

# CFMS NATIONAL OFFICER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE (NORP) TERMS OF REFERENCE



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## Background

The Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is the representative voice of Canadian medical students to the national medical organizations, to the federal government, to the public, and to other external bodies. The CFMS represents over 8000 medical students at 15 Canadian medical schools from coast to coast. It is the mission of the CFMS to represent, support, and connect its members. The CFMS aims to communicate within its membership, as well as from its membership, to the world at large. As an ever-expanding organization, the CFMS continually strives to meet the consistent and changing needs of Canadian medical students.

## Introduction

The CFMS recognizes that health equity and respect for persons is a critical component for a peaceful and just society. The CFMS also recognizes the importance of advocacy, especially on behalf of marginalized populations, in addressing health disparities. In alignment with these values, the National Officer of Human Rights and Peace (NORP) has a mandate to develop a national advocacy campaign on behalf of the CFMS, in collaboration with local member schools, as it relates to the upholding of human rights and the promotion of global peace.

## Term

1. The position of NORP is a one-year position. The NORP is recruited through the Spring Nominations Committee process granting a transition period until they assume office immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the same year.

## Accountability

2. This position reports to the Director of Global Health (Dir. GH).
3. Positions/committees that report to this position:
  - 3.1. CFMS Human Rights and Peace Committee
  - 3.2. Task forces, working groups and sub-committees within the CFMS Global Health Advocacy framework.

## Responsibilities

4. Connect: The NORP will
  - 4.1. serve as chair of the CFMS Human Rights & Peace committee.
  - 4.2. liaise directly with the Dir. GH on an ongoing basis to advance the strategic direction of the GH Portfolio.
  - 4.3. lead a meeting of Global Health Advocates (GHAs) annually at the CFMS Day of Action unless otherwise directed by the CFMS Board of Directors.

5. Support: The NORP will
  - 5.1. support the GHAs in leading and implementing projects and initiatives in global health under a unifying theme that is not explicitly defined under the mandates of the other CFMS Global Health national officers.
  - 5.2. support the CFMS Government Affairs portfolio in the organization of the CFMS National Day of Action.
  - 5.3. understand and document Global Health advocacy projects occurring at CFMS member schools.
  - 5.4. disseminate opportunities or resources with regard to Global Health advocacy to GHAs.
  - 5.5. actively seek and maintain new Global Health Advocacy external partnerships in collaboration with the National Officer of Partnerships (NOP).
  - 5.6. disseminate information about initiatives and projects organized through the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace (SCORP).
  - 5.7. work alongside the Dir. GH to develop and coordinate the CFMS Global Health Advocacy portfolio.
  - 5.8. ensure adequate transition with the incoming NORP upon completion of their term.
  - 5.9. attend bi-monthly Global Health National Officer teleconferences.
  
6. Represent: The NORP will
  - 6.1. represent the CFMS to the IFMSA SCORP.
  - 6.2. serve on other external committees as delegated by the Dir. GH.
  - 6.3. serve as a spokesperson for the CFMS on matters related to Global Health Advocacy as delegated by the Dir. GH.

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