




6for6 A RESEARCH SKILLS PROGRAM for RURAL AND REMOTE DOCTORS

6for6 is a 2 year research skills program for rural and remote family doctors. Bi-annually, six doctors from different rural and remote regions will be accepted to complete this Mainpro C-accredited program which supports rural doctors in pursuing research relevant to their practices and their communities.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.mun.ca/medicine/familymedicine/for-faculty/six-for-six>

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6for6 Website



6for6 Program



"The program gives me the support and mentorship I need to pursue some of the research questions that have arisen from my practice. 6for6 has given me the collegial and intellectually challenging environment I needed to complement my clinical work."

6for6 Participant

GOAL

The main goal of the 6for6 program is to support rural and remote doctors in pursuing research relevant to their practices and their communities. These skills, in turn, will enable participants to help create a research initiative in their region by supporting others.

WHY HAS 6FOR6 BEEN DEVELOPED?

Rural doctors often face greater challenges compared to their urban counterparts given the often extended workload, hours, resident teaching time in underserved communities, and the relative lack of a community of practice and research assistance supporting scholarly research. The 6for6 program aims to address these issues.

Given the right circumstances, this program could also assist with recruitment and retention of doctors to rural and remote regions of the province who are interested in rural health research.

THE NEED FOR THE PROGRAM

The need for a rural and remote research capacity building strategy and faculty development program tailored to the needs of rural and remote doctors was identified following a thorough evaluation of current programs and extensive research involving a literature search, environmental scan, key informant interviews, a focus group session, and need assessment surveys.

WHAT IS 6FOR6?

6for6 is a family medicine initiative of Memorial's Faculty of Medicine. It is a flexible, self-paced learner-centered program that utilizes a blended learning model involving eLearning (web-based and mobile learning with eModules, audio, and video podcasts) and face-to-face learning. It is based on sound educational curriculum development principles and entails synchronous and asynchronous learning models.

Each 6for6 participant will be paired with a personal mentor and will avail of the support of a dedicated research assistant. These supports are in place to help participants navigate through the program and to assist each participant with the development of their individual research projects.

Upon completion of 6for6, participants will each receive a Certificate of Achievement in Rural Research and Scholarship and will be able to use their knowledge to help build and lead regional networks of rural and remote doctors in their respective communities.

*"I'm a different practitioner now...
Scholarly work has woven itself into my
life. I'm hooked."*

6for6 Participant

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this program, you must:

- Be a rural or remote family physician, non-GFT
- Have no certification in advanced research skills
- Be able to commit the time to participate in the program

APPLICATION PROCESS

Participants will be accepted bi-annually in the fall based on their global geographical location, research interest, and leadership skills. Those interested in applying to the program will be required to submit a letter of intent expressing why they are interested in the program and how participating in the program can benefit them as a researcher and clinician. Those interested should also express how their project will potentially impact practice within their community. Letters of intent should be sent to 6for6@med.mun.ca.

A committee will then review the submissions and notify the top ten candidates who will then be invited to submit their full application.

To apply or for a listing of the relevant submission/notification dates, please visit:

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