

MEDUCOLLAB: WRITER'S PROGRAM

About: The MeduCollab writer's program provides students with an opportunity to work with a mentor from the Meducator Editorial team and write a piece of academic writing on a topic related to the Health Sciences. As a mentee, you will be able to write either a **critical review** or an **opinion piece**. A critical review piece provides a critical analysis of the current literature relating to a specific topic, exploring strengths, drawbacks, and limitations. An opinion piece takes a fact-based stance on a hot or controversial health topic within and outside McMaster University, while presenting and evaluating contrasting perspectives on said topic. The work will then be published in a Zine that MeduCollab will put out at the end of the semester.

To read past examples of successful critical reviews and opinion pieces, please read any of our past issues at <https://issuu.com/TheMeducator>

Application Procedure

Send the following application in a single e-mail to the.meducator@gmail.com by **Friday, September 22nd at 11:59 pm**. Please entitle the subject as "Mentee MeduCollab App: Your Name".

Application Questions

Full Name Preferred Pronouns (Optional)	
Email	
Phone/ Extension	
Program Name and Year	
How did you hear about <i>The Meducator</i> ?	

1. What are you hoping to gain from becoming a mentee with MeduCollab? (250 words maximum)

2. Rate your experience in academic writing using the table below.

1 - little to no experience	2	3	4	5 - I have full confidence in academic writing.

3. MeduCollab will be holding synchronous meetings, workshops, socials, and in-person office hours over the course of the semester. Please list your availabilities:

4. To the best of your abilities, please indicate your availability and commitments (planned and prospective) for the upcoming school year.

Commitment	Hours/Week
E.g. Reading The Meducator	100

5. Describe any topic within the field of health sciences that you would like to learn more about and why. (200 words max.)

6. To ensure your interests align with the interests of our available mentors, please answer the questions below to the best of your abilities.

a) Describe your ideal mentor. If you have any specific things you are looking for in a mentor, please list them below (1-2 sentences):

b) Which of these subjects interest you the most? (bold/highlight any that apply)

Biotechnology	Pharmacology	Social determinants of health
Toxicology	Bacteriology	Oncology
Pathology	Immunology	Virology
Epidemiology	Global health	Bioengineering
Eastern Med	Perioperative Med	Health policy
Neuroscience	Biochemistry	Non-Traditional Med (e.g. music therapy)
Endocrinology	General physiology	Metabolic Diseases
Historical Med	Hematology	Preventative Med
Genetics	Psychology	Nursing

Other:

c) Would you prefer to have a partner (i.e. another mentee to co-write your piece with)? Please underline/highlight the choice that applies:

- Yes, I would like to have a partner
- No, but I am okay with having a partner if there is not enough space in MeduCollab
- No, and I understand that I may not be accommodated if there is not enough space in MeduCollab

7. Outlined below are the expectations for being a mentee in the MeduCollab program:

1. **Commitment and Time Investment:** Mentees should be dedicated to the learning process and
 - a. Attending synchronous, in-person workshops
 - b. Meeting manuscript drafting deadlines (primary edits, secondary edits)
2. **Feedback and Growth:** Mentee-Mentor pairs will be required to check in with MeduCollab Directors on their progress
3. **Respect and Professionalism:** Mentees must treat their mentors time and effort with dignity
 - a. Maintaining active and courteous communication in online and in-person settings
 - b. Arriving punctually to agreed-upon meetings
 - c. Navigating conflicts professionally
4. **Knowledge and Skill Sharing:** Mentees are responsible for being receptive to learning, asking questions, and actively utilizing and seeking guidance from their mentors
5. **Accountability:** Mentees will be held responsible for their actions (verbal, written, etc.) towards their mentors, other mentees, and The Meducator staff.
 - a. Managing the time commitment towards MeduCollab

By signing below, I understand the commitment for participating as a mentee in the MeduCollab program and agree to meet the expectations outlined above. Moreover, I also understand that failure to meet any of the expectations above can result in my dismissal from the MeduCollab program.

Failure to meet these expectations may result in my dismissal from the program.

Signature:	Date:
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