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The AFMC is proud to release the 2018 AFMC Graduation Questionnaire (AFMC GQ) National Report.

A total of 1,870 students, who were registered in active studies and, as of January 2018, eligible for graduation from their MD program at a Canadian faculty of medicine, completed the questionnaire. This represents a response rate of 64.9% of the targeted population.

Students rated the quality of their medical education and their level of satisfaction with School Administration, Student Affairs and Student Services. They reported on their accumulated debt, their involvement in research and their level of awareness of policies and procedures regarding mistreatment of medical students. Students also shared their level of confidence in being ready to undertake residency.

For the full national report, visit <https://afmc.ca/publications/graduation-questionnaire-national-report>.

In Case You Missed It

AFMC Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance: [Supporting the training of scientists and Indigenous health professionals](#)

CAPER Update

The Canadian Post-M.D. Education Registry will be releasing "Rural Doctors Two-Years after Exit from Post-M.D. Training" fact sheet this month. Check your inbox for the next CAPER Counts!

Announcements

2018 Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education

Dr. Richard L. Cruess, Chairman of the Gold Foundation for Humanistic Healthcare, Canada, and Dr. Sylvia R. Cruess were selected to receive the 2018 Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education. Both awards will be presented in November at the AAMC Annual Meeting. Congratulations to Drs. Cruess.

AFMC submission to CRCC

The Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) launched a national consultation to reinvigorate Canada's support for science and to position Canada as a global leader in research excellence. The online consultations focused on three priorities:

1. Creating a new tri-agency fund to support international, multidisciplinary, high-risk and rapid-response research that generates new knowledge;
2. Strengthening equity, diversity and inclusion in research; and
3. Supporting early career research.

AFMC gathered feedback from its Vice-Dean Research Committee and Board of Directors and provided the compiled responses to the CRCC.

Update on Opioid Report

The AFMC continues to monitor the progress by the Faculties of Medicine in addressing the opioid crisis from a pedagogical view. Recently, a follow up survey of UGME, PGME and CPD leaders revealed that several new programs have been developed and existing programs across all the

The University of Saskatchewan is recognized for Social Accountability

The College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan has been recognized internationally through the 2018 ASPIRE-to-Excellence Award in Social Accountability at the 2018 Association for Medical Education in Europe conference, in Basel, Switzerland.



"This award provides incredibly significant and valuable feedback on the great work our college is doing across education, research and community engagement to address the most important health concerns of our province," said Dr. Preston Smith, dean of the College of Medicine. "It tells us that our efforts to engage and support Indigenous and under-served communities, with our partners in government, education, research and health care, are on track."

Among the college's significant social accountability achievements of the past year was the implementation of the new Diversity and Social Accountability Admissions Program (DSAAP), which, beginning with the new first-year class of 2018-19, reserves six of the 100 seats in the medical doctor degree program for individuals from socioeconomically challenged backgrounds. The college continues to be a leader in Canada in Indigenous admissions, with 12 self-declared Indigenous students among the 100 incoming first-year students for 2018-19.

The total number of applicants to the college through the DSAAP in its first year, 2018-19, was 58, with 27 of those offered interviews. Offers were made to applicants for all six available seats, which were all successfully filled. Similar to the college's Aboriginal Admissions Program, students who have applied through the DSAAP are assessed first to see if they would be successful in the general applicant pool. If so, they are admitted in that category. If not, they are considered within the DSAAP.

Other Canadian Faculties of Medicine that have received the ASPIRE Award for Accountability include the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University and the Faculty of Medicine at l'Université Laval.

Awards deadline fast approaching

Every July, AFMC launches the annual award cycle with a call for nominations. There are a total of eight awards: AFMC President's Award for Exemplary National Leadership in Academic Medicine; AFMC May Cohen Equity, Diversity, and Gender Award; AFMC Young Educators Award; AFMC Clinical Teacher Award; AFMC John Ruedy Award for Innovation in

domains have been built upon. The Faculties of Medicine in Canada continue to respond with curricular changes and innovations to address this issue. The AFMC will continue to be involved in the monthly meetings of the opioid Response Partners, and as a member of the Pan Canadian Physician Opioid Collaborative.

Medical Education; AFMC Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award; AFMC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Faculty Development in Canada; and AFMC Gold Humanism Award and Lecture.



There have been a few changes to this year's awards. First, at the request of Dalhousie University, the Agreement for the AFMC John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education, which they support financially in honour of their past dean,

has been updated to reflect contemporary advances in technology. The new criteria will allow for innovation on the web, apps and simulation plus in using artificial intelligence. Second, the need to recognize individuals exemplifying patient-centered care, compassion and collaboration led to the creation of the new [AFMC - Arnold P. Gold Humanism Award and Lecture](#). This new award is as a result of collaboration between the AFMC and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanistic Healthcare Canada (APGFC).

The deadline to submit an application is September 28, 2018. For more information, visit <https://afmc.ca/awards>.

Selected recipients will be notified in December 2018 and presented their award at the 2019 CCME Award Ceremony in Niagara Falls on April 14, 2019.

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