Funding Opportunities and Awards

**Canadian Rheumatology Association Summer Studentship Programs**

**Deadline: Feb 27, 2017**

The Canadian Rheumatology Association offers two Summer Studentship Programs for medical students. The length of the studentship will be between 4-12 weeks from May to August. Both programs offer successful applicants $5,850 for a maximum of 12 weeks of full-time work. Note that students applying must submit a Proof of Canadian University Medical School enrolment.

The Clinical Studentship offers the opportunity to shadow a rheumatologist in a clinical setting. Applicants must submit only one application from each centre of research. The Research Studentship is designed for medical students interested in the sub-specialty of rheumatology. The program connects a student with a CRA member for a rheumatology-based research project. Applicants must submit only one application per mentor. Please visit the website for more information.

**Cystic Fibrosis Canada Summer Studentships**

**Deadline: Mar 1, 2017**

Cystic Fibrosis Canada’s Summer Studentship awards provide funding to support undergraduate students engaged in summer research projects in areas relevant to cystic fibrosis. The award supports projects for the three-month period from June to August. Applicants must identify a supervisor who will then submit the application on behalf of the student. Please note the application must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL.

**FoM Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Undergraduate Student Research Award**

**Deadline: Mar 6, 2017 (FoM deadline)**

The NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award supports non-MD undergraduate students interested in acquiring research experience in an academic setting. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident enrolled in at least one of the two terms immediately previous to holding the award. Students must also have obtained a minimum cumulative B- (68%) average and have completed all first year course requirements of their degree. Successful applicants will receive $6,076 for a minimum of 16 consecutive weeks of full-time work with $4,500 offered by NSERC. Note that the faculty supervisor is required to top up the award through other sources. Note that NSERC USRA competitions are run by many units across UBC, individuals units will set their own deadlines. Please visit the website for more information.
UBC Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Summer Student Fellowship Program
Deadline: Mar 10, 2017

UBC’s Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine offers summer student fellowships for MD and non-MD undergraduate students to gain clinical or research experience in laboratory medicine under the supervision of the department’s faculty. Successful applicants will receive an award of $3,200 for two months of full-time work. As students must apply with a prospective supervisor already identified, a Permission-to-Contact list of faculty members will be posted on the website on February 6th. Please visit the website for more information.

BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute Summer Student Research Program
Deadline: Mar 15, 2017

The BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute (BCCHR) Summer Student Research Program encourages MD and non-MD undergraduate students to conduct research in improving the health of children and families. Note that students not returning to undergraduate or medical studies in the following fall semester are not eligible. Successful applicants will receive a stipend of $4,725 for a 12-week research project conducted between May and August. Applicants who receive a Summer Studentship are also automatically enrolled in the Summer Student Research Education Program in June and July, in which participation is expected. Please visit the website for more information. Note that the online application form is best viewed using Internet Explorer.

UBC Centre for Blood Research Summer Studentship Program
Deadline: Mar 15, 2017 (general application without supervisor); Apr 1, 2017 (with supervisor)

The Centre for Blood Research (CBR) offers summer studentship awards to provide MD and non-MD undergraduate (2nd year and up) students with an opportunity to gain lab experience under the supervision of a CBR Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) or Principal Investigator (PI). Students unable to find a supervisor may apply through a general application by March 15; the deadline for students with a supervisor is April 1. Please note that most students are hired through contacting the PIs or PDFs directly while only a small proportion gets in through a general application. Successful applicants are offered a stipend of $5,000 and must participate in all CBR-organized summer events. Visit the website for more information.

Funding Reminders
3M National Student Fellowship – Jan 31, 2017
Canadian Celiac Association Dr. J. A. Campbell Young Investigator Award – Jan 31, 2017
CurePSP Student Fellowship – Jan 31, 2017
Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions Summer Studentships – Jan 31 (U of Lethbridge), Feb 6 (U of Alberta), Feb 8 (U of Calgary)
American Physiological Society Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship – Feb 1, 2017
American Physiological Society Undergraduate Research Excellence Fellowship – Feb 1, 2017
American Society of Hematology Minority Medical Student Award Program – Feb 1, 2017
CSNS/CNS Medical Student Summer Fellowship in Socioeconomic Research (Neurosurgery) – Feb 1, 2017
Gerstner Sloan-Kettering Summer Undergraduate Research Program (New York) – Feb 1, 2017
Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship – Feb 1, 2017
Radiological Society of North America Medical Student Grant – Feb 1, 2017
Society for Vascular Surgery Student Research Fellowship – Feb 1, 2017
Society of Interventional Radiology Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Culp Student Research Grant – Feb 1, 2017
The Eye Foundation of Canada Summer Scholarship (Toronto) – Feb 1, 2017
HIV Medicine Association Student Program (US) – Feb 15, 2017
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UBC Faculty of Medicine Summer Student Research Program – Feb 15, 2017
UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Summer Student Research Program – Feb 15, 2017
American Society of Hematology Hematology Opportunities for the Next Generation of Research Scientists – Feb 17, 2017
Canadian Association of Psoriasis Patients Summer Student Research Scholarship in Psoriatic Diseases – Feb 17, 2017
American Osler Society William B. Bean Student Research Award – Mar 1, 2017
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow – Mar 1, 2017
Health Innovations Scholars Program (US) – Mar 1, 2017
Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Pediatric Oncology Student Training Program – May 1, 2017

For additional funding opportunities visit: http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/funding/.

Upcoming Events

2017 Alzheimer Update
Date: Jan 28, 2017; 8:45am-12:30pm
Location: Life Sciences Centre, 2350 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver

The UBC Clinic for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders invites the public to its annual forum to learn about recent developments in Alzheimer Disease research, including interventions that may be able to prevent or slow down the Alzheimer disease process. The forum will include lectures, Q & A panels, and a coffee break. Speakers include Dr. Haakon Nygaard, the Director of the UBC Hospital Clinic for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders, and Dr. Neil Cashman, a Professor of Neurology and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Neurodegeneration and Protein Misfolding Diseases. This event is free of charge; please RSVP to alzheimer.events@ubc.ca.

MD/PhD Building Bridges Seminar Series: It’s a two way street: Insulin is necessary for beta-cell maturation
Date: Jan 30, 2017; 6:00-7:00pm
Location: Latham Hall, Medical Student Alumni Centre, 2750 Heather Street, Vancouver; also available via videoconference: KGH 250. Phone in 1-877-792-2770. Meeting ID # 30302

The MD/PhD seminar series aims to illustrate the relationship that exists between clinical practice and medical research, allowing students to hear about various career tracks and ways to combine clinical and research work. In addition to their research, speakers discuss their experiences and training backgrounds, share advice with prospective clinician-scientists, and give their opinions on career development options for clinician-scientists. This seminar’s speaker is Adam Ramzy, an MD/PhD student in the department of Cell & Developmental Biology. His research focuses on the development of gene and cell therapies for the management of diabetes. As all diabetics face the eventual loss of functional pancreatic beta-cell mass, his project aims to understand new techniques for selective improvement in beta-cell growth and survival that could lead to a cure for diabetes.

Event Reminders

CHSPR 2017 Health Policy Conference: Taking the Pulse – Mar 9-10, 2017
Engage Heart + Lung Health FEST 2017 – Mar 15-18, 2017
Clinical Research Ethics Board Office Drop-In Sessions – Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month

For additional event listing visit: http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/events/.

Follow this link for a list of ongoing events and seminar series that may be of interest to MD students.
Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources

University of Toronto Medical Journal – Call for Submissions
Submission Deadline: Apr 1, 2017

The University of Toronto Medical Journal (UTMJ), Canada's oldest student-run scientific publication, is looking for submissions for their upcoming issue on Cardiovascular Health. The journal publishes several themed issues yearly and serves as a place for students, residents and faculty to publish their primary work, reviews and commentaries. A description of the theme, submission details, and deadlines can be found on their website.

The deadline for submission is April 1, 2017 for the print issue. However, articles are accepted on a rolling-basis beyond this deadline and submissions are not restricted to theme-related topics in order to be published.

Reminders
University of British Columbia Medical Journal – Call for Submissions – March 11, 2017

Additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the Student Research website: http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/.