

Educational Scholarship Enhancement Committee
Terms of Reference
Updated September 2024

Mandate:	The central purpose of the Educational Scholarship Enhancement Committee (ESEC) is to promote educational scholarship (research, teaching, innovation and application) in the Department of Paediatrics. The ESEC under the leadership of the Chair develops, implements and evaluates department wide initiatives to enhance the scholarship capacity of the Department.
Date Established:	March 2009
Last Revised:	2024
Report To:	Associate Chair, Education
Liaison With:	MEAC, SickKids Learning Institute and Research Institute, Wilson Centre for Research in Education, Centre for Faculty Development
Link to Departmental Strategic Directions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster an environment that promotes and rewards excellence in health professions education in the Department of Paediatrics and across TASHN • Foster an environment that advances scholarship and innovation in education with national/international impact
Functions and Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set standards for recognizing and rewarding educational scholarship across the Department • Contribute to the Department's strategic planning process • Organize and deliver Medical Education Day annually • Adjudicate the Paediatric Consultants Education Grants annually or bi-annually as required • Adjudicate internal competitions for external funding of health professions education proposals requiring matched funding from the Department • Develop and deliver faculty and learner development to support and enhance educational scholarship in Department of Paediatrics, U of T • Identify and keep track of educational scholarly activity taking place within the Department and contribute as required to Departmental accreditation and external review reports • Build organizational capacity for supporting educators in their scholarly activities • Provide mentorship to learners and faculty engaged in education scholarship • Develop opportunities for educators to network and collaborate with educational scholars across TASHN • Liaise and collaborate with individuals throughout SickKids and beyond with an interest and/or aptitude in program development and evaluation, mentorship and faculty development and educational research to develop and deliver educational offerings • Develop appropriate evaluation processes for assessing ESEC programs/innovations/interventions
Terms of Office (Chair):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perpetual (based on role)
Terms of Office (Members):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotating or Limited Term
Chair:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina Martinianakis, Scientist and Director of Medical Education Scholarship
Ex Officio Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelle Atkinson, Associate Chair Education
Criteria for Membership:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with expertise or building expertise in program development, evaluation, educational research, governance, pedagogy/teaching, faculty development and mentoring and the motivation to invest time in building and enhancing educational scholarship in the Department of Paediatrics • The committee should be broadly representative without overlapping with the MEAC membership. Membership will include, trainees, clinical educators and education researchers

Meeting Frequency:	2-4 time annually or at the discretion of the chair, inaugural meeting in March, 2009
Meeting Duration:	1 – 1.5 hours as required
Quorum:	Majority of members
Evaluation:	Annually of both ESEC and membership