

South Island FEI Society - Engagement Project Supports

Many supports exist to help Project Leads succeed with their engagement project work, including [FLEX Students](#), [Residents](#), and [Project Managers/Administrators](#).

FLEX Students

What is FLEX?

FLEX (Flexible and Enhanced Learning) is a series of three courses occurring in Years 1, 2 and 4 of the renewed UBC medical undergraduate program. It offers students exciting opportunities to pursue a variety of scholarly activities.

Why include a FLEX student?

By January of their first year, UBC medical students have completed the Foundations of Scholarship course, which gives them an excellent grounding in both quantitative and qualitative research techniques, ethics, and quality improvement. Many students have backgrounds in research prior to medical school. What they bring to a project is energy, enthusiasm, an ability to work with a team, and a beginner's mind perspective.

What can a FLEX student do?

Students can complete many tasks such as literature searches, constructing and administering surveys to patients and physicians, facilitating group discussions, and chart reviews for data extraction and summary. Physicians who have had FLEX student involvement in their projects in the past have found them to be a very positive addition. The students gain first-hand knowledge of issues and problems important to doctors, which is an important "real world" component of their education at this early stage.

Where can I find a FLEX student?

[Contact the South Island MSA](#) to be connected to one.

Can they be paid?

No, FLEX students cannot be paid for their project work. However, as part of the project team, FLEX students can partake in meals ordered for project meetings. The experience that they gain as part of a real-world project team is invaluable, and is an important part of their medical school experience.

Residents

Why include a Resident?

With additional clinical and real-world experience, Residents bring a fresh perspective to engagement project work. Their ability to build connections throughout the hospital gives the Resident invaluable personal and professional experience, and can count towards scholarly activity requirements during training. Projects benefit by having keen, insightful team members who can take on a number of tasks.

What can a Resident do?

Residents can complete many tasks such as literature searches, constructing and administering surveys to patients and physicians, facilitating group discussions, and chart reviews for data extraction and summary. They can also take on project management tasks, create clinical connections, and support the project lead.

Where can I find a Resident?

- You may already know or work with Residents, and you're welcome to connect with them directly.
- If not, [contact the South Island MSA](#) to be connected to one.

Can a Resident be paid?

No, per [JCC policy](#), residents cannot be paid for their project work. However, as part of the project team, Residents can partake in meals ordered for project meetings. The experience that they gain as part of a real-world project team is invaluable, as are the connections they make during the project work.

Project Manager/Administrator

Why include a Project Manager/Administrator?

Project Managers and Administrators remove the burden of administrative tasks from Physician Leads with greater efficiency and lower cost.

What can a Project Manager/Administrator do?

There are different levels of supports that a Project Lead might consider for their project:

- Project Managers specialize in developing project plans, following up on action items, and moving projects forward to completion.
- Project Administrators are expert at meeting logistics, setup, and minutes.

Where can I find a Project Manager/Administrator?

Many times, excellent Project Managers and Administrators are already part of a clinical team (Clinical Nurse Leaders, Educators, Allied Care Providers, Nursing Unit Assistants, etc.). A document outlining the role and reporting of 'internal' Project Managers or Administrators is available to ensure transparency.

The South Island MSA also has a list of vetted Project Managers and Administrators available to support projects. Please [contact the South Island MSA](#) for more information.

Can a Project Manager/Administrator be paid?

Yes. The South Island MSA offers an additional \$1,000 to projects looking to bring on a Project Manager or Administrator.