

LETTER OF INTENT
Regarding the Expansion of the UBC IMG-BC Program

This Letter of Intent is dated the 26th day of November, 2010.

BETWEEN:

The Ministry of Science and Universities (MSU)

And:

The Ministry of Health Services (MoHS)

And:

The University of British Columbia (UBC)

WHEREAS:

- A. UBC through its Faculty of Medicine ("FOM") offers a MD Undergraduate Program (the "Undergraduate Program") and MD Postgraduate Programs (the "Postgraduate Program"); and
- B. MSU provides funding to the FOM for the operation and management of the Undergraduate Program, and the MoHS provides funding to the FOM for the operation and management of the academic component of the Postgraduate Program and for the transfer of funds to third party agencies that employ Postgraduates; and
- C. One of the Postgraduate Programs offered by the FOM and funded by the MoHS is the UBC IMG-BC Program; and
- D. UBC offers two streams for applications to the Postgraduate Program residency positions for the first iteration of the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) annual match: one for graduates of LCME/CACMS accredited Canadian (and American) medical schools and one for graduates of international medical schools ("IMGs"); and
- E. Only IMGs who meet criteria and agree to conditions approved by the MoHS may apply to the UBC IMG-BC Program in the first iteration of the CaRMS match.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES SET OUT THEIR MUTUAL INTENT WITH REGARD TO THE EXPANSION OF THE UBC IMG-BC Program:


1. Beginning in 2012, FOM and MoHS will expand the UBC IMG-BC Program by 8 entry-level positions per year for 5 years for a total of 40 new entry-level positions, bringing the total number of funded entry-level positions in the UBC IMG-BC Program to 58 in 2016.
2. All positions in this expansion will be assigned to Family Medicine. One position may be added to the existing 18 entry-level positions in 2011, thereby reducing the number of new Family Medicine IMG positions added in 2012 to 7.
3. Eligible applicants for these positions are expected to:
 - a) Be a resident of the province. (Those applicants with a permanent BC address and who are out of the country for medical education purposes are considered to be a resident of BC.)
 - b) Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, landed immigrant, or have World Health Organization (W.H.O.) convention refugee status.
 - c) Provide a medical degree and transcript from a medical school listed in the W.H.O. directory of medical schools (excluding Canadian and American schools), or proof of being in the final year of medical training.
 - d) Have passed the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) Evaluating Exam. The MCC Qualifying Examination Part 1 and 2 are optional for the purposes of competing in CaRMS.
 - e) Provide proof of English language proficiency, based on either an accepted iBT TOEFL score or IELTS result.
 - f) Have successfully completed the National Assessment Collaboration (NAC) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), offered either through the UBC IMG-BC Program or another province in Canada.
 - g) Sign a return of service contract prior to beginning postgraduate medical education.
4. FOM and MoHS will identify the health authority in which the training for distributed positions will occur.
5. Changes to funding for the UBC IMG-BC Program will be discussed with the parties and will be incorporated into a revised Schedule A to the current *Postgraduate Residency Education Program Memorandum of Understanding*.
6. All parties to this letter of intent will cooperate in making public announcements about the UBC IMG-BC Program including any changes to the Program.

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Signed on behalf of MSU




Deputy Minister

Signed on behalf of the MoHS



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Signed on behalf of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine



Dean, Faculty of Medicine
and Vice Provost Health

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SUPPORT

<p>Bridging Program - IMG specialists</p>

<p>Physician Integration Program (PIP)</p>

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