Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on receiving an invitation to interview at the Queen's School of Medicine, or as we call it, QMed! Consider for a moment that this is no small feat. You have all been hand-selected from thousands of competitive applicants, and for that you should be proud! As representatives of the Class of 2025, we remember receiving our interview invites last year, and know exactly what it's like to be in your shoes.

As the Class of 2025, our goal is to make this interview weekend as comfortable and stress-free as possible. We know how important this weekend is to you. 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 our time together, we also hope to show you the advantages of training at an institution like Queen's, which is unparalleled in its facilities and steadfast commitment to students and living in Kingston – a truly unique blend of culture and history.

Now, we know what you're thinking- "How can you show me anything that you just described if interviews are online this year"? We are now entering our third year of online interviews and have gotten tons of positive feedback from prior applicants about our remote interview programming. During 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.

On behalf of the Class of 2025, congratulations again on your interview invitation! No matter how nervous you might be for interview day, 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 medicine as you are!

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

Sincerely yours,

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