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**Funding Opportunities and Awards**

**American Pediatric Society & Society for Pediatric Research Student Research Program**

**Deadline: January 23, 2012**

The SPR and APS offer a medical student research training program to encourage gifted medical students to consider careers in research related to pediatrics. This program is specifically designed for students seeking a research opportunity at an institution OTHER THAN THEIR OWN MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Students selected to the program are able to choose or are assigned to leading research laboratories/groups. Opportunities at more than 300 facilities in the United States and Canada are listed in the program directory. Each research experience allows the student to spend two to three months at 40 hours per week in a research environment. The program provides students with a stipend of $60/day (as of 2011) for a maximum stipend of $5,400. For additional information and application forms please see the website (hyperlinked above).
**Parkinson’s Disease Foundation Summer Student Fellowship**

**Deadline: January 23, 2012**

PDF’s Summer Fellowship Program is used to support students – from advanced undergraduates to graduate and medical students – in their pursuit of Parkinson's-related summer research projects. The goal of the Summer Fellowship is to cultivate an early interest in Fellows into the cause(s) and possible treatments for Parkinson's disease. Fellows work under the close supervision of a sponsor who is an expert in the Parkinson's community and oversees the project. Typically, summer fellowships are offered for 10 weeks of laboratory work with an award of $3,000.

This program is open to both national and international applicants. Please note that this year, applicants must register prior to submission of their application materials. For application forms and additional information please see the website (hyperlinked above).

**Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Summer Studentships**

**Deadline: January 31, 2012**

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), in collaboration with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC), is pleased to announce the Summer Student Scholarships for Research in Gastroenterology. These scholarships are designed to provide short-term financial support for undergraduates who wish to obtain introductory training in research in the field of Gastroenterology. The successful candidate will be expected to work full time on a research project under the supervision of a qualified investigator for ~ 4 months (May-August); the stipend is $7,000.

For application forms and additional information please see the website (hyperlinked above).

**Funding Reminders**

- **Wikimedia Canada Scholarship** – February 28, 2012
- **The American Osler Society: William B. Bean Student Research Award** – March 1, 2012

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

**Upcoming Events**

- **Conference: Interdependence 2012: SCI Research Program – call for abstracts**
- **Date: Abstract Deadline December 1, 2011; Conference May 15-18 2012**
- **Location: Vancouver, BC**
The Rick Hansen Foundation and the Rick Hansen Institute present Interdependence 2012. This global conference and exposition will accelerate progress toward accessible communities for all and a cure for paralysis after spinal cord injury. Over 2,500 global leaders and influencers will gather to showcase ground-breaking innovations, share insights and identify solutions to some of the critical challenges being faced in the fields of accessibility and SCI research. Confirmed keynote speakers include: David Suzuki, Ray Kurzweil, Charles Tator, and Marcel Dvorak not to mention a number of ICORD, VCH and UBC colleagues such as Andrei Krassioukov, Wolfram Tetzlaff, Brian Kwon and Stacy Elliott.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to share your research. Awards will be given for top SCI related oral presentations among submitted abstracts in three categories: clinical acute, clinical rehab, and basic science. For the full list of eligible topics and abstract submission guidelines visit: www.rickhansen.com/en-ca/home/interdependence2012/conference/callforabstracts.aspx

PHCRI Researchers Abroad lecture series: Gene-environment interactions in childhood asthma

Date: December 7, 2011; 12-1:00 pm
Location: Hurlburt Auditorium, St. Paul’s Hospital

PHC Research Institute’s “Researchers Abroad” lecture series is back this fall. This event is designed to bring people from all over Providence together to highlight the international-calibre research being conducted by researchers at PHC Research Institute.

Speaker: Denise Daley, PhD, Assistant Professor for UBC Dept. of Medicine, Canadian Research Chair Tier II, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Career Scholar.

A light lunch will be served, and space is limited, so please RSVP by e-mail to research@providencehealth.bc.ca or call (604) 806-9464.

Conference: Population Health Data Analysis: From Infrastructure to Innovation

Date: February 8-10, 2012
Location: SFU Harbour Centre (downtown Vancouver)

Population Data BC is partnering with the Canadian Population Health Initiative of CIHI to deliver a conference designed to meet the interests of researchers, faculty members, graduate students and representatives from government and health related organizations who work in the area of Population and Public Health. For more information see the website (hyperlinked above).

Event Reminders

Own Your Own Health Community Forum – Let’s Talk About: Obstructive Sleep Apnea – November 16, 2011
International Technology, Education and Development Conference – Call for abstracts – Abstract deadline November 24, 2011

Ongoing Events and 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

Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities
Additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the FoM Research Office Website, under the MD & Undergraduate Students tab: http://www.med.ubc.ca/research.htm

Free Statistical Consultation – Follow up
A follow-up concerning the free statistical consultation available this term, from graduate students enrolled in STAT 551 (Statistical Consulting):

We will continue accepting projects until we have enough projects to ensure all students will be able to meet the course requirements. We still need quite a number of additional projects to ensure that. As students complete one project, they select their next project. So students are selecting new projects continually throughout the term. The sooner you submit your project, the sooner a student may begin to work on it. For guidance on suitable projects and the desired form of project submissions please visit our website (hyperlinked above).