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## Funding Opportunities and Awards

### [CHS Summer Studentships in Inherited Bleeding Disorders Research](#)

**Deadline: Nov 13, 2015**

The Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) will provide a stipend of up to \$6,000 to support interested Canadian medical or science students to work for up to 4 months during the Summer of 2016 on a research project relevant to inherited bleeding disorders. Medical students and undergraduate science students in all years of training who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants are eligible for this award. For additional information please visit the website ([hyperlinked above](#)).

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## Funding Reminders

[Mitacs Globalink Research Award](#) – Sept 26, 2015 (suggested); applications accepted any time.

[ASH Physician-Scientist Career Development Award](#) – Sept 30, 2015

[Shastri Student Internship Project in Aid](#) – Oct 15, 2015

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

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## Upcoming Events

### [MD/PhD Building Bridges Seminar Series – Evolution of an Oncologist](#)

**Date: Sept 28, 2015; 6:00-7:00pm**

Location: Latham Hall, Medical Student Alumni Centre (12th Avenue & Heather St); VC: Kelowna: KGH 237.

Phone In 1-877-792-2770. Meeting ID # 30302

Our seminar series aims to illustrate the relationship that exists between clinical practice and medical research, allowing MD/PhD and other interested students to hear about different career tracks and various ways to combine clinical and research work. In addition to speaking about their active research, the invited speakers discuss their experiences and training backgrounds, share their advice with prospective clinician-scientists, and give their opinions on career development options for clinician-scientists. Faculty, clinical investigator trainees, and students in the Faculty of Medicine or from the broader UBC community are invited.

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**Speaker: Dr. Janessa Laskin;** Medical Oncologist and Senior Scientist, BC Cancer Agency; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, UBC

Dr. Laskin is a Medical Oncologist and Senior Scientist at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at UBC. She completed her medical training including a Fellowship in Medical Oncology at UBC, and also completed a Thoracic Oncology Clinical Research Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical School in Nashville, TN. She joined the staff at the BC Cancer Agency in 2003. Dr. Laskin will share with us the story of her career path – evolution of an oncologist. For a more detailed biography please visit the event website (hyperlinked above).

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### **[Café Scientifique Vancouver – Knowing Pains: How can we study pain to better treat it?](#)**

**Date: Sept 29, 2015; 7:30 pm**

Location: The Railway Club, Vancouver

**Speakers: Dr. Matthew Ramer and Dr. John Kramer**

Pain is nature's way of telling us to stop doing whatever it is we are doing in order to prevent damage, and to protect injured body parts during the healing process. There are circumstances, however, when pain serves no useful purpose: it persists when the injury has healed or occurs in the absence of any frank tissue damage, and is inappropriate in context and magnitude. This is called neuropathic pain and is incredibly difficult to treat because it is unresponsive to all of the drugs we use to treat normal, useful ("acute") pain.

Our research is aimed at finding new ways to minimise suffering from neuropathic pain. Prerequisites to this goal include understanding how normal and neuropathic pain are encoded and perceived by the nervous system, and accurately measuring and quantifying pain so that we can draw reasonable conclusions about whether or not a particular treatment is effective. We will discuss some historical and current ideas of pain transmission and also tackle the contentious issue of pain measurement in the clinic and laboratory.

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### **[WORKSHOP: How to Write An Effective Animal Care Protocol](#)**

**Date: Oct 6, 2015; 1:00-3:00 pm**

Location: UBC Office of Research Services (102-6190 Agronomy Road)

This free session is for Principal Investigators, Students, Staff and anyone else likely to fill out an animal ethics application. If you've ever wanted to learn or have a refresher on how to write a great Animal Care Protocol, here is your opportunity to learn from some of the Animal Care Committee members. You will learn about the level of detail to include, sections of the application that are commonly omitted or incomplete, and key things the Committee looks for when reviewing protocols.

Please RSVP to Roger Chow ([roger.chow@ors.ubc.ca](mailto:roger.chow@ors.ubc.ca)) if you're interested as space is limited to approximately 12 attendees. For a more current list of dates, please visit the website (hyperlinked above).

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### [LSI Public Talks: Roadmap for Bringing Personalized Medicine to BC](#)

**Date: Oct 7, 2015; 6:00-8:00 pm**

Location: Alice Mackay Room, Lower Level, Central Library (350 West Georgia St)

Presented by expert scientists and clinicians, the LSI Public Talks are a series of informal talks and open forums that aim to bring the latest and greatest research in the life sciences to the public.

**Moderator: Pamela Fayerman**, Medicine/Health Journalist, Medicine Matters, The Vancouver Sun

Interact with some of BC leaders in the implementation of Personalized Medicine and learn about emerging ways to get your treatments tailored for better efficacy and safety and ways to better maintain your health. This conversation between the audience and panel of leaders in the Personalized Medicine healthcare revolution will enlighten you of the exciting new technologies and developments grown here in BC and how together we can bring them into practice.

**Speakers:** Pieter Cullis – Director, UBC Life Sciences Institute & Chair, Personalized Medicine Initiative

Joyce Drohan – Healthcare Practice Lead in BC, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Martin Dawes – Head of Family Practice, UBC

Chris Wagner – President & CEO, Contextual Genomics Inc.

Rennie Hoffman – Executive Director, Better Pharmacare Coalition

**Please RSVP via the event website** (hyperlinked above).

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### Event Reminders

CONFERENCE: [Pregnancy and the Mind](#) – Abstracts due Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>; Event Nov 6th

[Student Biotechnology Network – Building Biotech 2015](#) – Sept 22, 2015

[C2E2 Annual Lecture: A Tale of Knowledge Translation in the ICU](#) – Sept 30, 2015

CONFERENCE: [Western Students Medical Research Forum](#) – Abstracts Oct 1st; Event Jan 29-31, 2016

[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.

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### Additional Research and Scholarship Opportunities & Resources

#### Reminders

[UBC Medical Journal – Call for submissions](#)

[Emergency Medicine Research Opportunity with Dr. David Barbic](#) (see Sept 11<sup>th</sup> issue for details)

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

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

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