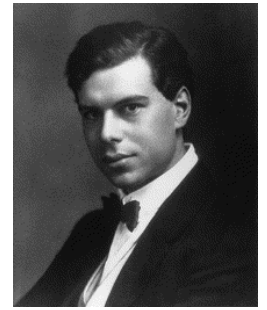


George Mines Travelling Fellowship



*George Ralph Mines, about
27 years old.*

Objectives:

The George Mines Fellowship will provide recognition and funding to outstanding Canadian arrhythmia specialists early in their careers, and provide a reliable supply of future Canadian leaders in this field. To do this it supports training abroad for Canadian Arrhythmia Fellows, with the intent of acquiring advanced clinical, research and/or educational skills. The George Mines Fellows will be exceptional candidates who will become leaders in academic arrhythmia care in Canada.

Support of the George Mines Travelling Fellowship:

- Support of the George Mines Travelling Fellowship is possible due to a grant from St.Jude Medical.
- St Jude Medical will fund the Fellowship costs and the CHRS and its members will provide infrastructure costs for managing the programme

Eligibility:

- The candidate will be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada.
- Candidates will be physicians currently training in a Canadian cardiology or cardiac arrhythmia programme.
- Candidates will be members of the Canadian Heart Rhythm Society.
- Candidates will be eligible regardless of whether or not they hold advanced degrees in research or education.
- The candidate must have arranged for a position in an excellent academic training program outside of Canada.
- Clinical fellowships without a strong academic focus are not eligible.
- Preference will be given to fellows who have an offer of employment in a Canadian academic arrhythmia centre.

Amount of bursary:

- A total of \$50,000 CAD will be awarded for each Fellowship. Normally this will be awarded for a one-year period (July 1st to June 30th, academic year), but candidates may discuss with the Awards Committee the possibility of spreading the award over 2 years.
- One bursary will be awarded each year. Should there be no suitable candidates in a given year, the award will be kept in an education fund and two bursaries can be awarded the following year. The candidate may hold the fellowship during any year of training abroad.
- The George Mines Fellowship can be used to supplement other funding to a total amount equivalent to the level provided in their latest Canadian training year. Of the total, \$45,000 will provide salary support and \$5000 will be available for research and conference support.

Application mechanisms and deadlines:

- There will be a call for applications each year on October 1, with a reminder at the Annual General Meeting of the CHRS.
- Announcements will be made by CHRS email to all members, and also sent to Cardiology and Arrhythmia educational programme directors.
- Applications must be received before January 15th of the following year
- The Awards Committee will study applications and a response will be issued before February 15th.
- Application for Fellowship positions may be sought more than one year in advance.
- Applications for renewal for a second year will be considered at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Selection committee:

- The Awards Committee for the Canadian Heart Rhythm Society George Mines Travelling Fellowship Award will consist of the Chair and other members, all of whom must be academic cardiac arrhythmia specialists in Canada. The CHRS Education Committee will select the Chair, who will then select other members as required to manage anticipated conflict of interest. The CHRS Education Committee will ratify membership of the Awards Committee.
- The Chair will be appointed for a 3-year term. A deputy Chair will be identified in the final year of the 3-year term, to facilitate succession planning.
- Members will be appointed yearly, as required to manage anticipated conflict of interest.

- The Committee will report to the CHRS education committee and will be accountable for conduct of the program.

Selection criteria:

George Mines Fellowships will be awarded to extraordinary applicants on the basis of several criteria, which include:

- The academic background of the applicant, including research or educational contributions
- A statement of career interests from the applicant
- A statement of how the particular training program will address the career needs
- The quality of the proposed training site, including quality of the training programme and where appropriate research profile
- The quality of the proposed supervisor
- The proposed academic component of training, including research proposal or proposed educational training program
- Whether an advanced degree will be sought
- Two letters of appraisal from those involved in training the fellow in Canada
- A letter of support from the proposed adviser, supervisor, or sponsor that stipulates:
 - the proportion of time allotted to the clinical care, clinical education, and academic components
 - the funding available for support of the fellow
- A letter from the Head of Cardiology in the applicant's centre appraising their future contributions to arrhythmia care, research, and education in Canada

Acknowledgments and conclusions:

The Canadian Heart Rhythm Society in collaboration with St Jude Medical jointly will organize an annual event in which the previous year's George Mines Fellow will present a lecture summarizing the research or educational skills that were acquired during the fellowship period. This lecture will be open to all members of the CHRS and St Jude Medical. The venue for the lecture will either be the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress or the Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Sessions.