

WHO

Our PhD program encourages the following applicants:

- Primary care providers or family physicians with extensive research experience
- Clinician scientists with Master's level research training
- Master's graduates with a strong interest in family medicine and primary health care

HOW

The PhD program can be completed in 4-6 years for students studying full time. The program is available as a part time option. A distance education option may also be negotiated.

WHY

If you are a motivated learner interested in rigorous training in methods appropriate for research in family medicine and primary care with world-class faculty, this is the program for you.

FUNDING AND TEACHING ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We support each PhD trainee with at least one travel award to attend an international conference to present thesis work. Several teaching assistantship opportunities are available each semester and are awarded based on an open application process. PhD trainees are supported and encouraged to apply to internal and external fellowships, scholarships, and studentships. We also offer tuition assistance to international students on a competitive basis.

Family Medicine & Primary Care PhD

Patient-oriented, community-based research with innovative methodologies and participatory approaches



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**Advancing Academic Excellence in
Family Medicine and Primary Health Care**

WHAT IS TRAINING IN FAMILY MEDICINE & PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESEARCH?

Research topics in the field of family medicine and primary health care cross conventional discipline boundaries and research traditions. Our training program incorporates an interdisciplinary approach with an emphasis on community engagement. The program provides rigorous training in qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, knowledge synthesis and participatory research approaches.

Close links are maintained with the many family medicine clinical sites located around Montreal and in Quebec as well as the McGill Practice-Based Research Network.

PHD: THEORETICAL TRAINING

(12 REQUIRED CREDITS)

FMED601 Advanced Topics in Family Medicine: Knowledge Translation (3 credits)

FMED604 Advanced Participatory Research in Health (3 credits)

FMED702 Advanced Doctoral Primary Care Research Seminars (1 credit) (Course completed three separate times with different advanced topics for a total of 3 credits.)

Plus 3 or more credits in advanced research methods chosen from 600-level courses

PHD: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FMED701 Comprehensive Examination

PhD Thesis that constitutes original scholarship and provides a distinctive contribution to the academic discipline

PhD Thesis Defense with written and oral examinations

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

To maintain the highest standards and the most rigorous training, we have implemented a strong comprehensive examination process for the PhD program. In the comprehensive exam, trainees are expected to defend a protocol describing their proposed PhD work and demonstrate proficiency in basic statistics, foundations of epidemiology, qualitative and mixed methods, literature synthesis, knowledge translation and participatory research approaches. The exam process takes place over a total 16 weeks with three stages:

- 1. Submission and evaluation of a written protocol** by an internal and external examiner
- 2. Response to a minimum of 6 questions posted** by the examiners along with any requested protocol modifications
- 3. A 30-minute oral defense** of the protocol with 60 minutes of questions by the internal and external examiner

Successful completion of the oral comprehensive examination transitions the PhD trainee to candidate status and ensures a timely completion of a high caliber thesis.

TANNENBAUM FELLOWSHIPS

The Tannenbaum Fellowship program provides a \$1,000 scholarship annually and enables PhD trainees to provide support to family medicine residents for their scholarly activities during their first year residency at our clinical sites. This is an excellent opportunity for PhD trainees to have more exposure to the work in the clinical sites, to mentor family medicine residents and to help build a network with future primary care clinicians.

ELECTIVE COURSES

1 CREDIT COURSES (15 IN-CLASS HOURS)

FMED506 Indigenous Perspectives: Decolonizing Health Approaches

FMED511 Intro to Art in Healthcare

FMED607 Intro to Discourse Analysis and Interpretative Health Research

FMED608 Advanced Mixed Methods Seminar in Health Research

FMED610 Foundations in Family Medicine

FMED611 Health Care Systems and Policy

FMED615 Applied Knowledge Translation and Exchange in Health

FMED618 Topics in Pharmacoeconomics, Drug Safety and Policy

FMED621 Participatory Health Systems for Safe Birth

3 CREDIT COURSES (45 IN-CLASS HOURS)

FMED525 Foundations of Translational Science

FMED612 Intervention, Quality Improvement, and Program Evaluation

FMED619 Program Management in Global Health and Primary Health Care

FMED622 Advanced Epidemiology in Primary Care

FMED623 History of Ideas

FMED624 Advanced Applications of Quantitative Methods

FMED690 Advanced Ethnography: Context, Complexity & Coordination