

2026 Maudsley Summer Educational Research Internship for Queen's Health Sciences Undergraduate and MD Students

The Office of Professional Development and Educational Scholarship (OPDES) is dedicated to developing new educational researchers. It is an interprofessional office that integrates five core priorities: education scholarship, faculty development (FD), continuing professional development (CPD), course development, and academic programs. Our team works collaboratively with internal and external health sciences leaders and researchers to, (i) design and conduct rigorous educational research and program evaluations, (ii) develop, disseminate, and evaluate educational programs and resources in teaching and learning, (iii) provide challenging, innovative, and evidence-informed educational CPD and FD that improve patient care, and (iv) provide global health education and research outreach.

OPDES offers up to **two first- or second-year undergraduate or MD Queen's Health Sciences students** a mentoring experience that develops their educational research skills. It offers students an opportunity to become a valued member of a collaborative research team and a space to work within the office. The student(s) will be provided with dedicated mentors to support them in developing skills in grant writing, qualitative and quantitative research methods, data collection and analysis, and knowledge translation activities. The successful candidate(s) will focus on a specific area of research interest and/or become involved in one or more of the OPDES research projects.

This experiential learning opportunity for Health Sciences students at OPDES is made possible through The Maudsley Fund in Medical Education. The OPDES team look forward to collaborating on impactful projects with the Maudsley Educational Scholarship Interns. Hear from previous interns Bianca Shen and Alisha Ahmed about their experience: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYleHv3Hxrk&t=2s>. Learn about what it is like to work on our team: <https://healthsci.queensu.ca/opdes/about-us/join-our-team>

It is expected that the successful candidate(s) will commit to 35 hours/week with OPDES during the summer months and contribute to education scholarship through knowledge translation activities such as, but not limited to, writing a paper for publication and/or presenting at a medical education conference. The student(s) may also continue to collaborate with OPDES beyond the terms of this internship program.

The internship program is offered between June 1 to August 31, 2026, and will include a stipend of up to \$8,000. Anyone who is a first- or second-year undergraduate health sciences or MD student in Queen's Health Sciences at Queen's University is eligible to apply. To apply, please submit the following application requirements to Dr. Nancy Dalgarno c/o opdes@queensu.ca by **Friday, February 27, 2026**.

1) A statement of intent (Maximum 300 words):

- a. A sentence that states you are in the first or second year of an undergraduate or MD Queen's Health Sciences program.
- b. A statement indicating why you are interested in this opportunity, and what past experiences or skills have contributed to your interest. You should provide a description of what you hope to learn and how it will inform your educational research goals.

2) A sample of work that you are proud of

3) Curriculum Vitae

Sincerely,



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