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## Funding Opportunities and Awards

### [BTFC Brain Tumour Research Studentship](#)

**Deadline: January 17, 2014; Note that applications must be mailed**

The Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada (BTFC) Brain Tumour Research Studentship program has been developed to accelerate brain tumour research and encourage new, young researchers to join the field. This program offers \$10,000 research opportunities to **first-year medical students and first, second or third-year undergraduate science students** pursuing a four-year Bachelor of Science degree. Research studentships offer funding for two summers of research work. Funding will be granted for students working on projects in June, July and August 2013 and June, July and August 2014. For application instructions and eligibility information please visit the website (hyperlinked above).

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## Funding Reminders

[CHS Summer Studentships in Inherited Bleeding Disorders Research](#) – Nov 15, 2013

[CSNS/CNS Medical Student Summer Fellowship in Socioeconomic Research](#) – Nov 29, 2013

[CHEC-CESC Virtual Patient Challenge 2013](#) – NOI due Dec 5, 2013; Application due – Feb 13, 2014

[BTFC Brain Tumour Research Studentship](#) – Jan 17, 2014 (via mail)

[American Pediatric Society & Society for Pediatric Research Student Research Program](#) – Jan 24, 2014

[Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Summer Studentships](#) – Jan 31, 2014

[BC Clinical Genomics Network Travel and Training Awards](#) – ongoing

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For additional funding opportunities visit: <http://med.ubc.ca/research/students/funding/>.

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### Upcoming Events

#### [LSI Café Scientifique – Once upon a time we treated diabetes with insulin](#)

**Date: November 14, 2013; 6:00-8:00 pm**

Location: LSC 3, UBC Life Sciences Centre (2350 Health Sciences Mall, UBC); live webcast [here](#).

Since its discovery by Canadians in the 1920s, insulin has given people with type 1 diabetes longer life expectancy and higher quality of life. But it is not a cure. Our speakers will present and discuss new and up-and-coming cell therapy strategies in development, such as immune cells, islet transplants and stem cells. **RSVP required, please RSVP on the website.**

Speakers: Dr. Megan Levings – Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery  
Dr. Garth Warnock – Professor, Dept. of Surgery  
Dr. Timothy Kieffer – Professor, Depts. Of Cellular & Physiological Sciences and Surgery

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#### [Comparative Physiology Seminars: The effect of speed on human motion processing](#)

**Date: November 18, 2013; 5:15 pm**

Location: Room 4223, Biological Sciences Building, UBC

Speaker: [Debbi Giaschi](#), Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, UBC

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#### [WORKSHOP: Positive Reflections and Voices Unheard: Learning from Persons Living with HIV](#)

**Date: Wednesday, November 20th, 2013 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Location: Gordon & Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre (2775 Laurel Street, Vancouver)

An Invitation for MD students to attend an Interprofessional Patient and Community Voices Workshop.

The Division of Health Care Communication and the Positive Living Society of BC invite you to attend an upcoming community-driven interprofessional workshop. Space is limited to 20 students! These workshops are only open to students in the UBC Human and Health Services, as mandated by the College of Health Disciplines. This workshop will introduce students to the challenges of living with HIV through personal stories and reflections of community members living with this health concern. Students also will receive information about support and advocacy resources available within Vancouver-based community organizations serving persons living with HIV.

Learning Objectives:

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- Describe the perspective of persons living with HIV related to an interprofessional health care team
- Discuss what is meant by a right to care in the context of HIV
- Discuss the safety and security concerns of persons living with HIV
- Describe how compassion and respect influence the patient-clinician relationship in the context of HIV
- Describe available community resources from the perspective of the PWN and the BCPWA

Registration is required to attend. For more information and to register, please visit the website (hyperlinked above). For other inquiries, please email Brianne Nettelfield, , the Project Coordinator at [brianne.nettelfield@ubc.ca](mailto:brianne.nettelfield@ubc.ca).

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### **[SFU Café Scientifique: Super Seniors and the genetics of healthy aging](#)**

**Date: November 20, 2013; 7:00-8:30 pm**

Location: Surrey City Centre Library, main floor (Rm 120) (10350 University Drive, Surrey)

Café Scientifique is a series of informal discussions featuring leading experts from various Scientific departments at Simon Fraser University on topics related to health and popular science. Café Scientifique is a concept used around the world to describe an informal discussion, rather than a public lecture, between researchers and members of the community. In this series, speakers will discuss their health or popular-science related topic for approximately 20 minutes. A discussion with the audience will ensue for about 45 minutes while community members enjoy free appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages. Smaller breakout group discussions will also be encouraged as the evening wraps. Everyone welcome, free admission. **Attendees must RSVP to [cafe\\_scientifique@sfu.ca](mailto:cafe_scientifique@sfu.ca).**

**Speaker:** [Dr. Angela Brooks-Wilson](#), an Associate Professor in SFU's Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology department and a Distinguished Scientist at the BC Cancer Agency, shares some of her insights from her Healthy Aging Study. The study involves over 500 "Super Seniors" aged 85 - 105, who have never been diagnosed with cancer, cardiovascular disease, major pulmonary disease, Alzheimer disease or diabetes. This research study is looking at genetic features that correlate with long-term good health in these exceptional individuals.

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### **[Café Scientifique Victoria: The many faces of autism](#)**

**Date: November 26, 2013; 6:30 pm**

Location: Maple Room (919 Douglas Street, Victoria); 6:30 pm. **Ages 19+**

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

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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.

As seats are limited, please contact [cfbr@uvic.ca](mailto:cfbr@uvic.ca) or 250-472-4067 for RSVP or for more information.

**Speakers:** Dr. [Jim Tanaka](#), PhD, Professor, University of Victoria and [Joseph Sheppard](#), MSc, editor and co-founder of "Autism's Own," a peer-reviewed, autism cultural journal.

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### **Leaders of Tomorrow - Centre for Hip Health and Mobility**

**Date: November 27, 2013 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Location: UBC Life Sciences Centre (2350 Health Sciences Mall, UBC)

Presented by UBC's Faculty of Medicine and the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility. Join us for an interactive evening with students from the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility (CHHM) featuring 'hot off the press' findings from research projects that aim to better understand mobility, bone and joint health and quality of life of adults and older adults.

Speakers:

**Kristen Brown:** Fractures! What does the road to full recovery look like?

**Agnes D'Entremont:** Let's take a look at that knee joint! Are advances in medical imaging key to maintaining healthy joints?

**Catherine Tong:** "I just want to be able to play with my grandchildren": is there a secret to sustaining older adult mobility?

This presentation is free to attend. Light refreshments will be available. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Skibo: [linda.skibo@ubc.ca](mailto:linda.skibo@ubc.ca) or 604.822.7250.

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### **Event Reminders**

[Neurodegenerative Diseases: The Distorted Origami of Protein Misfolding](#) – Nov 9, 2013

[Centre for Blood Research Earl W. Davie Symposium](#) – Nov 14, 2013

CONFERENCE: [E-Mental Health](#) – Dec 9-10, 2013

CONFERENCE: [Quality Forum 2014](#) – Feb. 27-28, 2014.

CONFERENCE: [Brain Matters! Vancouver](#) – Mar. 12-14, 2014

[Clinical Research Ethics Board Office Drop-In Sessions](#) – Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month

For additional event listing visit: <http://med.ubc.ca/research/students/events/>.

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### 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](#)

This seminar series profiles individuals who have successfully combined both clinical and research aspects into their medical careers and is aimed at illustrating the relationship that exists between clinical practice and medical research. All faculty, clinical investigator trainees and students in the Faculty of Medicine are invited. (See website for details)

**Date: January 27, 2014, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Invited speaker: Dr. Desmond Nunez, Head, Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery, UBC.**  
Details to follow.

Location: Latham Hall, Medical Student Alumni Centre, (12th Avenue & Heather Street, Vancouver)

Videoconference: Victoria: MSB 107, Kelowna: KGH CAC 250. Phone in = 1-877-792-2770 (Meeting ID # 30301).

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### Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources

#### Reminders

[Neglected Global Diseases Initiative \(NGDI\) Student Global Health Journal](#)

Additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the Student Research website: <http://med.ubc.ca/research/students/>.

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