



UGME NEWS

September 2022

Your guide to the latest news from the
McMaster University Undergraduate
Medical Education Program

Educating and inspiring future physicians to improve health and well-being for all through clinical excellence, innovation, scholarship, leadership, and social accountability.

TOP STORIES:



UGME NEWS Launch

Thank you for reading the very first edition of the UGME News! This newsletter will share with our students, faculty, and staff all the most recent and important updates on everything from policies, events, opportunities, and curriculum for the program.

If you have a submission for the next issue, please email Blake Keidan: keidanb@mcmaster.ca.



McMaster Accreditation 2023

The UGME is currently undertaking MACcred2023, a comprehensive review overseen by the [Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools](#).

This process evaluates the quality of our program to ensure we are providing our students with the right skills they need to serve our communities as future physicians.

We're listening to students, talking to staff and faculty, and doing everything we can to ensure our med students continue to get one of the best educations in Canada! Follow us on social media to learn more: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



Leadership Announcements

We wanted to share the exciting news about four new leadership appointments with the UGME. [Dr. Shilpa Amin](#) (top left) was appointed as Reproduction, Subunit Planner, effective September 1st. [Dr. Karen McAssey](#) (top right) has been appointed Chair of Leadership Development, effective October 1st. [Dr. Gabrielle Inglis](#) (bottom left) and [Mr. Tom Alexander](#) (bottom right) have been appointed Co-Directors of Introduction to Medicine, effective October 1st.

Please join us in wishing them congratulations on their new positions!



WRC Fall Gala

On September 23rd, WRC faculty, staff, and students gathered for the first time in three years to celebrate the exceptional staff at Waterloo. The evening was emceed by Dr. Kathleen Nolan, Director of Student & Resident Affairs, with Dr. Margo Mountjoy, WRC Regional Assistant Dean, providing an address to the Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025, and VPs Internal for 2023/2024 Jack Zheng & Rohan Dadak sharing a moment of thanks. Awards were given out to faculty for their excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, innovation, and distinguished contributions in leadership roles. Congratulations to all the award winners!

STUDENT CORNER:



UGME Service-Learning

UGME is now offering a Service-Learning program for our students!

Service-Learning is a unique form of experiential education which allows students to connect classroom learning with real life community issues. It is different from “volunteering” in that Service-Learning uses structure and intentionality to integrate community service experiences within the medical curriculum. Placements are set up through community consultations and are designed to enhance the McMaster Program Competencies as well as benefit the community partners. For more information on Service-Learning, [click here](#).



Community Service Committee

If you are interested in volunteering in your McMaster community (Hamilton, Niagara, or Waterloo) please feel free to join the MacMed Community Volunteer Registry. You can sign up for regular events that help better your community and can go towards Service-Learning on your transcript. [Click here](#) for more information on the Community Service Committee.



Brock-McMaster Mentorship Program Opportunities

The Brock-McMaster Mentorship program in 2020 at the Niagara Regional Campus (NRC). This mentorship program was created to allow Brock students from all backgrounds the chance to speak with NRC medical students and gain insight into the medical school application process. Brock students appreciate the opportunity to connect and ask questions, and our med students have a chance to share their experiences. As a mentor, our learners have the ability to engage and support the Niagara/Brock community through volunteer work. Mentorship is also a recognized Service-Learning opportunity, which will show up on student transcripts. If interested, [click here](#). Join us for a Mentorship Welcome Event, information in Upcoming Events.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES CHAIR: Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of the Professional Competencies (ProComp) Curriculum within the distributed UGME network. Interested applicants for this position should submit a cover letter and CV to Administrative Coordinator, Jennifer Lourenco (lourencj@mcmaster.ca) addressed to Dr. Matt Sibbald, Associate Dean, UGME prior to October 15, 2022. [Click here](#) for more information.

MF4 DIRECTOR: Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of Medical Foundation 4 within the distributed UGME network. Interested applicants should email their cover letter and CV to Administrative Coordinator, Jennifer Lourenco (lourencj@mcmaster.ca) addressed to Dr. Keyna Bracken, Pre-Clerkship Chair, UGME. [Click here](#) for more information.

MF4 BRAIN & BEHAVIOUR SUBUNIT PLANNER: Responsible for overseeing the planning, delivery and evaluation of the Brain and Behaviour subunit within MF4. Interested applicants should email their cover letter and CV to Administrative Coordinator, Jennifer Lourenco (lourencj@mcmaster.ca) addressed to Dr. Keyna Bracken, Pre-Clerkship Chair, UGME prior to October 20, 2022. [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 5: Brock-McMaster Mentorship Welcome Event, 6-8PM, NRC Campus, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1. There will be door prize giveaways, and appetizers and coffee served. [RSVP here](#). If you're unable to attend or want more information, contact Annie Berg: annie.berg@medportal.ca.

OCTOBER 11: Class of 2024, Townhall and Update on the Office of Learning Environment and Mistreatment, 8-9AM.

NOVEMBER 14: Class of 2023, Townhall and Update on the Office of Learning Environment and Mistreatment, 8-9AM.

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