



# Research Update

*Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Awards*



I am pleased to announce the following VCHRI investigators who received Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) Career Investigator Awards. Congratulations on being recognized for your hard work and invaluable contributions to health research.

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## Career Investigator Awards

The Career Investigator program emphasizes recruitment of health researchers from outside the province, while also enabling emerging BC researchers to develop their careers here.

### A. BIOMEDICAL

| Scholar        | Project Title   | Research Area                             | Faculty  | Department          |
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| Ashe, Maureen  | Preventing falls and disability in older adults after hip fracture.                                     | Centre for Hip Health & Mobility, VGH     | Medicine | Family Practice     |
| Boyd, Lara     | Stimulation of brain activity and recovery of function after stroke.                                    | Brain Research Centre, UBC Hospital       | Medicine | Physical Therapy    |
| Senior Scholar | Project Title   | Research Area                             | Faculty  | Department          |
| Hmama, Zakaria | Translational TB research: Identification of novel drug targets and development of protective vaccines. | Immunity & Infection Research Centre, VGH | Medicine | Infectious Diseases |

### B. CLINICAL

| Senior Scholar   | Project Title   | Research Area                                   | Faculty  | Department                        |
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| Nielsen, Torsten | Translating gene expression into clinical care for sarcomas and | Genetic Pathology Evaluation Centre (GPEC), VGH | Medicine | Pathology and Laboratory Medicine |

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|  | breast cancer. |  |  |  |
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**C. HEALTH SERVICES**

| Senior Scholar     | Project Title  | Research Area                         | Faculty  | Department      |
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| Grzybowski, Stefan | Building the evidence-base to support rural maternity health services policy and planning. | Centre for Rural Health Research, VGH | Medicine | Family Practice |

**D. POPULATION HEALTH**

| Senior Scholar          | Project Title  | Research Area | Faculty  | Department |
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| Jarvis-Selinger, Sandra | Community learning centres: A model of community engagement in health, education & training. |               | Medicine | Surgery    |



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