

Student Research News e-bulletin

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[Island Health Student Research Grants](#)

Deadline: May 2, 2018

Island Health's new **student research grant competition** will provide funding of up to \$2500 for students to work with an Island Health collaborator on a specific research project with defined activities. Applications must be submitted **jointly** by the student and collaborator; applications for summer 2018 projects are due by **May 2**. Another call will be launched in June for projects in fall-spring 2019. For full details see the competition [guidelines](#).

Are you a student **looking for a project**? Complete [this brief survey](#) and we'll aim to connect you with a suitable Island Health researcher.

Funding Reminders

[CNF Neurodevelopmental Disabilities \(NDD\) Summer Research Scholarship](#) – Apr 13, 2018

[Have a Heart Bursary Program](#) – May 1, 2018

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

Upcoming Events

[What Makes for a Successful Research Environment?](#)

Date: Apr 12, 2018; 12:00-1:30pm

Location: Room 1312, Life Sciences Centre, 2350 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver

Speaker: Dr. Rola Ajjawi, Senior Research Fellow, Deakin University, Australia.

Abstract: Research environments are influential predictors of research productivity. While several narrative and systematic reviews have identified characteristics of research-favourable environments, these reviews have ignored the contextual complexities and multiplicity of environmental characteristics. In this talk, I will present findings from a realist synthesis of the features of successful research environments. A realist approach enables the development and testing of theory for why interventions may or may not work, for whom and under what circumstances. In line with this, I will present patterns focusing on intersections between time, identities and relationships found to be critical to successful health professions education research environments. Together we will discuss implications for how individuals, leaders and organisations can contribute towards research environments and careers that flourish.

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[2018 Summer Sleep School Project Town Hall Meeting \(Volunteer Opportunity info session\)](#)

Date: Apr 12, 2018 5:15pm-7:00pm 5:15-Registration; 5:30-6:30pm Presentations; 6:30-7:00pm Q&A session

Location: LSC 3, Life Sciences Building

In this day and age, even selfies shared on Facebook can be used for self-assessment of wellbeing and/or monitoring of therapeutic interventions in the context of sleep and wake-behaviors. The H-Behaviours Research Lab at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, is hosting an informational Town Hall to outline opportunities for students to volunteer with the 2018 *Summer Sleep School* project. A series of short video-pitches and presentations from involved researchers and community partners will be presented. Visit our website at sleepnetwork.org for more details. If you are interested in attending please RSVP [here](#).

[Novel Precision Approaches to Cancer Therapy](#)

Date: Apr 17, 2018 (Meet & Greet: 11:45am-12:45pm; Public Lecture: 1:00-2:30pm)

Location: BC Cancer Research Centre: Meet & Greet – Dorothy Lam Boardroom; Lecture – Diamond Lecture Theatre

Dr. Richard Pestell, one of the candidates for the UBC President's Chair of Excellence in Precision Oncology, will be visiting UBC to meet with faculty and trainees and give a lecture on his research. Dr. Pestell's research in cell cycle, prostate cancer, oncology and stem cells is highly cited; he is ranked first in the world by Google scholar citations in cell cycle and prostate cancer, and second in the world for oncology. Dr. Pestell is a physician scientist and academic leader who currently serves as the President of the Pennsylvania Cancer and Regenerative Medicine Research Center at the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute.

[Discovery Talks: Developmental Origins of Pediatric Obesity and Diabetes](#)

Date: May 4, 2018 8:30am-9:30am

Location: Chan Centre for Family Health Education, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

Discovery Talks will feature Dr. Dana Dabelea, who is the Conrad M. Riley Endowed Professor at Colorado School of Public Health and Director at Lifecourse Epidemiology of Adiposity and Diabetes (LEAD) Center. For nearly 20 years, Dr. Dabelea has focused on the rising rate of type 2 diabetes in youth, and is the author of one of the first papers to highlight this trend. Originally from Romania, she trained as a physician diabetologist, completed a clinical science PhD, and then went on to spend two years of postdoctoral studies at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, where she focused on diabetes research among the Pima Indians. It was there that she became interested in the rising rate of type 2 diabetes, particularly in youth.

Dr. Dabelea's research looking at diabetes during pregnancy led her to believe that a life course approach to diabetes, with a specific focus on pediatric diabetes, could increase the likelihood of identifying early risk factors for the disease before chronic complications can develop.

[Second Annual Health xChange](#)

Date: May 7 2018

Location: St. Regis Bar & Grill, 608 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver

Speakers will share their creative approaches for moving evidence into policy and practice to ensure health research has a real impact at this event hosted by MSFHR and the EDGE Collective. Powered by PechaKucha and led by Michael Unger of Nerd Nite Vancouver, speakers will share their stories using 20 images, each shown for just 20 seconds. Learn from and network with researchers, policy-makers and knowledge users who are passionate about

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using research to improve health policy and practice. **Tickets are free, but space is limited and registration is required.** [Click here](#) for more information.

[Third Annual Women's Health Research Symposium](#)

Date: May 9, 2018; 5:00-8:00pm

Location: Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, UBC

Hosted by the Women's Health Research Institute, this conference will be an opportunity for investigators interested in women's health research to celebrate the exceptional research currently being conducted in our province. Trainee registration rate is only \$10. For more information and to register or view the agenda [click here](#).

Event Reminders

[MEDtalks – Emergency: Drug Use and Addiction in the 21st Century](#) – Apr 19, 2018 6:30pm-9:00pm

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

For additional event listing visit: <http://www.med.ubc.ca/current-learners/research/stay-connected/>.

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[EXTENDED: Call for Submissions: University of Toronto Medical Journal](#) – Apr 16, 2018

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