



PROJECT 2022 MEDICAL RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL, MINORITY AND REMOTE AREAS

PROJECT INTENTION:

The RÉSEFAN supports and facilitates the implementation of two medical research internships involving placement sites and the community in order to develop new knowledge on primary health care in Nunavut.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To increase knowledge and collect data on the issues, the organization or the access pertaining to healthcare services, especially in the area of primary care.

To award two medical research scholarships and develop knowledge in rural, minority and remote areas.

To contribute to attracting and recruiting health and social services human resources to Nunavut.

PROJECT DURATION:

1 year (April 2021-March 2022 –
Funded on an annual basis)

INITIATIVES AND BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

- Welcoming of trainees to placement sites and into the community.
- Knowledge development and data collection on the issues, organization or access pertaining to healthcare services in rural, minority and remote areas.
- Access to French-language services during internships.
- Diversification of partners and internship areas.

PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS:

- University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine Office of Francophone Affairs
- Government of Nunavut Department of Health, Medical Affairs Division
- Dr. Patrick Foucault, physician at Qikiqtani General Hospital and Territorial Director of medical education

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Took part in selecting themes for research projects submitted by the supervisor. Supported two projects: Improving the Family and Caregiver Experience at Aakuluk Clinic: evaluation research and Evaluation of the Iqaluit Learners Website.
- Served on the Student Selection Committee. Worked with two scholarship trainees from the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine: Christine Paquette Cannalonga and Juliette Thibaudeau.
- Provided orientation, early on in the internships, on the placement sites, the Franco-Nunavummiut community and the work carried out by the RÉSEFAN, and provided support during and toward the end of the internships.
- Provided on-site reception during a visit to the Qikiqtani General Hospital and organized information gathering.
- Took part in the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine Research Day on September 24, 2021. (The videos of the two intern presentations are available on our website under the tab *Stages et emplois – Cohorte SAIP 2021-2022*: <https://resefan.ca/cohorte-saip-2021-2022/>)

