

The Bernie O'Brien Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Faculty of Health Sciences
McMaster University

To honour Bernie O'Brien and his enthusiasm for mentoring young researchers, the *Bernie O'Brien Fellowship* will be awarded annually to exceptional post-doctoral fellows in health economics, health technology assessment, health policy analysis or related fields of research at McMaster University.

The Award

The award will recognize the successful candidate's excellence in academic endeavour and capacity to "innovate and discover" through their research. Post-doctoral fellows currently working in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CE&B) or potential post-doctoral fellows applying to work with faculty members in CE&B are eligible.

McMaster will award the Fellowship annually at any time during the year. Current holders may re-apply. Successful Fellows will use the award for professional development and for opportunities to visit other academic centres of excellence in their field.

Application and Award Process

After a call for nominations, CE&B faculty members will nominate potential post-doctoral fellows and ask them to prepare an application. The applicants will submit:

- 1. a cover letter**
- 2. curriculum vitae**
- 3. a brief description of their program of research, and**
- 4. a note concerning how they intend to spend the travel subsidy and why.**

Their faculty nominator will write:

- 5. a letter of support.**

Decisions on awarding the Fellowship will be made by a Committee made up of:

- the Director of the Program for Assessment of Technology in Health
- the Director of the Centre for Evaluation of Medicines
- the Director of the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, and
- the Chair of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Preference will be given to applicants working in the areas of health economics, health technology assessment and health policy analysis, supervised by faculty members with Full-Time, Joint or Associate appointments in CE&B. Expertise in more than one of these fields will carry more weight.

The successful applicant will be called the "Bernie O'Brien Fellow" and will acknowledge the award in publications and presentations made while holding the Fellowship.