

Financial support

The majority of visitors will be funded through their employers and not receive financial support from the University or their host Department during their stay.

In some cases, a visitor may negotiate a stipend from the host Department. When this occurs, the amount will be clearly stated on the letter of appointment.

In order for a stipend to be paid, you must have valid work authorization and a Social Insurance Number (SIN). You will also need to go through a sign in process with Human Resources where other information may be requested.

For information on how obtain an SIN, please refer to this website:

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/>

If you have any further questions related to your visiting faculty appointment at McMaster University, please contact the Chair/ Associate Dean and/or Manager of the Academic Department/School in which your appointment resides.

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Information for



Visiting Faculty

Welcome to McMaster University's Faculty of Health Sciences.

We are unique in Canada as a Faculty that trains physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, physician assistants and midwives to work together as part of effective health care teams to provide the finest patient care.



Our Faculty thrives on a team approach to health care that goes beyond the tenet of various professionals interfacing with the patient and family. This approach represents a true partnership between the community and the University. Within McMaster's health care group is a broad spectrum of staff, faculty, students, alumni and community supporters, and our clinical partners.

Visiting Faculty Appointments

The title of "Visiting Lecturer", "Visiting Assistant Professor", "Visiting Associate Professor" and "Visiting Professor" are reserved for persons visiting for short periods from other universities or institutions.

International Visitors

As a Visiting Faculty member, you are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the appropriate immigration clearance for the duration of your visit.

You must contact Canadian immigration authorities directly to discuss your planned visit to Canada. The following link provides a list of Canadian Consulates, Embassies and High Commissions:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp>

As a Visiting Professor, you should be exempt from advance confirmation of employment provided that you hold a permanent position at a foreign academic institution. However, you will require a valid work permit.

In addition to a work permit, you may be required to provide financial details to confirm that you will have enough funding to support yourself for the length of your stay in Canada. You may also be required to obtain additional documentation before being permitted to enter Canada. Please access the above link and contact a Canadian Consulate, Embassy or High Commission to determine the work permit application process and whether any such additional documents are required.

Patient Care and Clinical Activities

Visiting faculty whose appointments may involve clinical activities including patient care will be clearly stated in the letter of offer. Any patient contact is conditional upon obtaining and maintaining a valid license to practice medicine in Ontario, and holding an active medical staff appointment and privileges at Hamilton Health Sciences/ St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton. Your Academic Department can assist you with these processes.



Health Insurance

The University has arranged for non-resident health care protection through the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). You and your dependents must enroll in this plan as soon as you arrive in Ontario unless you can provide proof of equivalent health insurance coverage. Please contact FHS Human Resources at extension 22207 upon your arrival at McMaster to discuss enrolment in this plan.