The Fellowship Programme

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Dr. Dickson's career has spanned academia and government service, focused on military history and defence/security analysis and advice. He spent over a decade teaching Canadian and European Military History, including a period at Queen's University's International Study Centre in the United Kingdom, where he was proud to lead and develop experiential learning programs to introduce university students to Canadian battlefield and commemorative sites. During that time, he held DND and SSHRC post-doctoral fellowships, was a Fellow at Wilfrid Laurier University's Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies as well as a Military History Summer Fellow at the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Joining the Department of National Defence's Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) in 2004 as a strategic analyst. he has held a wide range of analytical, advisory, management and leadership posts, at home and abroad. CAF/DND posts include RCAF Air Strategic Plans, ADM Policy, SJS, CJOC, CJWC, CANSOFCOM and DRDC Program. He was a Deputy and then Director, COMISAF CJ2 Red Team, HQ ISAF, Kabul Afghanistan (2012-13), for which he received a Meritorious Service Decoration; and Science Advisor to Commander Maritime Combined Forces Task Force 150 (Counter-terror), Bahrain (2017). He has also participated as the Canadian contribution to NATO Counter Hybrid Support Team missions. Defence Department focus areas include theory and application of strategy and force development, joint and hybrid warfare, deterrence, adversary and regional analysis (Arctic, northern and eastern Europe).

Select unclassified external publications include chapters in Defence Planning for Small and Middle Powers (Routledge Press); NATO's Northern Flank in the Era of Strategic Competition (Institute of Central Europe); Trends in Military Intervention (McGill-Queens University Press), and The Pursuit of Relevance: Strategic analysis in support of international policy-making (Rowman & Littlefield). The monograph A Thoroughly Canadian General: A Biography of General H.D.G. Crerar (University of Toronto Press, 2007) was awarded the 2008 C.P. Stacey Award for the best book on the study of conflict and society in Canada published in

2006-07 and is recommended in the Guide to Canadian Army Professional Reading and The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Recommending Reading.