

VCHRI TRAINEE NEWS

Welcome to **VCHRI Trainee News**, a newsletter brought to you by the Research Education Program of VCHRI. The newsletter is designed to help VCHRI trainees stay connected to each other and to the programs and services of the VCH Research Institute. The newsletter will cover a variety of topics such as celebrating trainee achievements, upcoming funding competitions, and trainee educational opportunities.

We welcome information from trainees and supervisors including announcements for the 'kudos' section. Please submit items to Kerri Abramson for review at kerri.abramson@vch.ca

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Celebrate Research Week – VCHRI Events & Trainee Awards



VCHRI Awards Presentation

Date: Thursday, March 12th

Time: TBA

Location: MPR 1&2, Paetzold Health Education Centre

RSVP required: research@vch.ca (for catering purposes)

THREE VCHRI TRAINEE AWARDS – Trainee Poster Competition; Top Graduating Doctoral Student; and Rising Stars

- These awards are open to VCHRI trainees only.
- Trainees must be registered with VCHRI and be in the VCHRI database in order to be eligible to be nominated for an award. If you are not in the database and wish to register, please contact Jackie Gill by e-mail (this applies to both trainees and supervisors who may wish to register their trainees).
- Queries can be directed to Jackie Gill at Jackie.Gill@vch.ca

VCHRI Trainee Poster Competition

As part of Celebrate Research Week, VCHRI is sponsoring a poster competition for research trainees. Posters will be displayed at VGH during the week.

Prizes will be awarded for the best poster in the following categories:

- Graduate student (3)
- Postdoctoral fellow (post-PhD; post-MD) (1)

If you are interested, please e-mail Jackie Gill (Jackie.Gill@vch.ca) with the following information:

1. Name and category (Masters or Doctoral student, Postdoctoral Fellow) of presenter
2. Title of poster
3. Name of supervisor(s) and location of lab of presenter

Deadline: 4:00 pm Friday, February 20, 2009

VCHRI Top Graduating Doctoral Student

As part of Celebrate Research Week, VCHRI is pleased to announce its annual prize competition for the Top Graduating Doctoral Student to recognize excellence in research.

Eligibility:

- Ph.D. candidate
- conducting research studies at one of the VCHRI sites
- planning to submit their thesis by December 31, 2009

The award will consist of the following:

- Presentation by the student during Celebrate Research Week

- Prize: either \$500 cash prize **OR** \$1000 travel award, presented during Celebrate Research Week

Application requirements:

E-copies (letters of references in sealed envelopes) of the following documents:

- A one-page abstract detailing the student's research project
- Letter of nomination from research supervisor confirming that the thesis will be submitted by December 31, 2009 (in sealed envelope)
- **Two letters of reference from faculty members** (including supervisor) and **two letters of support from peers**, detailing not only the student's research accomplishments, but also their mentoring or other activity contributing to the research environment of their group (in sealed envelopes)
- Student CV: use attached CV module

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009

Send Applications to/Contact Information:

Dr Alice Mui, Coordinator, Research Trainees, VCHRI

c/o Top Graduating Doctoral Student Awards

Jack Bell Research Centre, 2660 Oak Street

Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3Z6

Email: amui@interchange.ubc.ca

VCHRI Rising Stars

As part of Celebrate Research Week, VCHRI is pleased to announce awards to recognize trainees who are outstanding role models. These trainees (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows or research residents) are extremely effective scientists successful in their own research and they also substantially contribute to the scientific success of their peers through mentorship and collaborative activity. VCHRI will award up to three "Rising Stars" prizes each consisting of a \$1000 travel award.

Complete applications include the attached **CV module** and **four letters of support** (in sealed envelopes) from the applicant's supervisor; a principal investigator who is not the supervisor; and two other trainees. These letters should describe why the applicant is a good role model and how he/she contributes to and enhances the scientific environment of the group.

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Save the Date

Post-doc Professional Development Series:

Creating and Managing your Research Budget

This workshop will provide information on how to budget for an operating grant, how to manage the money throughout the project, as well as a chance to ask panel members your questions.

Date: Friday, February 27, 2009

Time: 1pm – 4pm

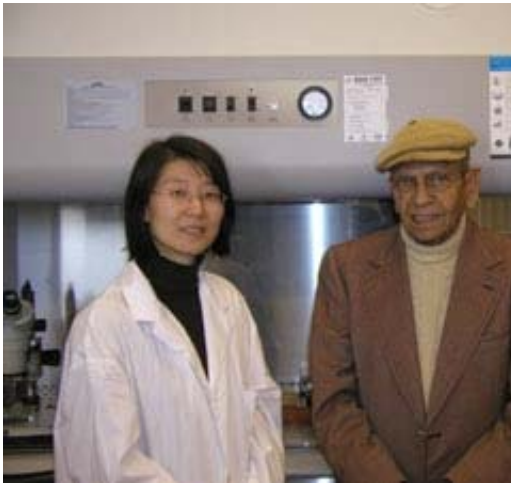
Location: Paetzold Auditorium, VGH

Registration: research@vch.ca by Mon Feb 23

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TRAINEE KUDOS

Inaugural winner: Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund Trainee Travel Grant



Congratulations to **Xiaojie Wang**, the inaugural winner of the Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund Trainee Travel Grant, which began in the fall of 2008. Xiaojie is an Experimental Medicine PhD trainee in Dr. Garth Warnock's lab, and the travel grant supported her presentation at the XXII International Congress of the Transplantation Society. She is pictured here with the funder of the competition, Mr. Ajaib Sidhoo.

The Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund is managed through VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. Its purpose is to support VCHRI research trainees working at VGH and UBC Hospital in the areas of Diabetes or Urology. This travel grant competition provides financial support for a trainee to present at an international conference. There are three deadline dates for receiving requests: January 15, May 15 and September 15. For more information go to <http://www.vchri.ca/s/PGIGAIC-SCF.asp?ReportID=315642>.

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