

# NEW ROLE

## Interim Accommodation Coordinator (IAC)

### What would be an appropriate referral to SAS to the Interim Accommodation Coordinator (IAC)?

Any student who presents with a disability requiring an interim (temporary) accommodation. For example: temporary injuries; concussion; an acute mental health crisis.

As stated in the [Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy](#), “An interim Academic Accommodation can be enacted on behalf of a student requesting an Academic Accommodation and implemented ‘in good faith’ pending receipt of supporting documentation for requests that related to a disability.” This includes students who may require accommodations within one academic term, or who may not have medical documentation.

It is not required that you refer to SAS if you are comfortable making the necessary arrangements for the student.

Referrals are at the discretion of the faculty advisors or instructors.

The IAC role is available to provide additional support, particularly in more complex situations where students may require additional supports or services.

### Who can make a referral?

Referrals can come from any department on campus, including instructors.

Students may self-refer.

Please direct all referrals through the SAS front desk by emailing [sas@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sas@mcmaster.ca) or calling 905.525.9140 ext. 28652 (select option 1 for front desk).

### What is the expected time frame?

Due to the time-sensitive nature of temporary accommodations, referrals to the IAC will be confirmed within 2 business days. The student in need of a temporary academic accommodation will be met with within five business.

### How are interim accommodations implemented?

Academic Advisors may elect to provide interim academic accommodations for students.

Any and all temporary-interim academic accommodations can be completed by the Interim Academic Accommodations Coordinator.

- In this case, communication about the temporary-interim accommodation will be put in place for the duration of the academic term and an Academic Accommodation will be created for the student.
- If accommodations are needed for a few weeks, accommodations will be communicated via email to Instructors and Faculty Advisors.