

## JESSE LAFONTAINE - CURRICULUM VITAE

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

<b>University of Alberta (UofA)</b>	<b>2020-2027</b>
Doctor of Medicine (MD) Candidate	
<b>University of Oxford</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
Master of Public Policy (MPP), studying as a Rhodes Scholar	
Master's Capstone Project: Emerging Challenges in Canadian Health Data Interoperability	
<b>University of Oxford</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Master of Science (MSc) in Applied Digital Health, studying as Rhodes Scholar	
Master's Dissertation: Impact of the Social Media Industry as a Commercial Determinant of Health on Adolescent Obesity	
<b>University of British Columbia - Okanagan (UBCO)</b>	<b>2016-2020</b>
Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours, Major in Chemistry	
Honours Thesis: Student Perceptions of Value & Meaningfulness in First-Year Chemistry Lab	

### HIGHLIGHTED POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

<b>National Consortium for Indigenous Medical Education, <i>Member</i></b>	<b>2021-2024</b>
Collaborating to improve admission processes and support Indigenous medical students during key transitions in medical training as part of the Admissions and Transitions working group.	
<b>Indigenous Medical Students' Association of Canada, <i>Co-Founder &amp; Co-Chair</i></b>	<b>2020- 2022</b>
Developed the first national association for Indigenous medical students to build community, strengthen advocacy efforts to increase Indigenous representation and empower Indigenous voices.	
<b>UofA Medical Students' Association, <i>President</i></b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
Represented over 650 medical students while overseeing the work of 8 executive members, 49 councillors and 10 officers, coordinated all matters related to representation, education, and social programming of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry student body, locally and nationally.	

### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

<b>Parliamentary Intern Program (PIP), <i>Intern</i></b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
Participated in a 10-month non-partisan internship, working in the offices of government and opposition Members of Parliament (MPs), conducting academic research, and engaging in legislative study tours.	
<b>Canadian Medical Association, <i>Health Policy Intern</i></b>	<b>2024</b>
Conducted research, collaborated and consulted with partners, and produced critical recommendations to advance health data interoperability in Canada.	
<b>Rhodes Trust, <i>Summer Intern</i></b>	<b>2023</b>
Led development of outreach and communication strategy report for Rhodes Scholarship in Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong constituencies.	
<b>Government of Canada, <i>Policy Analyst</i></b>	<b>2022</b>
Supported development and implementation of policy initiatives for the Indigenous Relations Unit of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada across the Ontario and Prairies region.	

## **EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENTS**

Rhodes Scholarship, <i>Outreach Ambassador</i>	2025-Present
UofA Medicine MMI and Indigenous Panel, <i>Interviewer</i>	2022-Present
Canadian Fed. of Med Students (CFMS) Governance Committee, <i>Member</i>	2022-Present
Oxford Global Leadership Initiative, <i>Participant</i>	2024
CFMS Education Report Card Task Force, <i>Lead</i>	2023-2024
CFMS Accreditation and Evaluation Task Force, <i>Member</i>	2023-2024
Rhodes Science Communication & Open Science: Lecture Series, <i>Organizer</i>	2023-2024
Oxford Commercial Determinants of Health Research Group, <i>Member</i>	2023-2024
RISE Global Scholar Program, <i>Selector</i>	2023, 2024
Rhodes Policy Summit on Pandemic Preparedness, <i>Planning Committee</i>	2023
Canadian Medical Foundation Working Group on Licensure, <i>Representative</i>	2023
Oxford Jesus College, Middle Common Room, <i>Secretary</i>	2023
UofA Medical Student Political Day of Action, <i>Participant</i>	2021, 2022
BC Métis Nation Youth Education Promotion, <i>Committee Member</i>	2021-2022
UofA Faculty of Medicine Lifesaver Debate, <i>Creator and Co-Organizer</i>	2021-2022
UofA Medicine Accreditation Committee, <i>Student Representative</i>	2021-2022
UofA General Faculties Council (GFC), <i>Elected Student Representative</i>	2021-2022
GFC Council on Student Affairs, <i>Committee Member</i>	
UofA Indigenous Med & Dental Students' Assoc., <i>VP Advocacy &amp; External</i>	2021-2022
Alberta Health Services, Quality Improvement, Summer Student Project: Enhancing the Adoption of MyAHSCConnect Patient Portal	2021
UofA Medical School Class of 2024, <i>Class Representative</i>	2020-2021
Kelowna Minor Basketball Association, <i>Executive Board Member</i>	2019-2021
UBCO Senate, <i>Elected Student Representative</i>	2019-2020
Senate Academic Building & Resources Committee, <i>Member</i>	
Academic Policy Standing Committee, <i>Member</i>	
UBCO Life Raft Debate, <i>Creator &amp; Organizer</i>	2017-2020
UBCO Ice Cream Club, <i>Founder &amp; President</i>	2017-2020
UBCO Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, <i>Member</i>	2017-2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Lafontaine, J.**, Hanson, I., Wild, C. The impact of the social media industry as a commercial determinant of health on the digital food environment for children and adolescents: a scoping review. *BMJ Global Health* 2025. PMID: 39971584
2. Acharya, N., Hess, S., Kuchler, H., **Lafontaine, J.**, Malan, M., Rai, T., van der Westhuizen, H.M. Negotiating the media's role during pandemics: recommendations for future preparedness. *BMJ Global Health* 2023. PMID: 38084480
3. Durand-Moreau, Q., **Lafontaine, J.**, Ward, J. Work and health challenges of Indigenous people in Canada. *Lancet Global Health* 2022. PMID: 35839817

## **INTERESTS & HOBBIES**

Ice cream enthusiast | Nature and hiking explorer | Podcast lover | Passionate advocate for health policy | Currently learning French | Avid traveler | Basketball and wheelchair basketball referee