



# McGill Summer Program for International Medical Students

An immersive medical education experience at Canada's most prestigious university



**July 13 – July 31, 2026**  
**Montreal, Canada**



**McGill**

Faculty of  
Medicine and  
Health Sciences



## Message from the VP-Dean



I am pleased to welcome you to the sixth edition of the McGill Summer Program for International Medical Students. This initiative is designed to offer you an excellent overview of medical education at McGill University, one of the top medical schools in the world. You will be exposed to a wide variety of clinical topics on campus and at our affiliated hospitals. You will also have many opportunities to exchange with McGill professors, as well as current medical students and residents, while experiencing life in Montreal, our multicultural, student-friendly city. Our goal is that you will complete the program with a good idea of what it means to be a McGill medical student. We believe the experience will enhance your medical education and, possibly, inspire you to join us at McGill for your residency training.

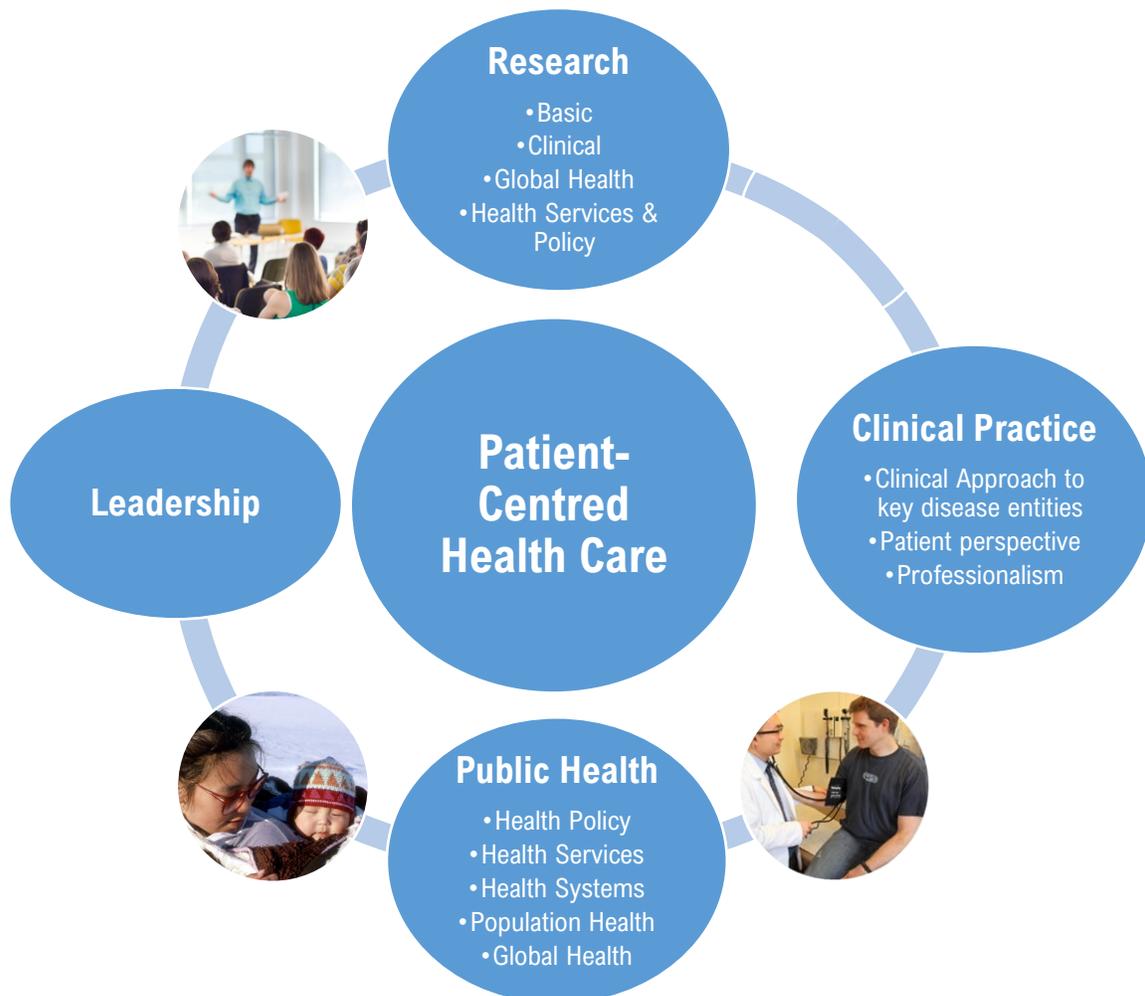
I look forward to welcoming you to McGill.

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Vice-President (Health Affairs) and  
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McGill University

## Overview

### A 3-week immersion program at the McGill Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Montreal

Targeted to senior international medical students, this innovative program provides opportunities to experience medical education at Canada's most prestigious university. Students will benefit from learning the Canadian approach to clinical medicine and medical education through an enriching academic, practical and leadership program, in a context with a diverse population of learners and patients. Participants will learn while enjoying the cosmopolitan city of Montreal, a multilingual and multicultural city ranked #1 among the best cities in the world for students. The core of medical education at McGill is patient-centered healthcare focused on 1) clinical practice; 2) health sciences research; and 3) population and public health.





## **An Immersive Medical Education Experience at Canada's most prestigious university**

**Program provides a strong foundation and cutting-edge knowledge in theoretical and applied aspects of medicine.**

**Students will learn the Canadian approach to clinical medicine and education, as well as population health.**

**Active learning principles, promoting information exchange and collaborative education.**

**Students benefit from hands-on experience through simulation, observership, and other activities in clinical settings during their visit in the health care facilities.**

**Distinguished McGill professors lead this enriching academic and leadership program, composed of lectures, assignments and workshops.**

### **Clinical Modules**

- Cardiology
- General Surgery
- Global Surgery
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery
- Palliative Care
- Pediatrics

### **Selected Topics**

- Evidence-Based Medicine
- Pediatric Population and Global Health
- Professionalism
- Residency training
- Simulation
- Translating Discovery into the Clinic
- AI in Medicine and Healthcare

### **Observerships**

- Shadow healthcare professionals in various specialties and clinical settings
- Observe patient interactions, medical decision-making and daily practices
- Gain insight into real-life healthcare environments and medical workflows

## Key Benefits

Through this program, students will:

### Explore...

- the McGill Medicine community and its interdisciplinary/interprofessional approach to patient care
- a variety of experiences in clinical settings to understand the link between clinical care and research
- their understanding of health and illness, through case-based workshops and simulation exercises
- real-life medical practice through observerships
- various medical career options



physicians and other health professionals benefit from hands-on practice in difficult and potentially dangerous procedures without risk to patients.

### Learn...

- the values and style of contemporary future-oriented medical practice
- a set of tools and knowledge that will enhance their leadership skills and professionalism
- to contextualize their future medical practice with sensitivity to the specific nature of the populations they serve
- how to apply new knowledge to their own contexts and experiences
- to expand their horizons by getting a clearer understanding of medical career options

### Network with McGill...

- instructors and renowned specialists
- medical students, residents and fellows



## Who should attend?

Senior international medical students, with an excellent knowledge of English

## When is it available?

- July 13 to July 31, 2026 from Mondays to Fridays
- Evenings and weekends will be free for participants to visit the city and attend local events, with some selected organized sociocultural and networking activities

## Where?

- On McGill's beautiful campus located downtown Montreal, as well as selected affiliated healthcare facilities

## What's included?

- Orientation session and student welcome package
- All educational sessions and workshops with experts, including related materials and leadership discussions
- Simulation exercises / Observership
- Faculty welcome / farewell receptions, and working lunches
- Tours or site visits of McGill, affiliated teaching hospitals and Family Medicine community sites
- Tour of the beautiful cosmopolitan city of Montreal, a multilingual and multicultural community ranked #1 among the best cities in the world for students
- Selected sociocultural and networking activities
- Graduation ceremony with Certificate of Completion for participants who complete the program

## What's excluded?

- Airfare and ground transportation to/from Montreal
- Any visas required to enter Canada
- Accommodations (options will be offered)
- Transportation (options will be offered: bus pass, Bixi [bike rental], etc.)
- Health insurance

## Program Committee

### Committee Chair

**Sender Liberman, MD, FRCSC, FACS, FASCRS**

Assistant Dean, International Affairs  
Professor of Surgery and Oncology

### Program Director

**Fadi Habbab, MD, MHM, FRCPC**

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Former Assistant Dean, International Affairs  
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## Our Module Leaders

### **Corinne Archer Ulysse, BSc, MDCM, CCFP (PC)**

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Associate Professor of Surgery, Dept. of Surgery  
Assistant Dean, Resident Professional Affairs, MUHC

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Co-Director, MUHC Centre for Global Surgery

### **Joshua Gurberg, MDCM, FRCSC**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Otolaryngology - Head  
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### **Terry Hebert, PhD**

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Director of Operations, Steinberg Centre for  
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Associate Professor, Neurology & Health Sciences  
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### **Nicholas Meti, MDCM, FRCPC**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Oncology

### **Gillian Morantz, MD, MPH**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics  
Co-Director, Global Child Health Program  
Co-Director, Social Pediatrics Program

### **Valerie Panet-Raymond, MD, MSc, BSc**

Assistant Professor, Division of Radiation Oncology,  
MUHC | Undergraduate Medical Education Director  
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Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education and  
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### **Atul Verma, MD, FRCPC, FHRS**

Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine  
Director, Division of Cardiology, MUHC



# 2026 SCHEDULE

## WEEK 1

	Monday July 13	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16	Friday July 17	Sat	Sun
Module	<b>PROGRAM ORIENTATION</b>	<b>EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE (EBM)</b>	<b>PROFESSIONALISM</b>	<b>CAREER PLANNING DAY</b>	<b>PEDIATRIC POPULATION &amp; GLOBAL HEALTH</b>		
AM	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Introduction to Montreal, McGill, FMHS</p> <p>Overview of the program</p> <p>The Canadian healthcare system</p> <p>Medical training in Canada and patient-centered healthcare</p>	<p>LECTURES</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p>	<p>LECTURES</p> <p>Physician as healer</p> <p>Physician as professional</p> <p><b>STEINBERG SIMULATION CENTRE</b></p> <p>Communications scenarios</p>	<p>PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>CAREER PANEL</p>	<p>LECTURES</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p>	Free	Networking session with McGill students & residents
Lunch	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Networking Lunch</b>			
PM	<p><b>VISIT TO THE OSLER LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Visit and discussion at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine</p>	<p><b>AI USE IN MEDICINE</b></p> <p><b>OPTIONAL</b> Guided walking tour of Old Montreal</p>	<p><b>CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON BRAIN, LANGUAGE &amp; MUSIC</b></p> <p>LECTURES</p> <p>EXHIBITIONS</p> <p>NETWORKING</p>	<p><b>ONCOLOGY</b></p> <p>LECTURES</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p>	<p><b>PEDIATRICS</b></p> <p>LECTURES</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p>		
Evening	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free		





# 2026 SCHEDULE

## WEEK 3

	Monday July 27	Tuesday July 28	Wednesday July 29	Thursday July 30	Friday, July 31	Sat	Sun
Module	<b>NEUROLOGY</b>	<b>GROUP PROJECTS</b>	<b>PALLIATIVE CARE</b>	<b>OBSERVERSHIP</b>	<b>GRADUATION</b>		
AM	LECTURES  A PATIENT CASE (history and neurological examination of a real patient)	PRESENTATIONS  Participants' presentations of PICO projects on Evidence-Based Medicine	LECTURES  INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY	Observerships in McGill's clinical teaching hospitals	Program wrap-up  Graduation ceremony  Group photos		
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	<b>Farewell Reception</b>		
PM	WORKSHOP	<b>GLOBAL SURGERY</b>  TRAUMA WORKSHOP	CONVERSATION WITH A PATIENT  <b>OPTIONAL</b> Visit to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts	Observerships in McGill's clinical teaching hospitals	End of program		
Evening	Free	Free	Free	Free			

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