

Recognizing a Health Researcher who is **Changing the Face of New Brunswick**

Dr. J. Ted McDonald

Dr. McDonald is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of New Brunswick. While he does teach courses and supervise students in this discipline, he has also taken on some significant leadership responsibilities at the University with regard to health and health policy research. He is the Academic Director of the Statistics Canada New Brunswick Research Data Centre and is co-director (with Michael Haan) of the soon to be established New Brunswick Institute for Research, Data and Training (NB-IRDT). The latter institute is a cornerstone of the New Brunswick component of the Maritime SPOR SUPPORT Unit (MSSU). The MSSU is a Maritime collaborative (involving New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) within the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR), focusing on the infrastructure that is required to perform sophisticated analysis of administrative health data for research purposes. The Maritime collaborative provides the structure to expand such analysis throughout the region and potentially across the country in conjunction with other SUPPORT units in the rest of Canada.



Dr. McDonald graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia with a B.A. degree and then moved on to the University of Melbourne, Australia where he completed both his M.Sc. and PhD degrees in Economics. After five years at the University of Tasmania, he joined UNB in 2001. His areas of research include the socioeconomic determinants of cancer, immigrant health outcomes and health behaviours, and disparities in cancer screening in addition to an active program of research in labour economics. He was named a UNB University Research Scholar for 2012-14.

Dr. McDonald has attracted over \$1.5M in research and infrastructure funding since arriving at UNB. He has supervised more than 10 graduate students and also currently supervises three staff at the NB-IRDT. He has contributed over fifty scholarly articles and book chapters and is the first listed editor of a book on immigration in Canada (Canadian Immigration: Economic Evidence for a Dynamic Policy Environment 2010, Queen's McGill publisher).

In addition, he is actively involved in editorial, journal and conference review activities and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Economics Association and the Executive Committee of the Canadian Research Data Centre Network, and is also the Lead of the Data & Privacy/Confidentiality Committee of the MSSU.

By attracting talented researchers like Dr. McDonald to New Brunswick, we are contributing to the global effort to promote a healthy lifestyle. We are also creating a robust research environment that will generate, house and disseminate relevant health and health policy data and train our students to become the talented health researchers of tomorrow.

Please join us in saluting Dr. Ted McDonald, who is working hard to improve the health of New Brunswickers through the development and promotion of evidence-based health policy.

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