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Funding Opportunities and Awards

[Wikimedia Canada Scholarship](#)

Deadline: February 28, 2012

Wikimedia Canada is offering a \$1000 dollar scholarship to the post secondary student who makes the greatest improvement to a disease related article on Wikipedia. As of Aug 2011 Wikipedia had over 3.7 million articles in the English language alone, of which approximately 23,000 pertained to the practice of medicine. These medical pages in a given month receive between 150 and 200 million page views and are being used extensively by students, medical professionals and the lay public alike. While Wikipedia has significant quality information, further efforts are needed. Of the top 100 most viewed medical articles, only a quarter are deemed high quality. Thus those at WikiProject Medicine invite you to join us in our attempt to provide the people of the world with free access to reliable, understandable, and current health information and maybe win a scholarship while you are at it.

See the website for application forms and additional information. Also, see the related [article](#) from UBCMJ and event information below.

Funding Reminders:

[Canadian Hemophilia Society Summer Studentships in Hemophilia Research](#) – November 15, 2011

Upcoming Events

[Wikipedia and Higher Education](#)

October 6, 2011; 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Irving K Barber Learning Centre (UBC Point Grey) – Lillooet Room, 301

An information session discussing editing and use of medical-related Wikimedia pages. The event is related to the current Wikimedia Canada Scholarship call for applications.

Speakers: Dr James Heilman, UBC Faculty of Medicine, Wikimedia Canada Board of Directors and Dr. Jon Beasley-Murray, Assistant Professor in Latin American Studies, UBC.

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For additional information please visit the website.

[Canadian Conference on Medical Education – Call for abstracts](#)

Date: Abstract Deadline October 7, 2011; Conference April 14-18, 2012

Location: Banff, Alberta

The 2012 Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) is now accepting abstract submissions for this year's conference: Global Health in Medical Education: Beyond Boundaries

They invite you to submit proposals for workshops, oral and poster presentations in the areas of admissions, undergraduate, postgraduate, continuing medical education, faculty development or any other topic relevant to medical education. As in the past, these "other topics" are meant to be broad and inclusive (e.g. physician and medical student health and well-being, inter-professional education, clinical preceptor issues, patient safety, assessment, distributed medical education) and where possible will be clustered into the same oral or facilitated poster session.

Students, residents, graduate trainees and early career researchers/medical educators are strongly encouraged to submit as well. Please see the conference website for submission guidelines and additional information.

[UBC Dialogues: Richmond – Can we have faith in health alternatives?](#)

Date: October 26, 2011; 7:00-9:45pm

Location: Gateway Theatre, Richmond

Snake oil, quackery, hippie mumbo jumbo – for much of the 20th century, anything outside of the sterile confines of an operating room or doctor's office was derided as complete nonsense. But acceptance of 'alternative' therapies has become increasingly widespread, and science now backs up some of the claims around faith and energy healing.

In the brave new world of complementary medicine, where can the two disciplines meet, mix, and make people feel better? Is it time to stop extolling positive thinking as merely a placebo effect and delve into the world of alternative therapies?

Join experts from UBC and the community for a provocative dialogue about complementary medicine. Then, following the program, continue the conversation at the reception.

Can't make it to the event but want to participate? We'll be live tweeting during the panel discussion using the hashtag #ubcdialogues. Send us your questions and we'll do our best to get them answered. We'll also be recording the discussion for a podcast. **See the website to RSVP** or for additional details.

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Event Reminders:

[Gairdner Symposium](#) – October 24, 2011

Ongoing Seminar Series

Please click the link above for a list of ongoing seminar series that may be of interest to MD undergraduate students.

Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities

[Need statistical advice for your research/scholarship project?](#)

Each fall STAT 551 students offer free statistical advice to UBC-affiliated projects. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for additional information and to see if your project qualifies.