacted no later than September 22, 2023 to set up the virtual interviews.
3. Our main interview dates will be **October 4 & 5, 2023** depending on availability of Selection Committee members, but our Program will attempt to be flexible if a candidate is unable to be available at the offered interview time.
4. The interview process is as follows:
 - a. Interviews will be conducted by the Program Director and members of the Selection Subcommittee via Zoom.
 - b. All candidates will be asked the same predetermined interview questions.
 - c. The Selection Committee will use a standardized method to rate responses to the interview questions.
5. The Selection Committee will review the application package and interview results of each of the candidates and rank them accordingly.
6. First offers of acceptance in the CAPS RP will be sent to each successful candidate **on October 26th, 2023 at 14:00 EST.**
7. Each successful candidate must respond to the Letter of Offer **no later than 12:00 noon EST (10am MST) on October 30, 2023.**

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO FIND THE APPLICATION FORM

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COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS			
Legal Surname:		All legal given names in full (indicate most commonly used):	
Date of Birth: (yyyy/mm/dd)		Current University:	
Medical Licensure; Please Specify:		Email Address:	
Present mailing address:	Apt.#	No. & Street	Area Code & Phone number:
	City	Province	Postal Code
Permanent Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as mailing address 	Apt.#	No. & Street	Area Code & Phone Number:
	City	Province	Postal Code
Citizenship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian • Other: _____ 	Immigration Status (If not Canadian Citizen): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Resident • Student Authorization 		Languages Spoken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • French • Other: _____
<p>Document Checklist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed and signed Application Form • Letter of Good Standing from the Psychiatry Residency Program Director • Current CV • Personal Statement • 3 Reference Letters, at least one from a preceptor practicing Child & Adolescent Psychiatry preferred <p>Please provide names of each individual providing a reference letter and their relationship to you.</p> <p>Reference Letter 1:</p> <p>Reference Letter 2:</p> <p>Reference Letter 3:</p>			

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____