

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 caroline.abramson@vch.ca.

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Trainee Travel Grants for International Scientific Conferences



The Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund: Trainee Travel Grants for International Scientific Conferences

The purpose of the Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund is to support and strengthen the training, continuing education, and collaborative work of young researchers working at VGH and UBC Hospital in the areas of Diabetes or Urology. As participation at scientific conferences is an important activity in the development of a research career, this competition will support VCHRI research trainees to present at an international conference.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be VCHRI trainees doing their research training at VGH or UBC Hospital - this includes Masters and Doctoral students and Post-Doctoral and clinical research fellows.
- The trainee must be involved directly in research which will improve the quality of care and patient outcomes for those affected by diabetes or urology related problems.
- The conference must be international in scope (but can be held in Canada).
- The trainee should be presenting their own work, whether part of a larger study or a stand-alone study, OR they must have had substantial involvement in the project on which they are presenting.
- The trainee is the first author on the accepted abstract.
- The conference must be happening within the 6 months following the application deadline.
- This must be the first international conference at which the information is being presented by the applicant.

There are three deadline dates for receiving requests: **January 15, May 15 and September 15**

More information as well as the guidelines and request form are available from the VCHRI internal grants & awards webpage at http://www.vchri.ca/s/Internal_Grants.asp.

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CIHR Master's Award 2009 – Feb 2nd deadline

The Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's Awards administered by CIHR are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a Master's degree in a health related field in Canada. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

The maximum amount awarded for a single award is \$17 500 for up to one year. The application deadline is February 2, 2009 with a funding start date of September 1, 2009. For more information: [CIHR Master's Award](#)

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Save the Date

Professional Development Series – Taking Ownership of Your Postdoc

This workshop will provide information on being a postdoc – what's involved? What's expected? It will also cover the role of the PI – supervisor or mentor or both?

Date: Monday, January 26, 2009

Time: 9am – 12noon

Location: Child & Family Research Institute

For more information to follow shortly.

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Trainee Kudos

Neuroscience Extravaganza at Brain Research Centre

On December 4 2008, the Brain Research Centre hosted its very successful fourth annual Neuroscience Extravaganza: an annual poster competition for neuroscience students and postdoctoral fellows. With more than 100 participants, including 56 posters, this year's competition was another huge success.

Poster Winners:

Cellular & Molecular category

1st place: Ravi Rungta (Brian MacVicar)

Two runners up: Simon Warby (Michael Hayden) and Rujun Kang (Steve Vincent & Alaa El-Husseini)

Systems & Behaviour category

1st place: Derek Dunfield (Kurt Haas)

Two runners up: Nicole Vittoz (Jeremy Seamans) & Meghan Linsdell (Lara Boyd)

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