

February 8, 2022

Unmatched Peer Mentorship Network



Dear Resident Doctors of Canada,

Every year in anticipation of match day, the CFMS organizes a network of students, residents and faculty who have previously gone unmatched in preparation for pairing them with an unmatched student from the current year to provide them with advice and support.

We understand that going unmatched is incredibly overwhelming, and that many of the parties these students meet with will have their own priority and agenda. We believe that previous students who have been in their position are their best resource.

We are hoping to gather (and maintain) a group of previously unmatched students who will be able to support students who go unmatched this year. The person receiving the submissions to the form is myself, Victoria Turnbull, the Director of Education. If you have any questions, please direct them to me at education@cfms.org. Having gone unmatched myself, I understand how important your privacy is, but also how important the need to be able to talk to peer mentors for support is.

We greatly appreciate all the individuals who have already come forward and those who will volunteer to participate with this program. If you have already provided your contact information through this form in 2022, you do not need to do so again. This form has been widely distributed and is the same one that was emailed to prior mentor participants in this program.

These names will be maintained on a locked and confidential list within the Education Portfolio documents to be used in later years to grow a wide database of peer supporters. Contact information, names and school will ONLY be shared with the student(s) you are paired with to support, and with the annual Education Director for the purposes of this pairing. If you do not wish for your information to be stored beyond this year, you may opt out of that process through the google form.

Please note that match day for this year is **April 12th**, however many students will learn of their match status on **April 11th** and will potentially reach out on either day.

We are also hoping to put together a small book of advice from unmatched students to send to students who reach out to us and to potentially maintain on our website. While this Google form is being used to collect your name for the peer support list, any advice you provide with this form will be published confidentially and anonymously. If you give consent (on this form), we will publish your advice with your initial specialty of interest, but never with your name or contact information.

Please find the associated google form here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRol1H6oxBPpN0cBrEnKjsGNVaAmF_X-Ue1LySr8H4z3TtgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Turnbull', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Victoria Turnbull
Interim Director of Education, Ontario Regional Director
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