



The Centre of Excellence for the Advancement of Applied Health Sciences Education

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Dear Members of Parliament,

On behalf of the Michener Institute of Education at UHN, many congratulations on your election to the office of Member of Parliament for Canada! Your dedication to public service is greatly appreciated and we look forward to partnering with you to shape the future of health care in Canada.

In December 2015, The Michener Institute for the Applied Health Sciences and the University Health Network in Toronto integrated to form a new entity called the Michener Institute of Education at UHN. Together, we have created a first-of-its-kind education model in Canada by embedding a school within the largest health care network in Canada. The Michener Institute of Education at UHN is comprised of a school of applied health sciences and seven centres of research excellence. They are: the Wilson Centre for Research in Education, the HoPingKong Centre for Excellence in Education and Practice, the Centre for Interprofessional Education, the Temerty-Chang Telesimulation Centre, the DeSousa Institute, the Advanced Imaging and Education Centre and the UHN International Centre for Education. Continued support of these world-class researchers and research centres of excellence is essential in order to advance the science of teaching, learning and clinical practice – and bridge the worlds of discovery research and clinical practice.

The most significant benefit of this new model is the ability to integrate education with clinical practice and research in innovative and novel ways – the result of which will transform patient care. While basic science research is essential to advancing understanding and treatment of disease, equally important is research into educational models that foster the translation of new knowledge into clinical practice. From discovery research to research about how discoveries are being used at the bedside, the Michener Institute of Education at UHN is committed to ensuring we contribute to the production, translation and practical application of research evidence.

With this in mind, we support Research Canada's critical mission to advocate for health research funding across the continuum of discovery in the health sciences. We look forward to working together with all parties and all members of parliament to advance research and innovation in health care; ultimately improving patient care through research informed education and practice.

Sincerely,

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