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Funding Opportunities and Awards

**Mitacs Globalink Research Award**

**Deadline: Sept 26, 2015 (suggested); applications accepted any time.**

The Mitacs Globalink Research Award provides up to $5,000 toward student travel for research collaborations between graduate and senior undergraduate (non-MD) students and faculty in Canada and their counterparts in the following partner countries: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Turkey and Vietnam. Interested faculty and students develop a research plan for a proposed 12-24-week project. Applications are accepted any time but Mitacs recommends applicants submit applications by September 28, 2015, for projects starting in January 2015. For full eligibility requirements and application details please visit the website (hyperlinked above).

**ASH Physician-Scientist Career Development Award**

**Deadline: Sept 30, 2015**

The American Society of Hematology's Physician-Scientist Career Development Award is an opportunity for **medical students** to gain experience in hematology research and learn about the specialty by immersing themselves in a full-time, year-long laboratory, translational, or clinical investigation under the mentorship of an ASH member. Through this award, recipients will be granted $42,000 to cover their living expenses, research allowance and supplies, insurance and educational expenses, as well as attendance at an ASH annual meeting. The award is for a one-year period, generally July 1 through June 30. Eligible applicants must:

- Be a medical student member of ASH enrolled in a US or Canadian medical school
- Be between their 1st & 2nd or 2nd & 3rd or 3rd & 4th year of medical school at the time the research is done.
- Not be currently enrolled in a combined MD-PhD program.
- Be planning an investigative career in laboratory, translational, or clinical hematology research.

For additional information and eligibility requirements please visit the website (hyperlinked above).
Shastri Student Internship Project in Aid

The Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for Shastri Student Internship Project in Aid (SSIP in Aid) 2015-16 program to support eligible students to pursue a short term training/course study/research in an Indian university. The study areas could be in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies disciplines. Both undergraduate and graduate students from SICI’s Canadian Member Institutions (includes UBC) are eligible to apply. Up to 10 grants of $2,000 each are available for projects commencing between November 15, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Visit the website (hyperlinked above) for additional information.

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

Upcoming Events

CONFERENCE: Pregnancy and the Mind: Exploring the triad of the caregiver, mother and the fetus
Date: Abstracts due Sept. 15th; Event Nov 6th
Location: Shaughnessy Auditorium, BC Women’s Hospital and Health Centre

The UBC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology invites you to attend talks by visiting speakers and see the posters and presentations of trainees. Abstracts due by September 15, 2015. Submit your abstracts here.

Keynote: Dr. Lynn Yee, Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Chicago, USA. Obstetrician Cognitive Traits: Relationships to Perinatal Decision Making and Outcomes

Registration is free: RSVP here by Friday, October 30, 2015. For questions, visit the department website or contact Chaini Konwar, a UBC doctoral student in the Robinson lab, at chaini@alumni.ubc.ca.

Student Biotechnology Network – Building Biotech 2015
Date: Sept 22, 2015; 6:00 – 9:30 pm
Location: Coast Coal Harbour Hotel (1180 W Hastings St, Vancouver)

The Discovery Foundation and the Student Biotechnology Network welcome you to Building Biotech: Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Bioeconomy. This evening is an excellent opportunity to re-connect with other enthusiastic students and industry professionals, while gaining insight and perspectives on the local life sciences industry over a delicious three course dinner. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the current state of the life sciences industry in BC and gain insights as to which areas within life sciences are growing and declining, as well as learn about what economic factors influence the local industry. Our expert panel of speakers will also give their outlook on the future of life sciences in BC. For full program and registration details visit the website (hyperlinked above).
C2E2 Annual Lecture: A Tale of Knowledge Translation in the ICU
Date: Sept 30, 2015; 3:00-4:30 pm
Location: VGH Paetzold Lecture Hall (899 West 12th Ave)

Speaker: Dr. Deborah Cook, Professor, Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Academic Chair of Critical Care, McMaster University. Dr. Cook will share her experience in the high-stakes field of critical care, recounting the PROTECT (Prophylaxis for Thromboembolism in Critical Care Trial) study journey: undertaking a large multinational clinical trial, publication in the New England Journal of Medicine, and then the challenge of changing clinical practice. The PROTECT study was a multi-national trial that compared the effectiveness of low-molecular-weight heparin to unfractionated heparin on the incidence of proximal leg deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism and heparin induced thrombocytopenia in critically ill patients.

Learn about the knowledge translation challenges and successes of the PROTECT study as well as the broader lessons related to bringing research evidence to practice and policy making. Please register in advance here.

CONFERENCE: Western Students Medical Research Forum – call for abstracts
Location: Carmel, California

The Western Students Medical Research Forum (WSMRF) is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the Carmel Meetings, January 28-30, 2016 in Carmel, CA.

Western Students Medical Research Forum (WSMRF) partners with medical research societies including the Western Section of the American Federation for Medical Research, Western Society for Clinical Investigation, Western Association of Physicians, and the Western Society for Pediatric Research. Student presenters are fully integrated into subspecialty sessions moderated by faculty from academic medical centers in the western region. All student abstracts are published in The Journal of Investigative Medicine. Student focused activities this year include the Opening Reception for all attendees and presenters, and required attendance at the Plenary Session “Diseases without Borders” highlighting perspectives from Oncology, Infectious Disease, Endocrinology and Public Health. Please visit the website (hyperlinked above) to view the full call for abstracts and meeting details.

Event Reminders
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/.

Follow this link for a list of ongoing events and seminar series that may be of interest to MD students.
Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources

**UBC Medical Journal – Call for submissions**
The UBC Medical Journal is currently accepting submissions for our *upcoming Spring 2016 issue*! The theme for our next issue is **Marginalized Populations**.

The health of marginalized populations is an ongoing concern for health professionals and policymakers. The unique circumstances of these populations mandates that greater focus is given to learning about, assessing, and addressing their health needs. While it is well understood that the social determinants of health play an important role in the overall health of all individuals, there is no consensus on how best to address these determinants and equalize health opportunities across the population. Specifically, in the Canadian context, Aboriginal health is a key political and public health topic that receives a considerable amount of media coverage. As future healthcare professionals, we must take the initiative to better understand this public health topic from an objective standpoint. Becoming better informed about existing health disparities in our patient population is the first and necessary step towards reducing these inequalities and providing sensitive patient-centred care.

We look forward to reading submissions addressing any aspect of this topic. Submissions can fall into one of the following categories: Academic Research, Reviews, Commentaries, News and Letters, Global Health, and Case and Elective Reports. **We also accept submissions that do not fall into this theme** so do not hesitate to submit your work! The *submission deadline of our Spring 2016 issue is TBA (mid-October)*. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to publish your work in an internationally recognized academic journal. Publishing in the UBCMJ is an excellent way to make your voice heard on important healthcare topics and to gain experience navigating the submission process for medical journals. We will present the **UBCMJ Distinguished Writing Award (and a $250 honorarium)** to the strongest article submitted for this issue.

Please visit [http://www.ubcmj.com/submissions.php](http://www.ubcmj.com/submissions.php) for more information on the submission process. If you have any questions feel to contact managing.editor@ubcmj.com.

**Emergency Medicine Research Opportunity with Dr. David Barbic**
An opportunity for **MD students** interested in emergency medicine cardiology, ED-based resuscitation and/or out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: Dr David Barbic (Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Emergency Medicine) is actively seeking several keen students, preferably with research experience, to assist with 2 active projects: 1) Evaluation of an ED atrial fibrillation pathway 2) Evaluation of the impact of morphine on STEMI morbidity and mortality. Time commitment is approximately 3-6hrs per week. Please email him directly if you are interested.

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**Reminders**

Additional research and scholarship information and resources are available on the Student Research website: [http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/](http://med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/).