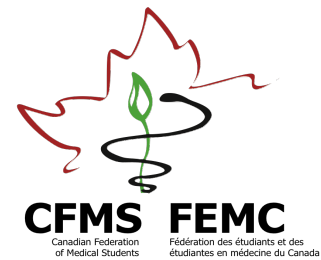


# NATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

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## I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

The National Officer of Research (NOR) position was created to support the translation of CFMS projects into peer reviewed works. The NOR will be responsible for organizing the agenda of the CFMS Research Program and to provide support to all portfolios of the CFMS to coordinate research initiatives.

## II. ACTIVITIES

### *Survey Policy*

My focus this year has been developing a survey policy for the CFMS. Policy development involved research regarding optimal survey technique. I utilized primary literature and also contacted the survey coordinator for the Resident Doctors of Canada (RDoc) organization for additional mentorship. RDoc administers a regular survey of resident physicians in Canada, and the organization kindly provided me with some information about the challenges they've faced and the strategies they employ in their surveys. In consultation with the outgoing CFMS President and attaché to the Director of Education, we've also added some information about the logistics of the survey submission and approval process into this piece.

I am pleased to report that a tentative policy paper has been completed, with input from the outgoing CFMS President, incoming Director of Education (Rishi Sharma) and NOR Jr (Lia Huo, now incoming NOR Jr). I understand that a resolution has been submitted for the AGM and the policy will be brought to the AGM for discussion with the membership.

### *Research Committee Activities*

As a committee, the Research portfolio has been further developing our Research Highlights program to showcase medical student research. This project was initiated last year by a member of the Education Committee. We faced some initial challenges related to handover from last year and some problems with the CFMS website, but we are on track for an anticipated first publication shortly after the AGM. The NOR Jr has been working to develop a database for internal organization of research projects (see NOR Jr report for details on the database project). As the NOR Sr., I also developed an updated TOR for the NOR position and an inaugural TOR for the Research Committee.

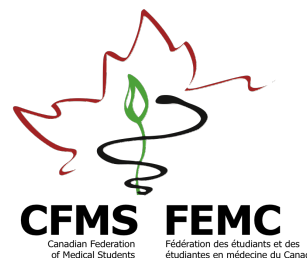
After the SGM, the committee focused on developing member resources and created infographics about these to share with the membership. Topics included funding opportunities for medical students, Canadian medical organization for medical students and poster templates. These resources have been submitted by Lia (former NOR Jr, incoming NOR Sr) for posting to the CFMS website.

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## III. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Location
Nov 17 2018	NOR Jr Interview Debrief #1	Teleconference
Nov 18 2018	NOR Jr Interview Debrief #2	Teleconference
Jan 12 2019	Research Committee Oversight Meeting	Teleconference
Jan 30 2019	Research Committee Teleconference #1	Teleconference
Apr 12-13 2019	CFMS SGM	Niagara Falls
April 24 2019	Research Committee Teleconference #2	Teleconference
June 27 2019	Meeting with Ontario Lead re: survey policy	Teleconference
July 2 2019	Research Committee Teleconference #3	Teleconference

## V. CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the Research Committee has produced the following items this year:

- (1) a CFMS Internal Survey Policy (to be brought forward to the 2019 AGM)
- (2) a database to assist in the organization of internal CFMS research projects (see NOR Jr's report for details)
- (3) an informal publication to showcase medical student research, "Research Highlights"
- (4) additional member resources to be disseminated via the CFMS website as previously discussed.

This was our inaugural year as a committee, and I am pleased to report that we have had a fun and productive tenure!

**Raechelle Gibson, CFMS NOR Sr. 2018-19**