



CAME Voice/Voix

The Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) Foundation

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The Canadian Association for Medical Education Foundation was originally the inspiration of the late Dr. Meredith Marks. Since its inception in 2012, the Foundation's main purpose has been to raise funds to advance medical education in Canada through medical education scholarship. Fund raising activities include encouraging individual charitable donations and the Art Auction at the Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) in collaboration with White Coat Warm He(Art). To date there have been two main areas that funds have been directed to:

- The CAME Wooster Family Grant: The Wooster Family in Toronto have generously provided seed monies for this grant over the past 3 years. The CAME Foundation has been able to successfully match the donations through its fund raising efforts with the general CAME community. The Wooster Family Grant is now in its 3rd cycle of applications; its priority is to support medical faculty in the early phase of their careers. A total of six grants have been awarded to date, through a competitive process, to deserving educators who are delving into scholarship in undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional development areas. See the link to the winners at the end of this article for more details. The long-term impact of this work and on successful grant awardees is being followed.
- The Canadian Medical Education Journal (CMEJ): CMEJ is an online open access journal that publishes 3-4 times per year with a focus on research from and directly relevant to the Canadian context. See <https://journalhosting.ucalgary.ca/index.php/cmej> for more information. The CAME Foundation has been supporting the CMEJ's operational costs for several years. Building on the success achieved from the seed monies provided from the CAME Foundation, the CMEJ has now developed further partnerships and collaborations and is working towards operating independently.

The CAME Foundation continues to develop its mission to advance medical education in Canada and we would greatly appreciate your help with this. Monetary donations can be made by phone or online at the time of CAME membership application or renewal, or through in-kind donations through stocks and other funds. Charitable receipts are issued for all donations. Opportunities to donate are also available at the CAME Booth at various conferences and at the CAME Awards luncheon at CCME. In 2017, we raised over \$14,000 at the luncheon alone! The collaboration with White Coat Warm He(Art) and the art auction has also been a very successfully fundraising initiative over the past 4 years. Donations to the art auction are also most welcome.

If you wish to donate or get involved, please contact the CAME Foundation Manager, Mary Cunningham at mcunningham@afmc.ca or 613-730-0687 ext 238. We would love to hear your ideas around fundraising and/or how funds could be directed towards other activities to support medical education in Canada. Please consider supporting your colleagues in this truly Canadian enterprise!

Please click here for a link to this year's CAME Wooster Family Grant Award Winners: http://www.came-acem.ca/awards_wooster_grant_en.php