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Funding Opportunities and Awards

[Surgical Quality Action Network Summer Studentship Awards](#)

Deadline: April 10, 2015

The Surgical Quality Action Network is excited to announce the third annual summer studentship awards in surgery for the summer of 2015. The BC Patient Safety & Quality Council, SQAN, the UBC Department of Surgery and the Office of Pediatric Surgical Evaluation and Innovation (OPSEI) are offering surgery studentships to quality and safety improvement teams across the BC health authorities. This program offers students an opportunity to conduct meaningful quality improvement projects while gaining valuable experience in the BC health care setting. Each award carries funding to support a stipend for an eight-week studentship as well as funding to support the creation of a poster or publication so that project teams can report project outcomes and enhance knowledge sharing. This program is open to medical students, students from the allied health disciplines, and undergraduate students. Please see the website for full application procedures and guidelines.

[Sjogren's Society of Canada Summership Grant](#)

Deadline: May 1, 2015

Sjogren's Syndrome is an Autoimmune Disease that causes inflammation and loss of function and/or swelling of the Salivary and Lacrimal Glands. The disease is associated with systemic inflammation and multiple autoantibodies. Aside from the local damage to eyes, teeth and mouth, the disease can result in multiple systemic features and have a profound effect on quality of life. The Sjogren's Society of Canada is offering two \$4000.00 grants to Undergraduate or Postgraduate specialty trainees in Dentistry, Optometry, Ophthalmology or Medicine for summer support research pertinent to Sjogren's Syndrome. The grants are aimed at providing summer salary support for any project that can be expected to be completed and result in an abstract or

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publication. **Eligibility:** Applicants must have the support of a qualified mentor; Applications must include a detailed project proposal; Applicants must hold Canadian Citizenship.

Website (hyperlinked above) will be updated with application details on April 1, 2015.

[2015 Undergraduate Research Awards](#)

Deadline: May 29, 2015

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Undergraduate Research Awards, an international competition based in Ireland whose aim is to celebrate and support the world's brightest and most innovative undergraduate students, by enabling them to present their best coursework and projects. Last year, UA received 94 entries from UBC students (out of a total 5000 entries from 27 countries). UBC had one winner and six shortlisted students.

UBC students can learn more by visiting the UBC Student Services website at <http://students.ubc.ca/fun/give-back/student-funding-awards> or the Undergraduate Awards website directly at <http://www.undergraduateawards.com/>.

Funding Reminders

[Canadian Liver Foundation Summer Studentship](#) – Mar 31, 2015

[UBC Centre for Blood Research Summer Studentship Program](#) – Apr 1, 2015

[RHRSN BC Conference Travel Bursary application](#) – ongoing

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

Upcoming Events

[Café Scientifique Victoria – Your World in a Drop of Blood: Technology for Personal Monitoring of Wellness and Disease](#)

Date: Apr 14, 2015

Location: Hermann's Jazz Club (753 View St, Victoria). Ages 19+; 6:30 pm

Science has a funny habit of being hard to reach if you don't work at a university, yet science itself in all of its many forms is one of those great universal passions that appeals to and connects us all. As an informal seminar series, UVic's Café Scientifique program bridges the research-to-public gap. Hosted by a number of units across campus, these evening cafés provide insight into topics of popular interest that appeal to the science lover in everyone and serve as a fantastic opportunity for you to meet local researchers and discuss some of the most interesting and sometimes contentious research currently underway in Canada.

Speaker: Dr. Terry Pearson; Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology; U. Victoria

Dr. Pearson will discuss "personalized medicine" for improvement of health and disease outcomes. New technology developed at the University of Victoria allows longitudinal monitoring of a variety of blood proteins

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in a single drop of blood. These protein biomarkers are indicative of health status, including stress, infections, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

[BrainTalks UBC: Mindfulness](#)

Date: April 23, 2015; 6:00 pm

Location: The Paetzold Auditorium, VGH (899 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver) ([map](#))

BrainTalks is a series of talks inviting you to contemplate emerging research about the brain. Researchers studying the brain, from various disciplines including psychiatry, neuroscience, neuroimaging, and neurology, gather to discuss current leading edge topics on the mind.

As an audience member, you join the discussion at the end of the talk, both in the presence of the entire audience, and with an opportunity afterwards to talk with the speaker more informally in a wine and cheese casual setting. The talks also serve as a connecting place for those interested in similar topics, potentially launching new endeavours or simply connecting people in discussions on how to approach their research, their knowledge, or their clinical practice. For the general public, these talks serve as a channel where by knowledge usually sequestered in inaccessible journals or university classrooms, is now available, potentially allowing people to better understand their brains and minds, how they work, and how to optimize brain health.

Speakers:

[Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl](#), Applied Developmental Psychologist and Associate Professor, UBC Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology and Special Education

[Dr. Andrea Grabovac](#), Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC Department of Psychiatry; consultant psychiatrist, Brief Intervention Unit, Vancouver General Hospital

Free wine and cheese reception to follow. Please [RSVP](#).

[MD/PhD Building Bridges Seminar Series](#)

Date: Apr 27, 2015; 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Medical Student Alumni Centre, Vancouver with VC to: MSB 131, KGH 228.

This seminar series is aimed at illustrating the relationship between clinical practice and medical research. The meetings offer a relaxed atmosphere to profile individuals who have successfully combined clinical and research aspects into their medical careers. In addition to discussing their active research, the invited speakers also discuss 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.

Speaker: Dr. Nadia Khan (MD, MSc), Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine (General Internal Medicine), UBC

Dr. Khan is a clinician researcher and general internist at St. Paul's Hospital and scientific member of the Center for Health Evaluation and Outcomes Sciences (CHEOS). Her central motivation is aimed at providing acute and chronic disease management for vulnerable populations. Through these activities she is member of a number of

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research teams including the Ethnicity Optimal Health Outcomes (ETHOS) team, an Executive Board Member of Hypertension Canada and sits on the scientific advisory board for the South Asian Health Institute.

CONFERENCE: [Personalized Medicine Summit – Transforming the Practice of Medicine](#)

Date: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – May 7, 2015; EVENT – Jun 7-9, 2015

Location: UBC Life Sciences Centre, Vancouver BC

The intent of this summit, organized by the Life Science Institute, University of British Columbia, in partnership with the Personalized Medicine Initiative, GenomeBC and LifeScience BC, is to make recommendations on the best practices for the implementation of Personalized Medicine (PM) in British Columbia and Canada. In many ways BC constitutes an ideal testing ground for putting a Personalized Medicine programme into practice, with its highly integrated single payer health care system, its ethnically diverse, well educated population, and its advanced expertise in the development and application of molecularly-based medicine. Early bird registration ends April 7th.

Event Reminders

[Centre for Blood Research - 4th Annual Norman Bethune Symposium](#) – Apr 16, 2015

CONFERENCE [Garrod 2015 Symposium](#): Metabolic Medicine in Motion – May 21-25, 2015

Radiology Research day – June 11, 2015.

[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/>.

Please follow this [link](#) for a list of ongoing events and seminar series that may be of interest to MD

Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources

Reminders

CPSBC – Summer Research Student (MD students only) – see March 13th edition for details

Additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the Student Research website:

<http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/>.
