



Canadian (non-QC) Indigenous Candidate Pathway

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences welcomes applications from First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants. We encourage you to self-identify in your application and to contact us if you have any questions about our programs or processes.

The Canadian Indigenous Path for MDCM is open to Canadian First Nations, Inuit or Métis University level applicants who are not residents of Quebec. This pathway aims to attribute 1 of the 11 out-of-province Canadian seats in the 4-year MDCM program to a selected eligible candidate.

Selection Process

Step 1: Prescreening

- Candidates must have a GPA of **3.4 on the 4.0 scale**. All eligible candidates will move forward to the next step. Eligible candidates must submit documentation of formal Indigenous status (First Nations, Inuit, or member of a Métis National Council-recognized nation or Manitoba Métis Federation).

Step 2: Holistic Review

The Indigenous admissions file review group then assesses candidates based on a holistic review of the file which includes:

1. Standardized CV
2. Personal statement
3. CASPer
4. Basic science prerequisites

The top ranked candidates are invited to interviews.

The Indigenous admissions advisory committee can include the following membership categories: Indigenous Faculty member(s), Indigenous upper-year medical students or residents, an Indigenous Elder, and other faculty members or McGill community members with experience in Indigenous health education, teaching or other relevant fields.

Step 3: Interviews

1. Multiple Mini-Interviews
2. Individual Interview with Indigenous admissions file review group members

Step 4: Offers



For candidates recommended by the Indigenous admissions file review group, offers will be made based on MMI performance. Candidates in this pathway are also considered for the general Canadian cohort seats simultaneously; Indigenous students admitted in the general cohort have access to the same support described below.

How to Apply

Follow the application process for university-level Canadian residents and indicate on the [online application system](#) that you are selecting this pathway. Candidates are encouraged to self-identify on the web application system. Candidates are also assessed simultaneously in the general Canadian cohort. Note that Indigenous candidates are not required to self-identify; candidates who prefer not to select this pathway will be assessed in the general Canadian cohort.

Required documents

1. The personal statement to be completed to the Applicant Portal. Please use the template below for reference:

-  [indigenous_pathway_personal_statement_en.docx](#)
-  [autochtone_cdn_enonce_personnel_fr.docx](#)

2. Indigenous identification, please upload one of the following valid documents to the [Applicant portal](#) for the Proof of Citizenship or Residency (you can upload multiple documents here, see the [Proof of Citizenship or Residency webpage](#) to be sure you include any other documents needed to confirm your Canadian residency).

- Federal Certificate of Indian Status card
- Confirmation of recognition by an Inuit Land claim organization (card or official letter)
- Membership card recognized by the [Métis National Council](#) or Manitoba Métis Federation

French Language Proficiency

French-language proficiency is a pre-admission requirement for students starting the MDCM Program. The French-language minimum requirements are a **B2 (mid-intermediate)** level for Montreal Campus and **C1 (advanced)** level for Campus Outaouais.

Requirement exemptions:

- Candidates who have completed **both** high school and CEGEP in **Quebec** (in English or French) will not be required to submit tests or certificates for proof of French-language proficiency.
- Candidates who have completed **at least 1 year** of secondary or post-secondary study at an institution whose **official** language of instruction is **French**.
- Candidates who wrote **CASPer** (score used for admission to medicine) in French.

Pathways for underrepresented groups in medicine

Candidates applying in the Indigenous Application Pathway are invited to contact the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office: admissions.med@mcgill.ca to learn about options for support or accommodations in meeting the language proficiency requirement.

Support

The **Indigenous Health Professions Program** in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences facilitates Outreach visits and programs for youth and supports prospective Indigenous applicants to all health professions programs at McGill.

- [Contact the Indigenous Health Professions Program for information about their services and events!](#)
- [Learn about McGill's First Peoples' House - a home away from home on campus](#)
- [Come to a Medicine Admissions recruitment event](#)

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences offers an [Indigenous Health Curriculum](#) to all Medical students, which includes required and elective teaching and clinical opportunities focused on Indigenous healthcare topics. Clinical rotations in Indigenous communities are available for interested students.

