

## **UHN Emergency Medicine: *Research Appointments and Principal Investigator Eligibility***

UHN has created two new research appointment categories for clinicians: **Clinician Scientists** and **Clinician Investigators**. These appointments—which are granted by UHN’s Clinical Chiefs or program equivalents—are created to recognize all of the important research led by individuals across UHN, to support and promote clinical research excellence and to address gaps and minimize risks associated with tracking and monitoring of institutional research activity. With these appointments in place, UHN is now able to comprehensively capture and report our world-leading advances, and further build research excellence and promote team science.

Given these changes, the *Principal Investigator Eligibility Policy* (Policy [40.40.006](#)) has been revised. The Executive Vice President of Science and Research has elected the department heads responsible for the eligibility and assignment of research appointments for their respective departments.

### **UHN Emergency Department Specific Eligibility**

In order to meet the criteria for a research appointment as part of the UHN Emergency Department, individuals must meet one or more of the following criteria as well as being an active staff or consultant staff at UHN:

- Hold a research functional cost centre (or research grant) in their name. Intention to apply for a research grant will be considered for designation, upon review by ED Research Director or ED Director of completed grant application, supporting documents, and research protocol.
- Authorship of a research publication in the last calendar year as the senior responsible author
- Designation as a Principal Investigator (PI) on the UHN CAPCR system; or have an REB project exemption in their name. Intention to apply for a PI role on the UHN CAPCR system will be considered for designation, upon review by Research Director or ED Director of a protocol, research plan, and prepared CAPCR documents.

### **Important Notes**

- Publications considered for appointment should be in Medline (NLM) indexed journals. In the case of scholarly publications relating to global health and emergency medicine (GHEM), exceptions may be made upon guidance from the UHN ED GHEM Director regarding journal caliber. For clarification on the distinctions between Medline, PubMed, and PMC see: [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/dif\\_med\\_pub.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/dif_med_pub.html)

- The following typically are not considered original research and would not be considered as a scholarly publication: editorials, letters to the editor, images in medicine, humanities / change in shift, blogs and social media postings.
- Publications will not be accepted for appointment consideration if the publisher appears to be a “predatory open access publisher.” Such publishers have been defined as “one whose main goal is to generate profits rather than promote academic scholarship” (<http://scholarlyoa.com/>). For a list of such publishers, you may wish to consult: <http://beallslist.weebly.com/> . Also consider: <https://onerearch.library.utoronto.ca/deceptivepublishing>
- Applications for a research appointment can be submitted on an ongoing basis to the ED Research Director and ED Research Coordinator for submission to the UHN Research Appointments group.