



UGME NEWS

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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:



Mac MD Admissions Interviews Recruitment

On January 11, 2023, emails were sent out to McMaster FHS Faculty (through the departments), McMaster residents, C2023 Mac Med students, and past community participants, inviting them to sign up to help with the McMaster MD Admission Interviews (MMI). The interviews will take place on March 4th, 5th, and 8th, 2023.

If you did not receive an email and are interested in being an interview assessor for the 2023 MMI, please contact mdadmit@mcmaster.ca.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing assistance and support of the McMaster community for this important event.



Federal Minister Visits WRC for Communitech Event

The [Communitech event](#) was an opportunity to welcome François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry of Canada to Communitech and the Health Innovation @ McMaster (HI@Mac) space.

During Minister Champagne's visit, McMaster medical students and faculty had the pleasure of sharing their collaborations and activities in the health technology and innovation space. One such innovation demonstrated was the Cobionix ("COBI") autonomous robotic arm, developed by a WRC Medical Graduate – Dr. Tim Laswell (C2022). This robotic arm conducts remote ultrasound and echocardiography, but during the pandemic, it was also adapted to administer COVID-19 vaccinations. As a part of this visit, the HI@Mac space also welcomed Sean van Koughnett, McMaster Associate Vice-President (Students and Learning) & Dean of Students, Dr. Jeremy Hirota, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and Canada Research Chair in Respiratory Mucosal Immunology, in addition to medical and engineering students, and WRC Faculty. HI@Mac was warmly welcomed to its new home at Communitech by Chris Albinson, CEO and President, along with the Communitech Staff.

We look forward to supporting students and faculty, and partnering with the health technology companies in the ecosystem to improve health care delivery and patient outcomes locally, and globally.



Virtual NRC and WRC Tours

Immerse yourself in a 360-degree, guided virtual tour of the [NRC](#) and [WRC](#) campuses. Go into our classrooms, labs, atriums, study spaces, and more – wherever you are!

FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



Leadership Announcement

We are pleased to share the exciting news about two new UGME leadership appointments. [Dr. Haroon Yousuf](#) (left) was appointed as Professional Competencies Co-Chair, effective January 1, 2023. [Dr. Sharon Bal](#) (right) was appointed as Electives Chair, effective February 1, 2023.

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



McMaster Clinician Educator Program Admissions for 2023

The McMaster Clinician Educator Program (CEP) has opened its 2023 call for applications. CEP is an Area of Focused Competence (AFC) Diploma program accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. It is designed for early to mid-career physician teachers and senior residents/fellows who are preparing for career advancement as a clinician educator. It is competency based and compatible with a concurrent clinical/teaching practice or clinical training program.

For more information, please read the [Program Brochure](#) or the [Prospective Candidates webpage](#).



Leadership in the Spotlight

Dr. Raj Carmona, Director Medical Foundation 4 (MSK, Neurology, Brain and Behaviour), recently completed his second term as MF4 Director. We asked Dr. Carmona to reflect on his leadership experience and highlight the best aspects of the Foundation. Here is what he told us about MF4:

- “An organized, logically sequenced, and integrated curriculum that, informed by student feedback and faculty review, progressively improves each year.”
- “A robust and core group of faculty Tutors who return year-after-year to ensure the MF is a success for all students.”
- “An engaged and responsive Planning Committee, with enthusiastic faculty and administrative membership across all campuses.”

If you would like more information about the MF4 Leadership position, please contact Dr. [Karen McAssey](#), Chair, Leadership.



Pre-Clerkship Boot camp Request

UGME is seeking 1-week simulation based non-clinical electives, for our first-year students. These would be called boot camps.

We are asking for electives the week of August 14 to 20, 2023. Not only do boot camps benefit our students, but they will also alleviate the capacity issues for electives.

- Boot camps are a great way for first year medical students to experience a clinical environment with low stakes.
- These electives help prepare students for clerkship electives and provide career exploration.
- Gives an opportunity for residents and fellows to teach.
- Boot camps can be run by residents and fellows with supervision by a McMaster Faculty member.

We would like to have boot camps running in the Hamilton, Niagara, and Waterloo campuses to provide opportunities to all our students.

If you would like to offer a C2025 Pre-Clerkship Boot camp, the week of August 14 to 20, 2023, please fill out this [online form](#) no later than June 22, 2023. Please [contact](#) the UGME Electives Team if you have any questions or concerns.

STUDENT CORNER:



Mac Save the Mothers

The McMaster Chapter of [Save the Mothers](#) was founded by Umairah Boodoo, third-year medical student at McMaster University. She is passionate about global health and global surgery, and when searching for opportunities to work in the field, she came across Save the Mothers and was inspired by the organization's incredible work.

The McMaster Chapter has six Executive Team Members: Umairah Boodoo (Founder & President), Eden Manly (Vice-President), Nadia Huytan-Marushcak (Partnerships & Outreach Director), Gloria Kim (Research & Education Co-Director), Anne-Sophie Fortier (Research & Education Co-Director), and Jannath Chhokar (Social Media Director). Together, they hope to use their platforms to spread knowledge about maternal morbidity and mortality in a variety of ways.

If you wish to support East African mothers in need, you can purchase ["Where Have All the Mothers Gone"](#) (authored by Dr. Jean Chamberlain), for \$19.99 and you will receive the Game Changers book for free!



New Service-Learning Sites

To continue to improve our Service-Learning offering, we have added six new community placement sites to our UGME distributed education network:

1. Positive-Living Niagara (NRC): students work alongside front line harm-reduction staff at Niagara's first and only safe injection site.
2. Niagara EMS ride along/Mobile Integrated Health unit (NRC): students spend a shift riding with the Niagara EMS observing paramedics in their daily activities, including the innovative "Mobile Integrated Health" unit.
3. Keeping Six (Hamilton): students working with this Hamilton Harm Reduction Action league will be doing outreach and providing resources for community members who are experiencing homelessness and have difficulty accessing conventional supports.
4. Speaker's Bureau and Mentorship Program (WRC): students will present to local high schools about their paths to medical school and also plan and present hands-on health teaching in the classrooms.
5. Sanguen Centre (WRC): students will participate in "kit-making" as part of this organization's harm reduction work and also there are opportunities to spend time on the mobile outreach van.
6. Student-organized blood drive (WRC): students will organize a blood drive for the community in partnership with the Canadian Blood Services.

Click here for the complete [Service Learning Community Registry](#).

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIR, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Responsible for the development of policies, programming, and practices that support or enhance the diversity of applicants and medical students. [Click here](#) for more information.

CO-CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES: Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of the Professional Competencies curriculum within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

MF4 DIRECTOR: Responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery of MF4 within the distributed UGME network. [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. [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 13: Class of 2023 Townhall, 8-9AM, on [Zoom](#).

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