Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on receiving an invitation to interview for the Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program! You should be so incredibly proud of yourself, as you have been hand-selected from a highly competitive pool of thousands of applicants for this cutting-edge program. The Class of 2028 remembers being in your position this time last year, and we are all rooting for your success!

As the Class of 2028, our goal is to help make your interview weekends as smooth and comfortable as possible. We want to show you that Queen's is the most supportive and collegial place to train in the country! Our medical faculty highly prioritizes developing collaborative skills, and early interaction with patients, community partners, and award-winning faculty. Personnel in the School of Medicine have made it their mission to set you on a trajectory to an impactful and enjoyable career in family medicine. In our time together, we also hope to show you the advantages of training in the Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine program. This program includes access to unparalleled facilities and family physicians practicing in Durham Region, who are extremely passionate about supporting students in their journey.

You're probably thinking — "How can you show me anything that you just described if interviews are online?". Queen's has been facilitating online interviews for the past four cycles, and have received tons of positive feedback from prior applicants about our remote interview programming. During the interview weekend, we will do our best to highlight the benefits of training at Queen's, including our state-of-the-art facilities, commitment to equity and inclusion, and student life. We hope to get you as excited about Queen's as we are — and take it from us, we're obsessed with QMed!

From now on, we are here for you. Please let us know how we can make your interview weekend experience comfortable and enjoyable! Our Elentra homepage (which you've gotten access to in your interview invite) includes information so you can learn more about life as a QMed student at the Lakeridge Health campus in Oshawa.

On behalf of the Class of 2028, **congratulations** again on your interview invitation! No matter how nervous you might be for interview weekend, remember that your invitation is an unambiguous message from the School of Medicine: *We want to meet you!* Even if you might not believe it right now (trust us, we didn't either!), there is a reason why you have been selected to move onto this stage of the application process. If there is one piece of advice we can provide, it is to truly enjoy the interview process — the hardest part of the medical application grind is over, and it is time to share those experiences with others who are as passionate about family medicine as you are!

In the meantime, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at qmedinterviews@gmail.com (we mean it!).

Sincerely yours,

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