

## BAD/DC Travel Fellowship – 2019 - 2020

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Sickkids in Fall

I was delighted to receive the British Association of Dermatologists Travel Fellowship in 2019 which helped support my year-long fellowship training in Paediatric Dermatology in The Hospital for Sick Children “Sickkids” in Toronto Canada. SickKids is the largest Paediatric Hospital in Canada and has one of the foremost Paediatric Dermatology services in North America for clinical practice, research and teaching. The dermatology department, led by Professor Elena Pope, is a tertiary referral centre for children with rare and severe skin diseases; genodermatoses, connective tissue disease, vascular birthmarks and anomalies and cutaneous malignancies. During this high intensity clinical fellowship I gained fantastic exposure, experience, and expertise diagnosing and managing children with rare skin diseases on the wards, in general dermatology clinics and through dedicated sub specialty clinics and multidisciplinary clinics. Stand out clinics include the multidisciplinary morphea service run by Professor Pope and rheumatologist Professor Ron Laxer, the Genodermatosis service which makes you think not of horses or even zebras when you hear hoofbeats but rather unicorns, and the vascular anomaly service. I was really impressed by departments’ high level of commitment to patient care, research and teaching.



### University of Toronto

Toronto itself is a beautiful and vibrant city with sweltering heat in the summer and snow, ice and 30 below during the long, long (long) Canadian Winter. Travelling to Toronto with three small kids in tow meant I could only catch a brief glimpses of the bustling downtown nightlife. Toronto is enriched by its many immigrants and is a lively, welcoming and actually quite family friendly city. Highlights from my fellowship, which unfortunately had to end slightly earlier than planned due to Covid, were trips to the Canadian wilderness, the fantastic and dedicated Paeds Derm team in Sickkids and the wonderful friends and colleagues I met in Toronto.

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