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Research Update

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Awards

On March 30 and April 3, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) announced the results of its seventh round of Research Trainee Awards and first round of the Technology/Methodology Platform Awards. MSFHR is the research funding body for BC. It leads, partners and serves as a catalyst to build British Columbia's capacity for excellence in clinical, biomedical, health services and population health research. At VCH Research Institute, we would not be able to do this leading-edge research without the support of MSFHR and the provincial government. I'm pleased to recognize and congratulate the following individuals on their awards.

Picture left, Dr. Bernie Bressler, Executive Director, VCH Research Institute

Research Trainee Awards

A BIOMEDICAL

1. Junior Graduate Studentship:	**2. Senior Graduate Studentship:**
Sarah Crome (Dr Megan Levings)	Sarah Allan (VGH - Dr Megan Levings)
Stephen Ip (Dr Christopher Ong)	Michael Hsing (VGH - Dr Artem Cherkasov)
Sarah Johnson (Dr Heather McKay)	Leah Prentice (VGH - Dr David Huntsman)
Abelardo Medina (Dr Aziz Ghahary)	Derek Dunfield (UBC Hospital - Dr Kurt Haas)
Tien Yin Yau (Dr Christopher Ong)	Joseph Flores (UBC Hospital - Dr Doris Doudet)
Krivosheya Daria (UBC Hospital - Dr Alaa El-Husseini)	Rochelle Hines (UBC Hospital - Dr Alaa El-Husseini)
	Ning Zhou (UBC Hospital - Dr Brian MacVicar)

B. CLINICAL

1. Junior Graduate Studentship:	**2. Senior Graduate Studentship:**
Lisa Buchy (UBC Hospital - Dr Todd Woodward)	Christopher Fox (Dr Jason Barton)
Brian Schick (UBC Hospital - Dr Helene Cote)	Shannon Gelb (Dr Wendy Thornton)
Giorgia Tropini (UBC Hospital - Dr Martin McKeown)	James Johnston (VGH - Dr David Wilson)
	Emily McWalter (Dr David Wilson)
	Babak Shadgan (Dr Darlene Reid)
	Jocelyn Harris (GF Strong - Dr Janice Eng)
	Sarah Lidstone (UBC Hospital - Dr Jon Stoessl)
	Lindsay Nettlefold (VGH - Drs Darren Warburton and Heather McKay)

3. Postdoctoral:
Giuseppe Iaria (UBC Hospital - Drs Jason Barton and Howard Feldman)
Noah Silverberg (UBC Hospital - Drs Howard Feldman and Bradley Hallam)

C. HEALTH SERVICES

1. Senior Graduate Studentship:	2. Postdoctoral:
Mary De Vera (VGH - Dr Boris Sobolev)	Kelly Grindrod (VGH - Drs Carlo Marra and Larry Lynd)

D. POPULATION HEALTH

1. Senior Graduate Studentship:	2. Postdoctoral:
William (Ben) Mortenson (VGH – Dr Bill Miller)	Allen Lehman (Arthritis Research Centre)

Technology/Methodology Platform Awards

The BC BioLibrary

Dr. David Huntsman and Dr. Ian MacKenzie are co-leaders (together with Dr. Peter Watson and Dr. Richard Hegele) of this $1 million award. The BC BioLibrary will ensure that researchers across the province have access to the highest quality biological specimens to support studies to expand our understanding of health, as well as the origins, course and treatment of disease. The goal is to make certain that high quality, standardized biological materials are available to support the full range of research applications, including clinical trials, drug discovery, biomedical imaging technologies, proteomics, genomics, metabolomics and population-based outcome studies.

Featured right, Dr. Ian MacKenzie, Professor, Medicine/Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of British Columbia; Investigator, Brain Research Centre at VCHRI and Staff Neuropathologist, Vancouver General Hospital.

Not pictured, David Huntsman, Associate Professor, Medicine/Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of British Columbia; Director, Centre for Translational Genomics, BC Cancer Agency; Principal Investigator, GPEC (Genetic Pathology Evaluation Centre) at VCHRI.

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