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## January 17, 2018 Summer Internship Program

This is an invitation to nominate individuals for the Medical Council of Canada's (MCC) Internship in Assessment for Medical Education program. We will be offering one internship positions in the summer of 2018 to graduate level students with expertise in areas of current research related to the core examination programs at MCC. These examinations include the Qualifying Examination Parts I and II required for licensure of physicians in Canada, and the Evaluating Examination and National Assessment Collaboration clinical skills examination intended for international medical graduates.

Our Psychometrics and Assessment Services (PAS) team has responsibility for implementing a directed series of studies that will drive innovation in our examinations programs and shape the future of assessment of physicians in Canada. We are planning and completing a number of studies under the broad mission defined by our Research & Development committee along the following four identified themes:

- Outcomes Measurement Research
- Assessment Along the Continuum
- Improving Score Reporting to Candidates and Other Stakeholders
- Assessing Emerging Competencies for the Canadian Medical Practitioner

**During the summer of 2018, we are particularly interested in students with a strong theoretical background and some applied experience in automated marking of constructed response items.** The selected interns will be partnered with members of our PAS team who will assist them in the definition of the project, methodology, required data, schedules and final report requirements. In addition, this experience will offer them some professional development experiences with our operational testing program staff.

We expect a commitment of six weeks to plan, implement and report on the study and all this work will be conducted at the MCC office in Ottawa, ON, Canada. The intern will receive a \$5,000 stipend to complete this research. Additionally, travel and accommodations in Ottawa will be paid for by the MCC. The period of work will be determined in consultation with the intern, but usually occurs sometime between June 1 and September 30. We wish to accommodate the students' needs, and will plan activities to meet our corporate calendar. A letter of nomination and current curriculum vitae for the student should be sent to [research@mcc.ca](mailto:research@mcc.ca) by **February 23, 2018**. *In accordance with Canadian immigration laws, preference for the MCC summer internship program will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. The MCC will not pay for any legal fees connected to this internship program.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding the MCC Internship program. This continues to be a very exciting time at the MCC for innovation; this program is one of several initiatives that are grounded in effective collaborations with leading programs in Measurement, Assessment and Medical Education that we view as critical in retaining our internationally recognized quality standard for licensing examinations.

Sincerely,

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