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October Highlights

October has been a busy and productive month at the Faculty of Medicine! We were thrilled to host the first Molly Appeal Donor Appreciation Luncheon since the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to cancel events for the past few years. The Luncheon was a wonderful opportunity for donors, researchers, students, and community members to come together and celebrate the legacy of Molly Moore, and her passion for helping others.

This month we also got to share the first issue of our annual donor publication, *REMEDY Magazine*! Our inaugural issue is filled with exciting stories of medical research, education, and philanthropy here at Dal. We're thrilled to share this new endeavour with you, and hope you to share it with your neighbours, friends, and family members.

But that's not all! Read on for the latest and greatest updates in medical research and education at Dal from the month of October.



Faculty of Medicine launches REMEDY Magazine!

At Dalhousie, we believe in driving excellence in medical research and education, and that means setting up our research teams for success, in and out of the lab and classroom. Part of that is helping them to share the work they are doing with you, and with our community.

Ask an Expert: Fall is bringing an expected rise in COVID-19 cases, but one dominated by Omicron's close cousin

The world is witnessing a concerning rise in the cases of COVID-19 and the emergence of multiple subvariants linked to the Omicron strain of SARS-CoV-2, which are quickly overtaking their viral cousins.

A magnet for top research talent: Dal's new Research Chair Program

With global competition to recruit leading researchers becoming ever tighter, Dalhousie has established the new University Research Chair program to attract top talent. Designed to allow faculties to make globally competitive offers, the program is launching with four new chairs in the faculties of Health, Medicine, Computer Science and Agriculture.



News & Updates

More exciting updates from Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine are below. To learn more or donate, visit our [website](#).



New award encourages medical students to choose family medicine

A \$1.2-million gift from the Walker Wood Foundation will create a significant new award for Dalhousie medical students who pursue a residency in rural family medicine.

Starting in 2024, two graduating MD students will each receive a James Walker Wood, MD, Award in Medicine valued at \$100,000 – the largest individual prize for MD graduates at Dal's Faculty of Medicine. Recipients must be entering a Family Medicine Residency at Dalhousie in a rural or remote area in the Maritimes.

2023 Molly Appeal: Supporting Research Trainees Leads to Better Healthcare

Labs at Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine are made up of diverse, creative, brilliant research trainees. They are the ones in the lab coats, running experiments, and finding solutions to health challenges—big and small. There is a critical need to fund these students, who are at the apprenticeship stage of their careers and need financial support to allow them dedicated research time in the lab. Vibrant labs attract and retain the next generation of medical researchers, and at Dalhousie, we want the best of the best to come here, stay here, and grow Nova Scotia's knowledge economy.





Special Tax Webinar!

Join us for an exclusive live virtual presentation on **Income Tax Reduction and Estate Tax Elimination**. Join us on **November 7 at 3 p.m. (AST)** for this live webinar presentation.



2023 Molly Appeal Donor Appreciation Luncheon

The 2023 Molly Appeal Luncheon was back and in fine form on October 17th! With donors, researchers, research trainees, community members, partners, the Dean of Medicine and the President of Dalhousie University in attendance, the afternoon was filled with exciting conversation and passionate speeches. A lovely time was had by all!

Stay tuned in our next issue for photos and stories from our successful reincarnation of the long-loved luncheon event. To learn more about the Molly Appeal, visit MollyAppeal.ca.



Dalhousie places 7th in 2024 MacLean's University rankings of Canada's best medical doctoral universities

Dalhousie has maintained its seventh-place standing in [Maclean's ranking of Canada's best Medical Doctoral universities](#).

Among the 15 universities ranked in this category, Dal is tied for seventh place with the University of Calgary. McGill University, the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia once again placed in the top three spots in the category.

Within each category, *Maclean's* ranks universities based on 12 performance indicators with varying weighting. This year, Dalhousie placed in the top five among its cohort for six indicators — twice that of last year.

The university placed third for the percentage of budget devoted to funding scholarships and bursaries. Dal placed fourth for student/faculty ratio, for the number of students who win national awards, for the number of faculty who win major awards, and for the amount of money in the operating budget per full-time-equivalent student. The percentage of budget allocated to library services earned Dalhousie a fifth-place rank.

National perspective

Canada's most-referenced domestic university ranking, [Maclean's University Rankings](#) have been an annual feature in the current affairs magazine since 1991. The ranking separates the 50 participating Canadian universities into three categories: Medical Doctoral, Comprehensive and Primarily Undergraduate. Dalhousie's competes in the Medical Doctoral category as one of the 15 Canadian universities that provide a broad range of PhD programs, focus on research depth, and include medical schools.