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2013 Sandra Rotman Centre and Grand Challenges Canada’s Summer Student Program

**Deadline: January 31, 2013; 5:00 pm EST**

The Sandra Rotman Centre and Grand Challenges Canada’s Summer Student Program offers university students a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful, real-life work in the field of global health, communications, finance, or grant administration. Students will gain invaluable work experience while acquiring a deeper knowledge of global health. To be eligible for a summer studentship, students must be currently enrolled in, or graduated within the last year from, a post-secondary institution at the time of submitting an application. International students are eligible to apply as long as they meet the aforementioned criteria and are authorized to work in Canada. As the studentships period is May 6-August 31 so this opportunity is only appropriate for non-MD students

Further information about specific positions is provided on our website (hyperlinked above).
**AIHS Summer Studentships**  
**Deadline: February 1, 2013**

Description Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions (AIHS) Summer Studentships offer motivated students with exceptional academic records an opportunity to participate in medical or health research in Alberta during the summer months. The award is meant to encourage students to consider pursuing formal training and a career in health research. Eligibility includes both **MD and non-MD undergraduates** who desire to engage in research during the summer at an Alberta institution (students can be enrolled in institutions outside of Alberta). Applications are made by faculty members at their home institutions and thus interested students will apply through the faculty member's institution and not directly to AIHS.

**Zannoni Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Award**  
**Deadline: March 1, 2013**

American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) is pleased to offer the Zannoni Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Award to introduce undergraduate students to pharmacology research in order to heighten interest in science as a career, with an emphasis on pharmacology graduate training to increase the number of young scientists entering the research discipline of pharmacology. The Sponsor must be an ASPET Regular Member in good standing or a Retired Member who is still active in research. It is expected that the student will work on a research project for a minimum of 10 weeks. The Sponsor is expected to sponsor the SURF Fellow for student membership in ASPET at the beginning of their summer research experience. Applications from women and underrepresented minorities are particularly encouraged.

**SVS Student Research Fellowship**  
**Deadline: March 17, 2013**

The Student Research Fellowship, established by the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) Foundation, stimulates laboratory and clinical vascular research by **undergraduate and medical school students registered at universities in the United States and Canada**. Each award consists of a US$3,000 student stipend and a two-year complimentary subscription to the Journal of Vascular Surgery®. In addition, the student will also receive a travel scholarship in the amount of US$450 to attend the 2013 Vascular Annual Meeting, May 30-June 1, 2013, at the Moscone Center West in San Francisco, CA. For application details please visit the website (hyperlinked above).
**CNF Swaiman Medical Scholarship**  
**Deadline: March 26, 2013 (via mail)**

The Child Neurology Foundation (CNF) announces the availability of up to ten (10) summer clinical research scholarships for first- and second-year **U.S. and Canadian medical students** who have an interest in child neurology. Awards will be made for clinical research in child neurology, to be conducted under the direction of a child neurologist during the summer break. Selected applicants receive a $3,500 scholarship for their summer project. For applications instructions and guidelines please visit the website (hyperlinked above).

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**Funding Reminders**

- **Parkinson’s Disease Foundation Summer Student Fellowship** – Jan 28, 2013  
- **Endocrine Society Summer Research Fellowships** – Jan 30, 2013  
- **Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Summer Studentships** – Jan 31, 2013  
- **Cystic Fibrosis Canada Summer Studentships** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **AANS Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **AMS Hannah Studentship** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **The Eye Foundation of Canada Student Scholarship Program** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Medical Student Grant** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **SIR Foundation Student Research Grant** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **Vanderbilt International Scholar Program** – Feb 1, 2013  
- **American Physiological Society (APS) Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships** – Feb 2, 2013  
- **American Physiological Society Undergraduate Research Excellence Fellowships** – Feb 2, 2013  
- **Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Summer Student Research Program** – Feb 8, 2013  
- **BC Cancer Agency Studentships** – Feb 13, 2013  
- **UBC FoM Summer Student Research Program** – Feb 15, 2013  
- **Canadian Blood Services (CBS) Summer Internship Program** – Feb 15, 2013  
- **The ASH HONORS Award (Hematology)** – Feb 22, 2013  
- **CRA Summer Studentship Programs** (2 programs) – March 1, 2013  
- **William B. Bean Student Research Award** – March 1, 2013  
- **BC Clinical Genomics Travel Awards** – ongoing

For additional funding opportunities visit: [http://med.ubc.ca/research/md_undergrad/](http://med.ubc.ca/research/md_undergrad/)
Upcoming Events

ICORD Trainee Networking Event
Date: January 31, 2013 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Location: ICORD Lecture Hall, Blusson Spinal Cord Centre at VGH (818 W10th Avenue, Vancouver)

VCHRI Trainees, Principle Investigators, lab mates and students are welcome to attend this event. Meet fellow VCHRI Trainees from other departments & research centres: Learn about ICORD research, Enjoy refreshments during informal poster presentations and Compete in fun team-building activities to win great prizes. To register, please visit the ICORD Trainee Networking Event Registration site (hyperlinked above). Registration Deadline: Tuesday January 29th noon. For more information, contact research@vch.ca.

CONFERENCE: Lost in Translation 2013 – Call for abstracts
Date: Abstract Deadline: February 1, 2103; Event: March 26-27, 2013
Location: Child & Family Research Institute, Vancouver (928 West 28th Avenue)

The 2013 Lost in Translation conference will focus on the impact that substance use has on early human development, specifically the influence of biological, psychological and social mechanisms in mediating the impact of substance use on critical development periods during the early stages of the human life cycle. Poster abstracts are being accepted until February 1, 2013.

Please visit the website (hyperlinked above) for more information.

Café Scientifique Victoria
Date: February 19, 2013; 6:30 pm
Location: Hermann's Jazz Club, Victoria (753 View Street)

Sometimes science at a university happens in a way that is isolated from the general public. Café Scientifique is an informal seminar series hosted by the U Vic Centre for Biomedical Research that provides insight into health-related issues and general science topics of popular interest to the general public. These seminars are opportunities for the public to meet local researchers and discuss some of the most interesting and sometimes contentious research currently underway in Canada.

Speaker: Dr. Dianne Lattemann
From fat to sweet and back again--a scientist's journey into hormones, sugar, and the choices we make

Please contact cfbr@uvic.ca or 250-472-4067 for RSVP or for more information.
**SFU Café Scientifique**

**Date:** February 19, 2013; 7:00-8:30 pm  
**Location:** CBC Studio, Vancouver (700 Hamilton Street)

Café Scientifique is a series of informal discussions connecting research to important health-related issues of interest to the community. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments while engaging with cutting-edge, award-winning researchers from Simon Fraser University (SFU) Faculty of Science.

**Speaker:** Dr. Andy Bennett, Department of Chemistry, SFU  
**The Chemistry Behind How Bird’s Nest Soup Led to Influenza Drugs**

Influenza type A viral infection continues to be a serious health problem facing the human population worldwide as it continually changes how it is seen by the immune system by making modifications to the proteins that cover its surface. Inhibition of one of the viral surface proteins that is called neuraminidase (the N in H5N1) has proved to be a suitable approach in the design of anti-viral drugs.

These events are free to the public and are supported by the SFU Faculty of Science and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Please RSVP to cafe_sci@sfu.ca.

**CONFERENCE: Quality Forum 2013: Inspiring Improvement**

**Date:** February 28 to March 1, 2013  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Registration for the Quality Forum 2013: Inspiring Improvement is now open. Join hundreds of health care professionals from across BC in celebrating successes, addressing challenges and identifying strategies for improving the quality of health care. The event, which is organized by the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council, features over 150 presenters, 63 breakout sessions, and four plenary speakers who bring an exciting blend of experience, innovation and inspiration. For registration and additional information please visit the website (hyperlinked above).

**Event Reminders**

- **Dementia Forum 2013** – Jan 26, 2013
- **SBN: Critical Skills for Success Workshop: Introduction to Project Management** - Jan 28, 2013; 5:30PM - 7:00PM
- **Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference (MURC)** - Abstract deadline Feb 13; Event March 16, 2013
- **CONFERENCE: BC Patient Safety & Quality Council** – February 28-March 1, 2012
- **CONFERENCE: Canadian Conference on Medical Education** – April 20-23, 2012

For additional event listing visit: [http://med.ubc.ca/research/md_undergrad/events/](http://med.ubc.ca/research/md_undergrad/events/)
Ongoing Seminar Series
Please follow this link for a list of ongoing events and seminar series that may be of interest to MD undergraduate students.

**MD/PhD Building Bridges Seminar Series**
**Date: January 28, 2013; 6:00-7:00 pm**
Location: Medical Student Alumni Centre (12th Avenue & Heather Street, Vancouver);
Videoconference: Victoria: MSB 131, Kelowna: KGH 228 and HSC 148

This well established seminar series is aimed at illustrating the relationship that exists between clinical practice and medical research. The meetings offer a casual and relaxed atmosphere to profile individuals who have successfully combined both clinical and research aspects into their medical careers. In addition to talking about their active research, the invited speakers also talk about their experiences, discuss their training background, share their advice for prospective clinician-scientists, and offer their opinions on career development options for clinician-scientists. All faculty, clinical investigator trainees and students in the Faculty of Medicine are invited.

Date and Time: Monday, 28 January 2013, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Location: Medical Student Alumni Centre, 12th Avenue & Heather Street, Vancouver, BC

Invited speaker: Dr. Graeme Boniface - **Translational Research, The Academic: Industry interface**
Chief Operating Officer, Vancouver Prostate Centre
Chief Operating Officer, PC-TRiADD

Dr. Boniface joined the Prostate Centre in 2008 as COO, after more than 20 years in drug development in both the academic and private industry sectors. Most recently he was Senior Director of Clinical Research at QLT Inc. where he oversaw the clinical development of the company’s drug platform in Oncology, Urology, Dermatology, and Endocrinology indications. Trials conducted by his team have led to successful regulatory marketing approvals by the US FDA, Canadian, and European agencies.

**Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources**
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Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) Researcher Directory
New CFRI Trainee website
This changed my practice (online resource)
Statistical Consulting (see Nov 2, 2012 edition)
Remember additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the FoM Research Office Website: http://med.ubc.ca/research/md_undergrad/