

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

DURING RESIDENCY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Educational Leave?

A resident can request time off during their residency to pursue other educational interests on the basis that the academic program is relevant to their current medical training.

Will I be paid during this leave?

No, Educational Leave is unpaid.

Will I have access to health benefits on Educational Leave?

You will not have access to health benefits during unpaid Educational Leave.

Often residents receive benefits through the institution where they are studying. For example, if completing a Masters program at the University of Toronto you may receive health benefits as a student through the Graduate Student Union.

This factsheet was completed in August 2020 and the information may be subject to change.



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How long can I go on Educational Leave?

The maximum Educational Leave period is one year. Leaves of absence beyond one year will be assessed by the Program Director.

Who should I talk to if I want to take Educational Leave?

Educational Leave will be considered on an individual basis by the Program Director, in consultation with the Postgraduate Dean.

How can the Postgraduate Wellness Office help me?

The Postgraduate Wellness Office provides confidential guidance and support to residents and fellows. The Wellness Directors can provide further information that is not included on this sheet. The Wellness Consultants can provide psychotherapy and coaching for both personal and professional concerns you may be experiencing.

For more information on educational leave, please visit [UofT's Post Graduate Medical Education's Guidelines for Residency Leaves of Absence and Training Waivers.](#)

