ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE MD PROGRAM

The purpose of the Enrichment Program (EP) is to stimulate an interest in research and scholarly activity among medical students and to attract some to careers in academic medicine and medical research.

A. OBJECTIVES

To enable medical students in each class to carry out scholarly activities in areas that represent developments in medicine and health care, including, but not limited to, research in community development activities and international health.

B. PROGRAM CRITERIA

1) An Enrichment Program will be academic in nature, with specific goals. The study topic will be in an area that represents a development in medicine and health care.

2) Each EP will be individually designed to enable the student to achieve his/her objectives. Each applicant must identify the objectives, the process for achieving these objectives, and how the achievement of these objectives will be evaluated.

3) Each student will have an identified supervisor acceptable to the MD Program. The supervisor will accept responsibility for assisting the student throughout the EP and for evaluating the student’s achievement of the objectives.

4) Depending on the objectives, EPs will be from six to twelve months in duration.

5) Students may enrol in a limited number of clinical electives during their enrichment program. These electives will not appear on the transcript.

6) EPs will not normally begin until the pre-clerkship is completed.

7) Applications will not be considered for the post-clerkship period.

8) The supervisor’s written evaluation of the student’s achievement of the EP objectives will be forwarded to the MD Program Office within one month of completion of the EP.

9) Students will submit a written report to the Program Manager of the MD Program with one month of completion of the EP.

10) Activity undertaken during the EP will be kept in the student’s academic file and will be noted on the final transcript and the Medical Student Performance Record.
C. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1) A student applying for an EP must have a satisfactory academic record in the MD Program.

2) An application must be submitted to the Program Manager at least three months before the proposed commencement of the EP and must include:
   a) An outline of the proposed EP including the objectives, rationale and benefits expected to be derived from it;
   b) the name and credentials of the proposed supervisor for the program;
   c) letters of support from the Student Advisor and the intended EP supervisor

D. SELECTION COMMITTEE

1) A committee consisting of the Assistant Dean, MD Program (or Regional Assistant Dean), Director, Clerkship/Electives and the MD Program Manager will review all applications for Enrichment Programs and will approve or decline to approve all applications.

2) The decision of the committee will be final and will be based in large part on compliance with the Program Criteria noted above.

3) Students will be notified promptly of the committee's decision.

REGISTRATION AND TUITION

All successful applicants will be registered in the MD Program as continuing students without fees and will have the same malpractice insurance coverage as any student in the MD Program at McMaster.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support and arrangements for the Enrichment Program are the responsibility of the student. Students on an EP are not eligible for the elective travel awards with the exception of a few (eg, CIHR awards, Heart and Stroke). Students should familiarize themselves with loan re-payment requirements (eg., OSAP) before embarking on an Enrichment Program.

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