

AAAPC TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The AAAPC TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP aims to:

- ◇ Assist members of AAAPC to undertake academic activities that involve travel from their usual place of work.
- ◇ Enhance Australasian academic primary care including general practice, allied health & nursing in a community setting.
- ◇ Foster collaboration between Australasian and international primary care researchers.

Travel must be completed before the end of 2019.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- be a current financial member of AAAPC & have held membership for at least one year before applying
- be actively involved in primary care research or teaching
- have a written letter of offer from the Head of the host institution
- have a letter of support from the Head of their own institution/department
- not have held an AAAPC Travelling Fellowship for at least four years

This travel provided me with opportunity to meet the researchers face to face and to know about results and further development of their research, which are often not published. I got the most up-to-date information.

(Dr Lin, Monash University)



Dr Xiaoping Lin, 2018 recipient

Host institute: Department of Family and Community Medicine,
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Travel dates: 10-21st Sep 2018

Activities during the travelling fellowship:

* Meetings with researchers at the host institute: I have met Professor Eva Grunfeld and her team at DFCM. Professor Grunfeld is an internationally recognised primary care researcher on cancer health care. She has been in collaboration with Monash DGP for many years and had visited DGP Monash University in 2014. During the visiting fellowship, I shared current research at Monash DGP and discussed potential opportunities for further collaboration. Our discussion has focused on research in three areas: cancer journey, cancer survivorship and vulnerable populations.

* Visits to other organisations: In addition to DFCM, I have also met researchers from other organisations, including Cancer Care Ontario, Queen's Cancer Research Institute at Queen's University, and Strategic Innovation Lab at OCAD University, and discussed potential collaborations with these organisations in areas of knowledge translation and data linkage research.

* Presentations delivered: During the visit, I conducted two presentations, one at the DFCM City Wide Research Rounds and the other at the DFCM research team meeting, where I introduce the research conducted at the Department of General Practice (DGP) Monash University, in particular, the findings from LEAD - Lung cancer diagnostic and treatment pathways: a comparison between Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Anglo-Australian patients. The DFCM City Wide Research Rounds are accredited bimonthly interactive event focusing on primary care research and research practices and are attended by researchers, family physicians, and practice staff across Toronto.

* Attendance of meetings and seminars: During the visit, I have attended two internal meetings at DFCM, including the DFCM Research Executive Committee Meeting and the UTOPIAN (University of Toronto Practice-Based Research Network) Scientific Advisory Committee meeting. I have also attended two seminars, including the St. Michael's Hospital 'Research in Progress' session, and the DFCM City Wide Research Rounds and DFCM research team meeting.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Name and contact details
- Location of proposed study trip
- Offer of invitation from host institution
- Letter of support from Head of your institution
- Plain language summary of proposed study trip (up to 300 words)
- Itinerary (include day by day account)
- Budget - include travel and accommodation costs
- Outcome (300 words) - explain how your proposed fellowship will benefit you, your institution and the wider community
- Curriculum vitae - no more than 6 pages
- Referees - 2 professional referees

ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

1. Eligibility assessment by Secretary including financial membership status of application
2. Peer review:
 - short listed applications will be reviewed by three members of the AAAPC executive committee
 - applicants will be assessed on the basis of the purpose, itinerary and anticipated outcome of the trip, track record, and demonstrable commitment to Academic primary care and their future potential.
3. All applicants will be notified of their outcome by late February 2019.

Further information and the peer assessment criteria available by emailing aaapc.secretariat@anu.edu.au. The Fellowship will be paid to the recipient as reimbursements post travel and submission of final report.

Applications close **31 January 2019**.

Please submit your application to

aaapc.secretariat@anu.edu.au and marked attention to the AAAPC President.