



CHSS Data Center

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The Data Center of the Congenital Heart Surgeons Society is pleased to request applications for the John W. Kirklin/David Ashburn Fellowship to begin in **July 2015**. This Fellowship was created for young surgeons interested in congenital heart surgery and in participating in the activities of the Congenital Heart Surgeons' Society (CHSS) Data Center. The Fellowship is a prestigious, two-year non-clinical appointment to the Data Center at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The Fellow will also be a member of the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery there and may participate in clinical conferences and research meetings.

The focus of the Fellowship is outcomes research, primarily of the many multi-institutional prospective cohort studies of the CHSS. The Fellow will become expert in database management and in all aspects of biostatistics and epidemiology. Particular emphasis is placed on the research methods, presentation at national meetings, and manuscript preparation and publication. The Fellow will also have substantial exposure to the field of congenital heart disease and its clinical management.

During his/her tenure, the candidate is expected to complete a Postgraduate Degree (Masters or Doctorate) in Biostatistics & Epidemiology or a related field through the University of Toronto. Tuition for degree completion will be provided and a surgical advisor appointed to guide thesis development.

Ideal candidates have completed some or all of their general surgical training and intend to pursue a career in congenital cardiothoracic surgery. Although not required, some prior experience with data-analysis software (Excel, SPSS, SAS, or R) is recommended.

Previous Fellows have made important contributions to the field (including high profile international presentations and publications), obtained advanced degrees, and gone on to residencies and faculty positions in cardiothoracic surgery.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest outlining their previous training, personal objectives for participating in the Fellowship, and potential sources of funding (if available), a curriculum vita and two recommendation letters to chss.dc@sickkids.ca, attention William M. DeCampi, M.D. and William G. Williams, M.D. All materials must be received no later than **September 1, 2014**. Candidates may be offered an interview to take place between September and November 2014, and will be notified of the final decision on or about December 1.

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