



## **Dr. Peter Wang R3**

**Educational background:** I obtained my Bachelors of Health Sciences from McMaster University and my MD from Queen's University.

**Hometown:** I am originally from Surrey, B.C.

**Research/Academic interests:** Currently interested in looking into suicide ideation and how that affects triage and delivery of mental health care and quality assurance for short stay inpatient admissions.

**Hobbies/Personal interests:**

Music/Cooking/Chess/Swimming/Writing. I also have a YouTube channel with over 800k video views and almost 400 subscribers.

**What would you like to tell prospective applicants to our program?**

Ask not what your residency program can do for you, but ask what you can do for your residency program. I feel as if I am able to learn not just through my own experiences, but through the joint, shared experiences of my incredible colleagues as well. All the best in the CaRMs process; it wasn't that long ago that us residents had to go through it all. Best of luck on the interview tour and may we meet on interview day, or perhaps one day as colleagues and friends.

**If you weren't a psychiatry resident, what other speciality (or occupation) would you have done?**

Either teaching or social work. I'm glad to be in a profession where I can venture into both fields on a daily basis.

**What is your favorite sound?**

Silence. Not the quiet kind, but rather the loud kind. The kind that is able to draw attention to itself, give collective pause to groups of individuals and simultaneously start revolutions and crush insurgencies.

**What is your greatest accomplishment?**

Giving birth...to a series of musical compositions, which were later interpreted by a good friend. I saw my music come to life in front of my

eyes when he performed them, never having heard me, the composer, play the music (only reading off my sheet music).

**What type of Psychiatry would you like to practice in the future?**

I am most interested in psychosis and personality disorders, especially the boundaries where they intersect with each other.

**Describe the color yellow to somebody who has never seen the colour.**

Gosh, someone who's never seen the colour yellow probably has problems more pressing than simply lacking experiential knowledge of a colour. I would tell her to blink twice if she understood me and blink twice again if she was interested in breaking out of this colourless prison together. Then, we would ride out together on a single yellow llama off into the sunset. As we leave behind us the legions of "colour guards", I would point to the sunset and tell her that the colour yellow is best approximated by that feeling of freedom to have sunlight warm your soul.

**Which superpower would you most like to have?**

The ability to bend the space-time continuum. You can give me all your thoughts for a year and I'd be no closer to understanding the essence of your personality. You could allow me to interview all your closest friends and family members and that still wouldn't give me insight into your behaviors. You could give me TV footage of every waking moment of your days I'd still be clueless as to what drives your motivation. But if you let me be by your side at the most pivotal moments of your life, then at least I'd have a shot at understanding the world through your perspective.

**What does your ideal day look like?**

Wake up before the sun gets to touch the horizon. Fall asleep naturally after a scrumptious meal. Wish that everything that happens in between would be indistinguishable from my dreams.