



The MD Undergraduate Admissions Office would like to invite you to apply to participate as an interviewer during the Northern and Rural Panel Interviews. The Northern and Rural Panel Interviews will provide invited applicants who applied through the Northern and Rural Application Pathway the opportunity to express their interest in rural medicine, highlight their rural experiences and connections and speak to their suitability for the Northern and Rural seats in the MD Undergraduate Program. The MD Admissions Office is seeking participation from clinicians, faculty, community members, and medical students who call the many northern and rural regions of British Columbia home. The Northern and Rural Panel Interviews will be taking place virtually through video conferencing technology.

Please take some time to review the following considerations in order to determine whether this is an event you wish to participate in.

- Do you currently live in a Northern or Rural location in British Columbia?
- Do you have access to a reliable internet connection?
- Do you have access to a laptop or computer that includes an operational webcam and microphone? (Please note, the use of an iPad or Tablet is not compatible with the interview platform)
- Are you comfortable participating in a video-chat environment for several hours in a day?
- Is your computer located or can be moved into a space at home/office that will be quiet and private for an extended period of time?

**The Northern and Rural Panel Interview date for this cycle is:**

- Sunday, February 9, 2025

**A virtual interviewer training session** will take place on **Thursday, February 6. Attendance of this training session is mandatory for all interviewers.** Interviewers must be available for at least one half day of interviewing (7:00 AM – 1:00 PM or 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM).

Please note that you cannot be an interviewer if you, a family member, personal friend, or close acquaintance is applying for medical school this year or in the near future.

If you would like to participate as a Northern and Rural Interviewer, please review the information below and follow the instructions provided to submit an application. Please note, this is the same application used to apply to participate both as an interviewer during the 2025 Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI) and as an interviewer during the 2025 Northern and Rural Panel Interviews (NRPI). When completing the application, please indicate your interest in participating during the MMI, the NRPI or both. The application will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and is **due Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 11:59 PM PST**. The application asks for information about your background and availability, both of which will be taken into consideration as we try to include participants from across British Columbia, the Faculty of Medicine and community, and not simply those associated with the MD program. When completing the application, please use any web browser other than Internet Explorer, as there are known system compatibility issues.



If you have any additional questions regarding either the MMI or the Northern and Rural Panel Interviews, please contact the MD Admissions Office at [interviews.md@exchange.ubc.ca](mailto:interviews.md@exchange.ubc.ca).

For help completing the application please review our comprehensive [Help Guide](#).

We know that your time is valuable, and we thank you for considering this important role in our admissions selection process. Without the support of people like you we would not be able to evaluate so many qualified applicants.

Sincerely,

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## MD Undergraduate Admissions Northern & Rural Panel Interviews 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

UBC MD Undergraduate Program would like you to consider becoming an interviewer

### *How do I apply?*

- The system does not work well with Internet Explorer . Use any other browser   
- **Returning interviewers:** <https://www.oas.med.ubc.ca/security/login.aspx>
- **New interviewers:** [https://www.oas.med.ubc.ca/security/new\\_interviewer.aspx](https://www.oas.med.ubc.ca/security/new_interviewer.aspx)
- **Need Help? Check out our [Help Guide!](#)**

### *What part does the panel interview play?*

- Panel interviews are conducted for the most competitive applicants who applied through the Northern and Rural Application Pathway and were invited to interview after a preliminary evaluation to the MD Undergraduate Program has been completed.

### *Who gets a panel interview?*

- The candidates deemed most competitive for the Northern and Rural positions available in the MD Undergraduate Program who have been invited to the MMI, as based on their rural and remote suitability score.

### *What is the format of the panel interview?*

- Each panel will consist of 2 interviewers whom each have strong connections to a Northern or Rural region or location in British Columbia.
- Each panel interview lasts for 20-minutes, allowing each panel to assess an applicant's suitability for Northern or Rural learning and practice.

### *Who are the panel interviewers?*

- The interviewers are chosen to represent the interests of the province and the medical school in selecting the best candidates to be future students, colleagues, and physicians.
- Interviewers are a mix of academics, faculty members, clinicians, community representatives, patients and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year UBC medical students, and represent the wide range of Northern and Rural locations and communities within BC.

### *What are the requirements for becoming an interviewer?*

- Interviewers must reside in a Northern or Rural location in BC, and have strong connections to these regions and their communities.
- Previous interviewing experience is preferred but not required.
- Interviewers must complete a simple ~10-minute application.
- **To avoid conflict of interest, we cannot consider someone who has or knows of a family member, or other personal relationship that can be reasonably construed as a conflict of interest (friend, close acquaintance, etc.) applying to the UBC Faculty of Medicine MD Undergraduate Program either currently or in the near future. We also cannot consider someone who is thinking about applying to medicine in the future.**
- After all applications are submitted, the NRPI Interview Administrative Team will review all applications.
- In order to ensure diversity with our interview pool, interviewers are selected based on their background, regional distribution, and availability. If you are not selected to interview this year, we strongly encourage you to apply again as we attempt to have both new and returning interviewers every year.



- Please keep in mind that certain categories of interviewers often generate more interest than others, and in order to uphold our commitment to diversity we will unfortunately be unable to accommodate all interested parties. Because of this, if you are not invited to interview this year we will keep you in our database and notify you of future opportunities (unless you advise us otherwise).

#### ***What is the time commitment?***

- Each interview shift will be a half-day in duration. Interviewers need to be available from approximately 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM or 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM depending on their scheduled shift.
- All interviewers must participate in a comprehensive virtual training session in advance of the interview weekend.

#### ***When are the compulsory Training Session and the interviews?***

- **Virtual training session: Thursday, February 6, 2025**
- **Interviews: Sunday, February 9, 2025**

#### ***Where are the panel interviews?***

- **All panel interviews will be held virtually through video conferencing technology.** Specific instructions and training will be provided to all interviewers scheduled to participate.

#### ***How will panel interviewers be compensated?***

- Participation as an interviewer is voluntary and we are grateful for your interest in selecting our future medical students.
- Skip the Dishes vouchers will be provided in advance of interview events to compensate for meals.

#### ***When is the application deadline?***

- Applications must be received by October 31, 2024 at 11:59 PM PST.

#### ***When will I know if I have been selected to be an interviewer?***

- All applicants will be notified via email by early December.

#### **Consider Helping Choose BC's Future Physicians!**

Thank you for your interest. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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