

CFMS Representative to the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Ethics

What is the CMA Committee on Ethics?

The Committee elaborates, interprets and recommends amendments to the CMA Code of Ethics, addresses problems related to ethics referred to the CMA, advises the CMA on matters pertaining to ethical issues that arise from scientific and technological progress in the health sciences and ethical issues of interest or concern to the medical profession, and advises the CMA on ethical issues related to its core strategies and priorities.

The following are the CMA Terms of Reference:

Reports to: General Council annually, and to the CMA Board of Directors throughout the year. The committee:

1. shall elaborate, interpret and recommend amendments to the Code of Ethics;
2. shall address problems related to ethics referred to the Association;
3. shall advise the Association on matters pertaining to ethical issues that arise from scientific and technological progress in the health sciences and ethical issues of interest or concern to the medical profession;
4. shall advise the Association on ethical issues related to its core strategies and priorities.

The CFMS Selection Committee will be looking for:

- *Experience working in a political environment*
- *A willingness to represent viewpoints that are not one's own*
- *A basic understanding of the principals of diplomacy*
 - *Leadership experience on key issues of national scope concerning medical students*
 - *Previous experience at board meetings, committees, liaison positions, medical school councils or similar organizations*
 - *Politically astute with proven credibility at the local level.*
 - *Commitment to representing CFMS and medical student issues*
 - *Commitment to the following duties including: preparation and attendance at meetings, review of background papers and policy statements of both the CMA and the CFMS between meetings, and preparing meeting reports for the CFMS*

Please note that this position requires excellence in working independently concurrent to being a part of a broader CFMS team. The selected candidate will take initiative to stay current with the ongoing work and policy positions of the CFMS and communicate regularly with members of the CFMS Executive and Representatives.

Term: One year
Meetings: 2 (November, April) and teleconferences as required
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General Criteria:

1. CFMS Member in 2017-2018
2. Must be current member of CMA
3. Qualifications specific to the demands of the position
4. Ability to recognize and adequately represent the position of all Canadian medical students, most notably the position democratically determined by the board and representatives of the CFMS
5. Ability to fulfill the necessary obligations of the position
6. Willingness to complete reports to be broadcast to all Canadian medical students
7. Willingness to follow through with all the demands of the position until a replacement is sought