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We are excited to offer a unique and fulfilling opportunity for family physicians in the Niagara Region who are passionate about both patient care and advancing the field of family medicine through research. This position is not just about practicing medicine—it is about innovation and growth. You will have the chance to produce valuable research, integrate evidence-based findings into your practice, and contribute to the evolution of healthcare delivery. This role is perfect for physicians who are eager to blend clinical excellence with scholarly work, driving positive change for patients and the community. Join us in delivering exceptional care and shaping the future of healthcare in Niagara through leadership, innovation and lasting impact.

The Niagara professorship, which has been realized through the generosity of a number of local donors, was created to recognize, encourage and grow Family Medicine research within the Niagara Region and to encourage scholarship and teaching within Family Medicine locally. This professorship will be awarded to a family physician for an initial 5-year term renewable for up to a total period of 10 years.

It is expected that the family physician who holds this professorship currently practices or will practice clinically within the Niagara region and currently holds or will hold a faculty appointment in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. They will be accountable to the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine with oversight and direction from the Regional Assistant Dean for the Niagara Regional Campus of the Michael DeGroote School of Medicine (or a local family medicine leader as designated by the Chair). They will also work closely with the Niagara Site Director for Family Medicine residency and research leadership at the Niagara Regional Campus and in the Department of Family Medicine.

The goal of the professorship is to further scholarly pursuits and knowledge translation particularly in care of equity deserving and underserved populations in the Niagara region. Academic work may focus on populations including, but not limited to, those living in poverty, those with insecure or without housing, seasonal agricultural workers, refugees, those who have been involved with sex trafficking or other members of underserved populations. An understanding of and interest in the needs of Indigenous people living in the Niagara region would be important for the person holding this position.

The professorship resources will be used to support the scholarly work of the family medicine professor. This may include remuneration for protected time for academic work of a physician as negotiated with the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine (up to one half day per week at \$30 000 annually), and for administrative and/or research support staff and other associated costs of scholarly work by this individual. The funding available through the professorship totals \$45 000 annually.

It is expected that the professorship incumbent will be active in teaching through the Niagara Regional Campus and will disseminate their scholarly findings locally and more widely, as applicable. The incumbent will also prepare an annual report of the previous year's activities for submission to the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University and Niagara Regional Campus Regional Assistant Dean.

Applications are welcome from physicians currently practising in Niagara or from physicians looking to relocate to Niagara. Interested applicants from outside the Region can be connected with local physician recruiters to learn about clinical practice opportunities. Early career physicians are encouraged to consider this position and to view this as an opportunity to grow their academic skills while they establish their clinical practice.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please reach out to Dr. Amanda Bell, Regional Assistant Dean, Niagara Regional Campus at: bellam@mcmaster.ca.