**MDCM-PhD**

**For the PhD handbook and EBOH (admissions) website:**

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences offers a combined clinical and doctoral program designed to prepare graduates for a career as a physician-scientist. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are awarded a MDCM (Medicinae Doctorem et Chirurgiae Magistrum*/*Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery) degree and a PhD degree. Students in this program can complete their PhD studies in Epidemiology in the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health.

The structure of this eight-year program is shown in the Figure below. From September of Year 1 to December of Year 2, students complete the basic and clinical sciences portions of the medical curriculum. During the Summer of Year 1, students will have 2 months to prepare for their training in epidemiology and conduct initial thesis research; this includes working with their supervisor(s) to develop preliminary thesis objectives, conduct initial thesis research (e.g., literature review), develop their data analytic skills, and start the progress of acquiring data, if applicable. All course requirements and milestones for the PhD in Epidemiology, shown in the Figure, must be completed within the four years between the Winter of Year 2 and Fall of Year 6 of the MDCM-PhD program, including thesis submission. Students then complete the requirements of the MDCM degree between the Winter semester of Year 6 and the end of Year 8.



**For the EBOH (admissions) website only:**

Admission to the MDCM-PhD program is conditional on admission into the four-year MDCM medical program. Given the compressed timeline for completing both degrees, applicants to the MDCM-PhD program must have a PhD supervisor secured and a feasible research project identified when applying to the PhD program.

Interested applicants should consult the Undergraduate Medical Admissions website for further details on admissions to the program, the program’s structure, and funding policies: <https://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/programs/mdcm-phd>

Applications to the Epidemiology PhD program are due on January 15th in Year 1 of the joint program, since the department and supervisor for the PhD component of the program must be identified by September of Year 2. Interested applicants should contact the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health’s Student Affairs Office ([graduate.eboh@mcgill.ca](mailto:graduate.eboh@mcgill.ca)) to inquire about the application process and indicate their intent to apply for the PhD program.

The School of Population and Global Health’s Graduate Student Funding Policy applies to the PhD portion of the MDCM-PhD program: <https://www.mcgill.ca/spgh/about-us/governance/graduate-student-funding-policy>