

CMG Application Information

Important Information

McMaster Family Medicine has a **centralized** admissions process. Regardless of which program(s) you are applying to (Hamilton, Brampton, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara, Halton or Rural) only three reference letters and one personal letter are required. Please note that if you apply to all sites, you will still only receive one interview in Hamilton.

If after your interview you wish to add a new stream/program to your rank list, please update your CaRMS application online and contact Sandra Johnson at sjohnso@mcmaster.ca with this information no later than 12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday February 1, 2012. Any additions submitted after this time will not be considered for ranking.

Our program seeks out the best educational opportunities for residents - sometimes this necessitates local travel within your site. It is essential that all residents have access to a car.

All residents will be scheduled for home call during their family medicine rotations, therefore it is strongly recommended that residents live within 30 minutes of their home base.

Supporting Documentation

1. Photograph – used for memory aid
2. Medical School Transcript – Order from your registrar's office
3. Medical Student Performance Record – Order from your Dean's office
4. Reference Letters

Only three letters of reference are to be sent to the program through CaRMS. The three letters should be from health care professionals who can speak to the clinical and professional capabilities of the applicant. If applying to more than one Program (Hamilton, Brampton, Niagara, Kitchener-Waterloo, Halton or Rural), only three reference letters are required in total.

5. Personal Letter

McMaster Family Medicine has a centralized admissions process requiring only one personal letter regardless of the number of applications you submit to the various streams in our program.

The personal letter (maximum 1000 words and in paragraph format) must answer each of the following questions:

- Why have you chosen a career in Family Medicine and what experiences have led you to this career choice?
- Why are you applying to the program at McMaster?
- Which personal qualities do you think are critical to a family physician and how do you "measure up"?
- What are your personal and professional goals for the future?

Please tell us anything else that you feel is important to your application to our program.

6. Proof of Citizenship Status

Submit one of the following:

Notarized / certified copy of

- Canadian Birth Certificate
- Passport page showing Canadian Citizenship
- Canadian Citizenship Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card (both sides of the card)

7. Curriculum Vitae

8. Rural Questionnaire (only if applying to a Rural Program)

If applying to a Rural Program, you need to complete a Rural Questionnaire. Only one Rural Questionnaire is required no matter how many rural programs you applied to.

Please answer the following 3 questions (maximum of 500 words total). Please number each question accordingly.

1. Describe your personal rural background and/or rural experiences.
2. What led you to choose a career in Rural Family Medicine including any personal qualities or expectations that contributed to making this decision?
3. Describe the type of future rural practice that would fit you best.

Review Process

Applications submitted after the file review has opened on December 1, 2011: will not be reviewed.

References and other supporting documents which arrive after the file review has opened on December 1, 2011: will not be read or considered.

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Interview Dates

Saturday January 21, 2012

Sunday January 22, 2012

Friday January 27, 2012

Saturday January 28, 2012

All interviews for first iteration will be held at: Stonechurch Family Health Centre 1475 Upper Ottawa Hamilton, ON L8W 3J6

Short-listed candidates will be offered interviews.

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Selection Criteria

You do not have to prove that you are interested in Family Medicine by doing all your electives in Family Medicine rotations. Our program seeks residents who:

-are well rounded and show a variety of rotation electives

-are self-directed learners

-are committed to Family Medicine

-are skilled at self-assessment

-have strong interpersonal skills

-give and receive constructive feedback

Elective Requirements

We are looking for and rewarding applicants who have completed a broad range of electives

which include our specialty.

On Site Elective

We do not require applicants to do on site electives to be considered for selection.