

McMaster Clinician Investigator Program (CIP) Information Sheet

What is CIP and what are its goals?

- Royal College accredited program.
- Encourages and facilitates research training by physicians.
- Usually starts on completion of a (any) residency program, but can overlap with residency training.
- Trainees must enroll in a MSc or PhD program (often in Health Research Methodology, Medical Sciences, or Biochemistry). CIP can help with this process. Occasionally, trainees have already completed a PhD and are in a postgraduate fellowship position.

What does CIP offer trainees?

- Links to postgraduate degree programs
- Monthly academic sessions with experts
- Royal College certification as a “Clinician Investigator”

What does CIP offer residency programs?

- A complimentary resource and opportunity for residents considering a “research fellowship”.
- CIP may appeal to medical students who are applying to core programs, or residents who are applying to subspecialty programs, making residency programs more competitive.

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