Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on receiving an invitation to interview for the Queen's-Lakeridge Health MD Family Medicine Program! You should be so proud of this incredible feat, as you all have been hand-selected from a highly competitive pool of thousands of applicants. As representatives of the Lakeridge Class of 2027, we remember receiving our interview invites this past cycle for this exciting new program, and know what it's like to be in your shoes.

As the Class of 2027, our goal is to help make your interview weekend as smooth and stress-free 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 program, with unparalleled facilities and family physicians practicing in Durham Region, who are extremely passionate about and committed to 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 three 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 campus.

On behalf of the Class of 2027, **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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