



Resident Research Policy

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Definitions

Residency Program	A period of training in a specific discipline of medicine prescribed by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) leading to certification by one of these bodies.
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Overview

Research and scholarly activity is a required component of residency training as indicated in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) [General Standards of Accreditation](#). The objectives of training in each specialty discipline (RCPSC), and the Scholarly Activity section of the CFPC [Red Book](#), elaborate on the research and scholarly activity requirements specific to that discipline.

Purpose

To outline the regulations in place to foster resident research and scholarly activity in all residency programs at Memorial University, and to outline the role of the residency program in supporting resident research programs.

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Scope

All residency programs at Memorial University.

Policy

- 1.0 The Faculty of Medicine (FoM) at Memorial University is committed to complying with accreditation standards related to resident research and scholarly activity, and to foster such activity beyond the minimal accreditation standards for all residency programs.
- 2.0 Residents are required to undertake a research or scholarly project during their residency training.
 - 2.1 This can include research or scholarly activity in basic science, experimental medicine, clinical medicine, epidemiology, quality assurance, medical education, ethics, community outreach, patient education, or some other focus area aligned with health care.
- 3.0 Each residency program is responsible for providing an atmosphere that is conducive to research and scholarly activity.
 - 3.1 Each residency program will:
 - 3.1.1 have a Resident Research Director, or equivalent, who is responsible for the oversight of resident research engagement and participation;
 - 3.1.2 work together with their Discipline Chair to ensure sufficient faculty members are available, and have the necessary support, to facilitate and supervise resident research and scholarly activity;
 - 3.1.3 engage residents in research activity early on in their residency training, and provide residents with sufficient time and support to conduct research and engage in scholarly work;
 - 3.1.4 provide residents with appropriate financial support, in-keeping with the FoM guidelines; and,



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- 3.1.5 provide effective teaching in critical appraisal of medical literature, using knowledge of research methodology and biostatistics.
- 4.0 The Discipline Chair is responsible for ensuring that a satisfactory level of research is ongoing within their discipline among faculty members, as evidenced by research accomplishments such as peer-reviewed research funding and peer-reviewed research publications.

Related Links

[RCPC and CFPC General Standards Applicable to All Residency Program – B Standards](#)

[Specific Standards for Family Medicine Residency Programs Accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada – The Red Book](#)