

OVERVIEW

The Humanitarian Studies Initiative for Residents (HSIR) is a collaborative educational program designed to train medical residents who wish to work in complex humanitarian relief settings.

HSIR provides participants with a robust training in current humanitarian issues as well as the methodologies and essential skills that best prepare humanitarian workers to operate in the field while allowing the residents to complete the requirements of their individual programs. HSIR program faculty come from institutions such as McGill University, Concordia, Dalhousie, Harvard, Tufts, MIT, Boston University, University of Chicago and directly from the international humanitarian relief community. Each has specialized areas of expertise in the evolving field of humanitarian studies and teaches from a Sphere-Standards based sector approach. The human rights based curriculum includes emergency public health, communicable disease management, water and sanitation, shelter, media interaction, nutrition, forensics, personal security, research, international law and advocacy, and civilian-military relations.



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the HSIR program is to train a core group of residents from a variety of medical disciplines in the theory, field skills, and research techniques of humanitarian work.

McGill HSIR participants will gain:

- A solid base in the theory of humanitarian studies
- A working knowledge of international public health issues and government, non-governmental organizations and infrastructure around the world
- Competency-based training in humanitarian field work Intensive field experience
- A McGill-based research mentor
- A network of health professionals working in humanitarian research and relief
- A final project of publishable quality



McGill HSIR residents will be able to:

- Advance the specialty of humanitarian medicine and practice worldwide
- Lead effective humanitarian relief and disaster response efforts in conjunction with international aid organizations and local governments
- Develop, implement and evaluate acute-phase and longer-term development programs
- Conduct clinical and field research based on solid epidemiologic methods and biostatistics

CURRICULUM

The HSIR program begins July 1st and lasts one year. It may be extended to two years to provide flexibility for residency scheduling. The curriculum includes 12 monthly seminars and journal clubs at McGill University, a 10-day core course at Harvard University, a 3-day forest-based disaster simulation in Massachusetts and a 3-month supervised international field placement that comprises humanitarian research and/or practice. The HSIR program offers links to humanitarian NGOs for research and field placement. The core curriculum includes:

Clinical Skills – Triage : Forensics/Missing : Sphere Standards : Shelter : Water : Nutrition : Disease : Sexual Violence : Landmines : Mental Health : Reproductive Health

Health Systems Management – Hospital Management : Community Organizing : Fundraising : Grants : NGO Policy and District-Wide Health Care

Intervention Management in Conflict and Disaster – Coordination and communication across stakeholders : Economic security : Protection : Child Soldiers : Staff Security : Civil-Military Relations : Genocide : Human Rights & Humanitarian Law : Ethics

Evaluation and Research – Quantitative Research : Qualitative Research : Monitoring and Evaluation



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All residents enrolled in a McGill residency program are eligible to apply. To apply, a completed application consisting of the following must be submitted before April 30th to start that year, on July 1st:

- Personal statement of interest
- Letter detailing your global health experience
- Curriculum vitae
- Each resident must have permission from their respective programs to participate



For more information, please go to the HSIR website at:
www.mcgill.ca/familymed/international/hsir

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