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Brain Tumour Research Studentship

Deadline: 7-Jan-22

Amount: \$10,000 (\$5,000/year)

The Brain Tumour Research Studentship program has been developed to accelerate brain tumour research and encourage new, young researchers to join the field. This award is open to **first year medical students AND BSc undergraduate students in years 1 – 3** attending a Canadian university and working on projects to be performed in Canada. The application must be

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submitted in two parts: online and by mail. Successful applicants are provided a stipend of \$10,000 for two summers (\$5,000 per year). Please visit website for additional information and application details.

Society of Interventional Radiology Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Culp Student Research Grant

Deadline: 15-Jan-22

Amount: \$4,000

The Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Culp Student Research Grant for **MD and non-MD undergraduate students** is intended to foster an interest in research and provide up to \$4000 for students conducting a summer research project in interventional radiology and patient care. Students must be citizens or permanent residents of Canada or the US and must identify a supervisor who will mentor them for the duration of their project. Awardees must submit a final written report upon project completion. Applicants can submit a Proposal Development form to the SIR to receive preliminary feedback on their research proposal. For more details, visit their website.

Canadian Cancer Society Travel Awards

Deadline: 15-Jan-22

Amount: varies

A limited number of Travel Awards to **MD, PhD, or MD/PhD students, and post-doctoral/medical/clinical fellows** are available. The purpose of this program is to cover the travel costs associated with making a scientific presentation as a first author or presenter at a conference, symposium or other appropriate professional meeting. There are normally three competitions each year, and it is anticipated that up to 10 Travel Awards for a maximum of \$2,000 will be awarded in each competition. Candidates must be attending a conference for the purpose of presenting data from a cancer-related project on a **first-author or presenter** basis. Please refer to the website provided for more information and application details.

ASH Physician-Scientist Career Development Award

Deadline: 18-Jan-22

Amount: \$42,000 (in student stipend, supplies, and other education expenses)

The American Society of Hematology (ASH) offers the Physician-Scientist Career Development Award as an opportunity for **medical students** to gain experience in hematology research by immersing themselves in a fulltime, yearlong laboratory, translational, or clinical investigation under the mentorship of an ASH member. The award amount total is \$42,000 which includes a stipend, allowance for supplies, insurance/educational expenses and meeting attendance. The award is for a one-year period, generally July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Applicants must be in years 1–3, and have a mentor who is an active member of ASH. MD-PhD students are not eligible. Please visit the website for additional information and application guidelines.

Charles Hollenberg Summer Studentship Program

Deadline: 20-Jan-22

Amount: \$6,300

The Charles Hollenberg Summer Studentship Program is offering 14 summer studentships to undergraduate and medical students to carry out summer research in diabetes under the supervision of a member of the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre. The goal of this program is to introduce students to the field of diabetes research and to encourage research in diabetes and its complications as a career. Check the website for application guidelines.

A stipend of \$6,300 will be offered to successful applicants. Note that the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre will provide \$3,150 and a minimum of \$3,150 must be provided by the supervisor. Students are required to work full-time for a minimum of 12 weeks between May 1 and August 31. Students and supervisors must participate in the Summer Studentship Program which consists of a weekly Seminar Series throughout June and July, as well as a mini-conference in early August. Students are required to submit a one-page abstract of their research to the Mini-Conference.

Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases CFID Undergraduate Summer Research Grant

Deadline: 22-Jan-22

Amount: \$5,000

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The Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID) AMMI Canada Medical Student Research provides support for **undergraduate students in their 2nd year or higher** with a minimum GPA of B+ (3.33 or 76%) conducting research relevant to the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of infectious diseases. Successful applicants will receive an award of \$5,000 for an 12-13-week research term that is performed either as a summer research project, an elective research term, or a co-op work term.

Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases AMMI Canada- CFID Medical Student Research Award

Deadline: 22-Jan-22

Amount: \$5,000

The goal of this grant is to provide support for medical students who are interested in research in infectious diseases and microbiology. This grant is funded for \$5,000 for an 8-10 week research term, performed consecutively over the summer or intermittently over the course of one academic year. Adjudication is by a selection committee and will be competitive based on academic achievement, research potential or experience, and mentor acceptance. The awardee is required to submit a summary report within 4 weeks of the termination of their project, which will be published on the AMMI Canada and the CFID websites. The student is also encouraged to submit a poster or oral presentation on their work at the subsequent annual AMMI Canada/CACMID meeting.

Endocrine Society Research Experiences for Graduate and Medical Students

Deadline: 31-Jan-22

Amount: \$2,500

The Endocrine Society offers Research Experiences for Graduate and Medical Students Awards first-year MD students. Awardees will receive a stipend to conduct research under the guidance of a Society member for 8-10-week summer research project. Applications are accepted from student-supervisor teams. Awardees will be invited to attend ENDO 2022, the Society's Annual Meeting and Expo, following the summer fellowship. Career building opportunities, including educational webinars, virtual research talks, and access to the early career forum will be provided. Please refer to the website for a complete list of application requirements.

Funding Reminders:

Deadline	Award
15-Nov-21	CHS Summer Studentships in Inherited Bleeding Disorders Research
08-Dec-21	Parkinson's Disease Foundation Summer Student Fellowship

Events

Upcoming Events:

08-Nov-21 12:00—1:00pm (Virtual)

[2021-2022 Women's Health Seminar Series: "Significance of Sex and Muscle Strength in Understanding Age-related Loss of Force Control"](#)

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Jakobi, Professor, School of Health and Exercise Sciences, UBCO. Dr. Jakobi teaches and researches in the area of neuromuscular and exercise physiology. The long term objective of her research program is to develop prehabilitation programs that focus on maintaining functional independence in older adults. Her basic research program centres upon identifying the contributions of central descending and sensory reflex pathways to the modulation of motor neuron activity and subsequent effect on force control in women (NSERC). The applied research program focuses on quantifying muscle activity that necessitates functional activities of daily living in older adults and determining the role of whole body vibration in functional change (UBCO).

09-Nov-21 12:00—4:30pm (Virtual)

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Data Science and Health 2021: 2nd Annual Data Science and Health Conference: Post-Covid Perspectives

Building on momentum from last year's Data Science and Health CPD event, this year's theme will focus on the Post-COVID Perspective for Data Science and Health.

The Data Science in Health Continuing Professional Development event is designed to address the need for health care providers to improve their understanding of current data science concepts related to health care research, and how to optimally integrate data science into the delivery of care. We are hoping to craft a program that serves as an accessible introduction to data science for clinicians while reflecting on lessons learned from the COVID-19 response.

Register

*Registration is free for students and residents. For promotion codes, please complete our Student and Resident Registration Form.

09-Nov-21 4:30—5:30pm (Virtual)

Data Science and Health 2021 Virtual Networking Session

We would like to invite you to our Data Science and Health 2021 Virtual Networking Session! The event will be held on Gather Town, a virtual platform that mimics in-person conferences, to provide a space to connect with the larger health research community and identify potential opportunities for collaboration and partnership. It's also a chance to interact with our Data Science and Health 2021 CPD speakers and industry attendees, including Pfizer and Philips!

Free registration is available through the link above - attendees of Data Science and Health 2021 CPD will receive access to the Networking Session without additional registration.

16-Nov-21 5:00pm—6:00pm (Virtual)

Connect with Dr. Eric Escobar, Protein Engineering Group Lead in the Exploratory Research Unit at Zymeworks Inc.

The SBN is pleased to announce the next event of the Connect with Biotech and Life Sciences Professional Series. We are delighted to be joined by UBC alum and Principal Scientist at Zymeworks Inc, Dr. Eric Escobar.

Dr. Eric Escobar-Cabrera grew up in Mexico. He studied in Italy, Germany and Canada, where he received a BSc. in Chemistry. He then did his PhD in Chemistry at the University of British Columbia, where he specialized in using nuclear magnetic resonance to answer structural biology questions. He is currently a Principal Scientist at Zymeworks Inc, which he joined in 2010 as a protein engineer in support of a number of platform and therapeutic development programs. In his time at Zymeworks, he published scientific articles, is an inventor on various issued patents, as well as numerous patent applications. Most recently, Eric led Zymeworks' protein engineering efforts in a collaboration with GlaxoSmithKline. Now, he leads the protein engineering group at the newly formed Exploratory Research Unit at Zymeworks.

Through this opportunity, students can expect to:

Learn about careers in the life sciences and biotech industry

Engage with Dr. Eric Escobar

Q&A with Dr. Eric Escobar

Due to the nature of the event, there will be limited attendance. Those that are unable to secure a spot will be put on a waitlist.

17-Nov-21 12:00—1:00pm (Virtual)

Work in Progress Seminar: Dr. Scott Kline: Neighbours Saving Neighbours: Piloting a rapid community response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in rural Ontario

Each year, more than 35,000 people suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) in Canada. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation are vital links in the chain of survival for OHCA. Research has shown that for every minute a cardiac arrest victim is without CPR, their chances of survival decrease by 10%. Immediate CPR and defibrillation can quadruple the chances of survival for victims of OHCA. To promote bystander CPR (CPR provided by anyone near to the victim), Canada has invested substantial resources into dispatcher-assisted CPR (DACPR) and CPR education programs for laypersons across the country. As a result, the rate of both bystander CPR and survival from OHCA has increased in the last two decades. A next step in improving survival rates, by further reducing the time from cardiac arrest to CPR, could be the implementation of a coordinated, community-based volunteer program that dispatches community rescuers to the scene of an OHCA to provide immediate high-quality CPR and defibrillation.

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In this presentation, Dr. Kline introduces “Neighbours Saving Neighbours,” a community first response to OHCA program that is in the pilot stages in various locations in Ontario, including Frontenac County (Kingston) and Perth County (Stratford). This presentation focuses on the Perth County pilot, which is in its early stages. Among the issues facing this pilot include dispatch coordination, identifying community leadership champions, volunteer recruitment, training volunteers, and procuring and deploying AEDs.

17-18-Nov-21 9:30am—12:30pm (Virtual)

Image Guided Therapeutics and Diagnostics Symposium

Building off the success of the IGT webinar series, Image-Guided Therapeutics and Diagnostics is a 2-day symposium that will bring together clinicians, researchers, students, and industry organizations who are interested in emerging diagnostic and therapeutic health technologies.

There will be invited talks on themes such as diagnostic imaging, artificial intelligence, and image-guided therapies for a multitude of applications. The symposium will provide an opportunity to network and identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership. The meeting will serve as a showcase for new innovations and products for industry partners.

18-Nov-21 12:00—1:00pm (Virtual)

Centering Equity for Intimate Partner Violence Survivors: The Impact of Structural Racism & the Criminal Legal Response.

"Dr. Charvonne Holliday is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Holliday's research focuses on achieving equity in women's health by understanding and addressing social and structural determinants of intimate partner violence (IPV) and reproductive coercion (RC) and related racial and ethnic disparities. Dr. Holliday's research examines the impact of risk factors like structural racism and gender-based discrimination on the health and stability of IPV/RC survivors and women's risk of experiencing violence; evaluates IPV intervention programming for urban men through multidisciplinary collaboration, and assesses men's use of RC in their intimate relationships. Dr. Holliday's work engages both survivors and people who use violence against intimate partners to maximize the full benefit of violence prevention and intervention strategies. She is @CharvonneH on Twitter.

Dr. Michele Decker, ScD, MPH, is a Bloomberg Professor of American Health in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She leads the Women's Health & Rights program in the Center for Public Health and Human Rights. A social epidemiologist and behavioral scientist by training, Dr. Decker brings longstanding expertise in gender-based violence and its epidemiology, social determinants, impact, prevention and response. She has led mixed-methods and implementation research with support from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IDEAS42, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, and in collaboration with community practitioner partners and state and local health departments. She is @michelerdecker on Twitter."

18-Nov-21 12:00—1:30pm (Virtual)

Invitation to Sorry, Not Sorry: The Importance of Showing Up in an Era of Truth and Reconciliation

Please join us on November 18 for the inaugural session of the Indigenous Initiatives Speakers Series. This virtual event will bring together Kukpi7 – Chief Rosanne Casimir of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Kukpi7 – Chief Wayne Christian of the Splatsin First Nation & Tribal Chief for the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council.

On October 18, 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with our two speakers and other First Nations leaders in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory after holidaying in Tofino on September 30 – the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This dialogue will highlight the importance of leaders and leadership in the context of Truth and Reconciliation. Kukpi7 Casimir and Kukpi7 Christian will talk about the importance of presence and persona, and the implications of absence and ignorance. They will also discuss the need and urgency for action in addressing the legacy of oppression and assimilation of Indigenous peoples.

19-Nov-21 11:00am—12:00pm (Virtual)

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[The 16th Annual D. Harold Copp Lecture: "Why so many ways to die? The non-canonical inflammasome pathway"](#)

Proper coordination of cellular metabolism and its integration with immune response is paramount to function of cells, organs, and organisms. The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is the main site for protein and lipid synthesis, trafficking, and the storage of cellular calcium. Work in our group over the past two decades demonstrated that ER also plays a significant role in adaptation to metabolic fluctuations, adaptation to metabolic challenges, and their integration to immune response. This important "integrated metabolic response" is disrupted by metabolic stress of chronic metabolic diseases such as obesity and diabetes in animal models and humans. Restoration of the ER adaptive folding responses by genetic or chemical means improve metabolic homeostasis in preclinical models and humans. Therefore, understanding the compositional, structural, and functional regulation of the ER and the mechanisms giving rise to its dysfunction remain critical areas of investigation and carry important translational opportunities. In recent studies, we have discovered alteration in structural organization and architecture of the organelle and identified adaptive responses that emanate from the ER during metabolic stress in physiological or pathological contexts. Here, I will present emerging evidence integrating metaflammation to endoplasmic reticulum and mitochondria function and regulation of interactions between organelles during metabolic fluctuations. I will also present our most recent observations on a novel pathway mediated by the NRF family of ER bound transcription factors, which orchestrates previously unknown countermeasures against metabolic stress to preserve ER integrity and metabolic health. Finally, how these molecular mechanisms may be exploited to understand chronic inflammatory diseases and leveraged to design novel and effective preventive and therapeutic strategies will be discussed.

22-Nov-21 5:00—6:00pm (Virtual)

[MD/PhD Seminar with Dr. Gina Ogilvie](#)

Dr. Gina Ogilvie's research is focused on both the public health and clinical aspects of reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, HPV screening and the HPV vaccine, and her findings have been highly influential in setting and directing health policy both in Canada and globally. Dr. Ogilvie has published over 100 peer reviewed manuscripts and has provided advice and consultation to national and global institutions, including the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, Public Health Agency of Canada, the World Health Organization and Ministries of Health globally on STI, HIV and HPV vaccine policy and programming. Dr. Ogilvie speaks widely at international and national research and education conferences, and has supervised medical students, residents, and graduate students throughout her career. Our trainees will hear about her training pathway and the experiences that led her to pursue her career.

22-Nov-21 12:00—1:00pm (Virtual)

[2021-2022 Women's Health Seminar Series: "Sex and Gender Differences in Response to Vaccines: Why do Women Experience Greater Adverse Reactions?"](#)

Presenter: Dr. Rosemary Morgan, Assistant Scientist, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Rosemary Morgan is an Assistant Scientist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of International Health, with a joint position in the School of Nursing. She has expertise in gender, gender analysis, and intersectionality. She currently leads the Sex and Gender Analysis Core for the NIH funded Sex and Age Differences in Immunity to Influenza (SADII) Center. In addition, she works as a gender advisor on RADAR, an initiative developing tools to assist in the implementation of measurement approaches for maternal, neonatal, and child health and nutrition programs. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins Rosemary was a Lecturer in Global Health Policy at the University of Edinburgh, and a Research and Teaching Fellow at the University of Leeds.

24-Nov-21 4:00—5:00pm (Virtual)

[Data Science and Health Workshop Series: Introduction to AI Workshop](#)

This workshop will cover the basics of AI and its potential and limitations to address clinical problems. We'll cover necessary inputs and feasible outcomes, while clarifying what AI can and can't do. You'll leave this workshop with an understanding of AI's capabilities and limitations and what's required to collaborate on an AI project.

The workshop will include:

An introduction to AI - review the basics

Case studies of successful projects between clinicians and engineers

An opportunity to engage with AI experts to evaluate potential projects

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Our workshop aims to provide a mutual understanding for both clinicians and engineers while building a community to actively support collaboration and matching.

Join us on November 24th and find your new collaborator!

26-Nov-21 4:00—5:00pm (Virtual)

Third Annual Tri-Cluster Research Day

Presented by UBC's Women's Health, Data Science & Health, and Biomedical Imaging & AI clusters, our committee is pleased to invite you to the 3rd Annual Tri-Cluster Research Day. Join us for a morning of multi-disciplinary conversations, presentations, and more. The day will include:

Virtual Poster presentations exhibiting students' work

Virtual Lightning-Round presentations by the top 10 abstracts

Brainstorming Session for collaborative team grants

The Tri-Cluster Research Day's objective is to provide a setting for faculty and students to identify current research projects that relate to their work and facilitate the co-creation of new research ideas. All members of the DASH, Women's Health and BMIAI communities (students, residents, postdocs, faculty, and staff) are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Abstract submissions are due October 24th, 2021. More details and submission instructions can be found on the website: <http://ow.ly/4Z7750G1Fr8>

Ongoing Events:

Date	Time	Where	Seminar	Affiliation
Mondays	12:00-1:00pm	In-person	Comparative Physiology Invited Speaker Seminar	Department of Zoology
Mondays	12:00-1:00pm	Virtual	Women's Health Seminar Series	Women's Health Research Cluster
Wednesdays	4:00-5:00pm	Virtual	Evening Comparative Physiology Seminar	Department of Zoology
Wednesdays	12:00-1:00pm	In-person	Biodiversity Research Seminar Series	Department of Zoology
Wednesdays	8:00-9:30am	Virtual	Neuroscience Grand Rounds Schedule	Department of Neurology
Wednesdays	11:00-12:00pm	Virtual	Centre for Blood Research Virtual Seminar Series	Centre for Blood Health
Thursdays	12:45-1:45pm	Virtual	Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences Clee Memorial Seminar Series	Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
Fridays	3:00-4:00pm	In-person or Virtual	BLISS: Biodiversity Legendary Internal Seminar Series	Department of Zoology
Fridays	11:00- 12:00pm	In-person or Virtual	Neuroscience Research Colloquium	Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health

Other Research Opportunities

New Announcements:

UBC Faculty of Medicine Precision Health: Launch & Networking Event

Event: Nov 9th, 2021 9:00am-12:00pm (Virtual)

This interactive session will share the latest in precision health research from our featured speakers, introduce a new funding opportunity, and facilitate collaboration and connections between attendees through networking breakout sessions. Click here to view our [Program](#). Join us virtually on Zoom. Register below to receive your unique link to the meeting. This event is for faculty, staff, and students who are interested in advancing the emerging field of Precision Health. What will I take away from this event? Awareness about the exciting work being driven by key stakeholders in the PH field and ideas and connections that may lead to the development of new innovative PH research projects.

Click Here to [Register](#). Please note registration is limited on a first-come first-served basis. A recording of this event will also be available on our website after Nov 9. For more event information and regular updates, visit our [Precision Health website](#). If you have any questions, please contact fom.precisionhealth@ubc.ca.

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BC Rural Health Research Exchange: Call for Presenters and Event Announcement

Event: Nov 23rd, 2021 starting at 8:30am

What Rural Health Research is Happening in BC?

We want to find out what kind of rural health research is happening in BC – and we need your help.

After a very successful inaugural event, the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) and Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC) are supporting the second BC Rural Health Research Exchange (BCRHRx).

The event on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. PST will be a virtual half-day event filled with brief rapid-style presentations designed to inform, engage and share current rural research in British Columbia.

One of the main objectives of the BCRHRx is to display and promote rural health research projects in British Columbia. To do this, we welcome researchers, clinicians and trainees (students) to present their ongoing and/or completed rural health research in a concise, visually interesting and rapid (10-minute) presentation style.

Do you have something to share? We'd love to have you take part! [Sign up to be a presenter here](#).

Please email [Tracey DeLeeuw](mailto:Tracey.DeLeeuw) with any questions about presenting.

Are you not currently doing research but want to find out more? [Participant registration is now available here](#).

Event Format

The entire event will occur virtually on the Zoom platform. Researchers, clinicians and trainees (students) from across BC will present their ongoing and/or completed rural health research in a concise, visually interesting and rapid presentation style.

Presenters will have up to 10 minutes to present their research work, with up to five minutes of questions/answers from the virtual audience (via the chat box in Zoom). Topics covered will include rural transportation, virtual health, team-based care and cultural safety.

An event program will be available closer to the start of the event containing information about the presentations and other important information.

Visit <https://rccbc.ca/bcrhrx/> for up-to-date information.

BC SUPPORT Unit Conference: Putting Patients First 2022: Call for Abstracts

Abstract Deadline: Dec 10th, 2021

Event: Mar 10-11th, 2022 (hybrid)

The BC SUPPORT Unit invites patients, their families and caregivers, researchers, health care providers and health system decision makers to share their patient-oriented research (POR) and experiences at the fifth annual BC SUPPORT Unit conference, called Putting Patients First 2022: Listening, Learning, Collaborating and Changing. The event will take place March 10-11, 2022 and will be delivered in a hybrid (in-person and virtual) format.

A call for abstracts is now being announced. The conference's organizing team is seeking abstract submissions in poster presentation and 60-minute break-out session presentation styles.

Successful applicants will attend in-person or virtually in March 2022, be acknowledged on the BC SUPPORT Unit's website and this newsletter, and will have their virtual poster or break-out presentation recording available online for broad dissemination.

The deadline to submit your abstract is Friday, December 10, 2021 at 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time.

Free Data Analysis: Call for Submissions

Deadline: Jan 14th, 2021

There is a great opportunity that is open to anyone to receive free stats analysis through stats students taking STAT 450 next term. **Start getting your data ready** and send it along with a 1-page description of your project (see [example](#)) to asda@stat.ubc.ca no later than Jan 14th. The stats professors teaching the course will supervise teams of students who will use the term to analyze the data and write an analysis report. For more details please see the snippets relevant to STAT 450 at <https://www.stat.ubc.ca/free-statistical-consultation-202122-0>.