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Opportunities & Awards

Child Neurology Foundation Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Summer Research Scholarship

Deadline: 16-Mar-25

Amount: Up to \$3,500

The Child Neurology Foundation announces the availability of (1) one summer clinical research scholarship for a first, second or third-year US or Canadian medical student who has an interest in training in neurodevelopmental disabilities or child neurology. The award will be made for clinical research focused in the field of **neurodevelopmental disabilities** in children or young adults to be conducted under the direction of a child neurology/NDD subspecialist during the summer break. Selected applicant will receive a \$3,500 scholarship to support the research project.

Molly Towell Perinatal Research Foundation Fellowship Award

Deadline: 22-Mar-25

Amount: Up to \$35000

The overall goal of the MTPRF is to encourage perinatal research in Canada. As per Dr. Towell's direction, the Foundation will support original and innovative research, which she defined as the pursuit of new information derived from basic or clinical research. High priority is given to projects that concern fetal growth or metabolism, but any studies that involve original research in fetal or neonatal medicine will be considered. Purely epidemiological research or clinical trials, however, will not be considered.

CSNS Medical Student Summer Fellowship in Socioeconomic Research

Deadline: 15-Apr-25

Amount: Up to \$2,500

The CSNS Medical Student Fellowship in Socioeconomic Research is meant to assist a medical student conducting research on a socioeconomic issue impacting neurosurgical practice. This fellowship award is sponsored by the Council of State Neurological Societies. The fellowship is open to all medical students in the United States or Canada. The fellow will spend 8 to 10 weeks conducting supervised research on a socioeconomic topic of importance to neurosurgery.

Young Investigator Award

Deadline: 30-Apr-25

Amount: \$5,000

The Dr. J. A. Campbell Young Investigator Award of \$5,000 for any kind of research into Celiac Disease and / or Gluten Sensitivity is available to students and those who have recently completed degrees. For the next three years, we are particularly interested in research that is geared towards investigating vulnerable populations or under-investigated communities related to celiac disease such as individuals who are impoverished, food at risk, newcomers, racialized and/or indigenous communities; however, applications are not limited to this subject area.

Funding Reminders:

Deadline	Award
14-Mar-25	BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services Research Summer Studentship
30-Apr-25	Young Investigator Award
6-May-25	Have a Heart Bursary Program

Events

3-4-Mar-25 All day (UBC Vancouver or Online)

[CHSPR 2025: Primary Care at A\(nother\) Crossroads](#)

The 37th annual CHSPR health policy conference will **confront the primary care crisis**. With primary care stretched beyond its limits, it is necessary for provincially delivered and funded systems to **learn from each other** and more quickly **apply evidence to practice**. Speakers will engage with approaches that are being implemented to support patients in navigating primary care, address workforce shortages, decrease inefficiencies, and use data to transform care. The event will be offered in hybrid format.

CHSPR’s long-standing conference promotes discussion between policy-makers, academics, providers, trainees, patients and national organizations on timely issues shaping health systems in Canada. The 2025 conference will bring together participants from diverse groups and from across the country to discuss ways to **manage, deliver and finance primary care** that aims to achieve the [Quintuple Aim](#); exploring ways to **increase health care equity** through innovations in care delivery. Addressing challenges in our primary care systems requires co-designing strategies, collaborative dialogues, and coordinating activities, and the conference promises to engage in this transformative work. Click the link above to register.

7-Mar-25; 8:15am – 3:45pm (RHL Alumni Centre, UBC or Online)

[WHRI: Tenth Annual Women’s Health Research Symposium](#)

The Women’s Health Research Institute (WHRI) presents the Annual Women’s Health Research Symposium as both an in-person and virtual event. The theme of this year’s event focuses on driving equity through innovation and will bring together thought leaders to discuss successes, challenges, and opportunities for the women’s health research community to continue leading change and working towards “better health for all women”. This event targets researchers, research trainees, clinicians, and other relevant groups offering a platform for collaboration, research dissemination, and identifying future opportunities in women-focused health research. In addition to presentations, the event will include dedicated networking time, a poster session, and a separate mentorship and networking event for trainees engaged in women’s health research.

22-23-Mar-25 9:00am – 4:00pm each day (Life Science Institute, East Atrium, UBC)

[UBC Medicine Datathon](#)

The UBC Medicine Datathon brings together students and professionals from diverse health disciplines and data-related fields to tackle healthcare challenges through data-driven approaches. Whether you're in medicine, pharmacy, public health, computer science, or another related field, this interdisciplinary event offers a welcoming space to apply your skills and learn from others. Participants will work in diverse teams, gain hands-on experience, and contribute to innovative solutions in healthcare and technology. No prior data experience is required—just curiosity and a willingness to collaborate!

10-Apr-25 All day (UBC Robson Square or online)

[Norman Bethune Symposium](#)

Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Norman Bethune Symposium, which will be held in a hybrid format. Those attending virtually do not need to register as a webcast link will be available on the website closer to the event date. In-person attendees must register. Please see the draft program on the website.

30-Apr-25 (Chan Auditorium, BC Children's Hospital)

[Rehabilitation Research Program: INCREASE BC 2025 Interdisciplinary Conference in Rehabilitation Science BC](#)

This year's conference will take place on April 30, 2025 at the Chan Auditorium, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute. Interdisciplinary Conference in Rehabilitation Science of BC (INCREASE BC) is a collaborative initiative between the UBC Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Rehab Research Program, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI), and the UBC Rehabilitation Sciences Executive Committee. The mission of INCREASE BC is to improve research in rehabilitation, which enables us to advance collaborative rehabilitation care and improve the lives of people living with disabilities, injuries, and chronic health conditions in British Columbia. This year's conference will revolve around the theme of Patient and Community Partnered Research.

Ongoing Events:

Date	Time	Where	Seminar	Affiliation
Mondays	9:00-10:00am	Virtual	Women's Health Seminar Series	Women's Health Research Cluster
Mondays	5:30pm-6:30pm	TBA	Building Bridges Seminar Series	MD Undergraduate Program (MD/PHD)
Wednesdays	4:00-5:00pm	BioSci room 4223	Evening Comparative Physiology Seminar	Department of Zoology
Wednesdays	12:00-1:00pm	Michael Smith Labs Room 102	Biodiversity Research Seminar Series	Biodiversity Research Centre
Wednesdays	1:00pm-2:00pm	Hybrid	CBR Seminars	Centre for Blood Research
Fridays	11:00am-12:00pm	Virtual	Neuroscience Research Colloquium	Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health
Fridays	12:00-1:00pm	Michael Smith Labs Room 102	Comparative Physiology Invited Speaker Seminar	Department of Zoology
Fridays	3:00pm-4:00pm	Biodiversity Research Centre Room 224	BLISS: Biodiversity Legendary Internal Seminar Series	Department of Zoology

Other Research Opportunities

New Research Opportunities:

[BC Cancer 2025 Summer Studentship](#)

Deadline: 14-Mar-25

We are pleased to announce the BC Cancer 2025 Summer Research Studentship competition.

Summer research studentships, sponsored by the BC Cancer Foundation, will be available to support senior undergraduate university students and/or junior medical or dental students seeking hands-on training in cancer research in BC during the period of May 1 – August 31, 2025. Summer research studentships may address any discipline of cancer research including: clinical, translational, basic, behavioural and population.

These awards may be held at any BC Cancer site of operation in the province, but are restricted to applicants planning to work on a research project that is funded and supervised by a senior health professional that has a full research or faculty appointment with BC Cancer.

Announcement Reminders:

Nis Schmidt History of Surgery Prize

Deadline: 2-March-2025

Prize: \$1,000

We are delighted to invite paper submissions on the History of Surgery from Residents and MD Students for the Nis Schmidt History of Surgery Prize. Dr. Schmidt is a UBC Department of Surgery Clinical Professor Emeritus who has generously endowed an award to stimulate interest and documentation in the history of surgery. A monetary prize of \$1000 is awarded annually to a Medical Student or Residents in the Department of Surgery for the best publishable grade paper on the subject of surgical history. The paper can address a topic of local, national or international interest in any field of surgery - biographical, developmental, clinical, technical, educational and ethical and is open to undergraduate medical students and residents in any surgical discipline. The winning paper will be presented at the Department of Surgery Grand Rounds on April 9th, 2025 at 7am. Please forward your submissions to bethany.saunders@ubc.ca by March 2, 2025.

Hong Kong Laureate Forum

Deadline: 31-Mar-25

We are dedicated to organise a world-class academic exchange event known as the [Hong Kong Laureate Forum](#) (the Forum), aimed at connecting current and future leaders in scientific pursuits and fostering the understanding and interests of the young generation in Hong Kong and beyond across various disciplines in science and technology. All applicants are required to undergo a two-tier selection process for consideration to join the Forum. The followings are the eligibility criteria for application:

- Aged 35 or below
- PhD Graduates
- Postgraduates (Master / PhD)
- Undergraduates

in Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, Mathematical Sciences or other closely related subjects in any country/region are welcome to join the Forum. Young scientists meeting the above-mentioned qualifications who are not affiliated to universities or organisations are also eligible to apply. As of today, the following Shaw Laureates will join the Forum 2025:

Astronomy

- Prof Matthew Bailes – Shaw Laureate in Astronomy 2023
- Prof Michael Perryman – Shaw Laureate in Astronomy 2022
- Prof Simon D M Whites – Shaw Laureate in Astronomy 2017
- Prof John A Peacock – Shaw Laureate in Astronomy 2014
- Prof Steven A Balbus – Shaw Laureate in Astronomy 2013

Life Science and Medicine

- Prof Eva Nogales – Shaw Laureate in Life Science and Medicine 2023
- Prof Kazutoshi Mori – Shaw Laureate in Life Science and Medicine 2014
- Prof Peter Walter – Shaw Laureate in Life Science and Medicine 2014

The **application closes on 31 March 2025**. All interested parties can **apply via the online platform:** [click here](#). Forum details and information for application could also be found [here](#). You can also refer to the file from this [link](#). For any queries regarding the application process, please feel free to contact us at programme@hklaureateforum.org, we are more than happy to provide necessary assistance.