

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 such as published papers, defended theses, talks given or prizes won at meetings. Please submit items to Kerri Abramson for review at kerri.abramson@vch.ca.

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VCHRI Trainee Award Winners

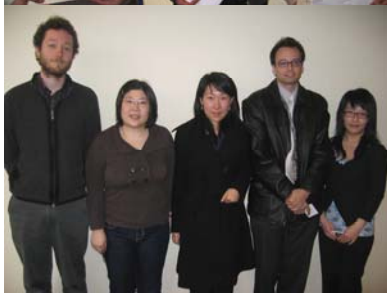


The VCHRI trainee award winners were announced at the trainee event on Tuesday, March 9th. The calibre of entrants was exceptionally high this year. Thanks to all who entered and congratulations to the winners!

Top Graduating Doctoral Student: Judith Maxwell Silverman & Jennifer Davis (tie)

Rising Stars: Abdi Ghaffari, Claire Jones, Dirk Lange

Photo (L-R): Dirk Lange, Abdi Ghaffari & Max Silverman (absent: Jennifer Davis and Claire Jones)



New to this year's event was "Poster Idol" - trainees had one PowerPoint slide and 45 seconds to convey their key research message with the winner chosen by audience ballots. Congratulations to David McVea who was VCHRI's first Poster Idol!

Other poster competition winners were: Adele Wang, Hequn Wang, Colin Russell, Collette Chiu

Photo (L-R): David McVea, Adele Wang, Hequn Wang, Colin Russell, Collette Chiu

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Getting Your First Faculty Position

The first of the trio of complementary workshops "**Service: Why it can give you an edge**", will take place Wednesday, March 31st at the Paetzold Auditorium at VGH. It will run from 11:30am – 1:30pm and include lunch, a 3 member panel discussion about their service experiences followed by audience Q&A. RSVP to research@vch.ca

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2010 annual Canadian Student Health Research Forum (CSHRF)

The 2010 annual Canadian Student Health Research Forum (CSHRF) will be held 1-4 June 2010 in Winnipeg. The aim of the CSHRF is to provide a venue for the networking, research exposure and recognition of Canada's most promising research trainees in the health sciences.

Please see details at www.umanitoba.ca/medicine/research_days.

Universities have been invited to nominate their top PhD students in health sciences for participation in the forum. A limited number of invited participants will also receive travel award funding from CIHR.

A one page abstract must be received on or before the deadline. The guidelines are available at:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/medicine/research_days/faqs.html#abstractguidelines

Nomination Procedures:

The Faculty of Graduate Studies will collect nominations on behalf of UBC, to forward to the CSHRF Coordinator. Graduate programs are invited to nominate their top PhD students in health sciences (defined as broadly as the mandate of the CIHR) to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Graduate programs may submit up to 5% of their PhD students in health sciences (for instance, if a program has 50 PhD students in health sciences, it could submit up to 3 nominees). Appropriate selection criteria are to be determined by the graduate programs. Please note that the symposium theme rotates from year to year and should not bias student selection.

Graduate programs are asked to submit the following nomination form by e-mailing graduate.awards@ubc.ca by **March 19, 2010**. http://www.vchri.ca/i/doc/CIHR_ParticipantNominationForm_March2010.doc

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Faculty of Medicine: Javier O Aragon Graduate Scholarship in Cancer Research

A \$2000 scholarship is available to graduate students registered in the UBC Faculty of Medicine. The applicant's supervisor must be a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Faculty of Medicine. The competition is open to students irrespective of citizenship. Preference will be given to a doctoral student researching cancers of the lung, liver, colon or brain.

Deadline: March 22, 2010

The application form is posted at the following link:

http://www.vchri.ca/i/doc/FoM_AragonScholarship_Cancer_20092010.doc Check the UBC website for more updates: <http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/students/javier.htm>

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BC Lung Health Forum & Poster Competition

The Centre for Lung Health invites you to a combination of meetings providing a superb opportunity for physicians, scientists, fellows allied health professionals, and graduate students to showcase lung related research carried out in BC. The event takes place between **March 24-27, 2010** and includes a poster competition. For registration, agenda and competition details, please click [here](#).

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Canadian Academy of Health Sciences: Fellowships – deadline March 26th, 2010

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences recognizes the full breadth of academic health science ranging from fundamental science to social science and population health. **The 2010 nomination process for election of Fellows is now open.** Fellows elected to the Academy will be well recognized by their peers nationally and internationally for their contributions to the promotion of health science. Nominations will be adjudicated by the Fellowship Committee in May 2010. New Fellows will be inducted into the Academy at the dinner ceremony during the Annual General Meeting in September 2010.

Deadline: March 26, 2010

Eligibility: Individual Canadian Citizens or resident for 3 years

Link: <http://www.caahs-acss.ca/e/fellowships/>

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Faculty of Medicine: Bluma Tischler 2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Bluma Tischler Postdoctoral Fellowship Award is for MD or PhD graduates in Medicine, biochemistry,

genetics or associated disciplines carrying out research on the biochemical or genetic aspects of mental retardation or other neurological disorders.

Deadline: March 30, 2010

The application form is posted at the following link:

http://www.vchri.ca/i/doc/FoM_BlumaTischlerFellowship_March2010.doc

Check the UBC website for more updates: http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/students/bluma_tischler.htm

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Canada-Hope Scholarship Program (2009-2010): Fellowship

The CANADA-HOPE Scholarship Program is dedicated to improving the health of people in developing countries by further strengthening international collaborative efforts between researchers.

This year, the Program will enable promising scientists and clinicians from South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa to be mentored by prominent Canadian researchers. They will be exposed to some of the best science, laboratories and training environments in Canada.

Deadline: March 31, 2010

For detailed information, refer to <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=915&language=E&fodAgency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true>

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Spinal Cord Injury Training Program 2010 – Deadline April 1st

The Center for Brain and Spinal Cord Repair at The Ohio State University announced that they are currently accepting applications for their annual NINDS-funded Spinal Cord Injury Training Program which will take place **July 12-31, 2010**.

This is a 3 week comprehensive hands-on program in experimental spinal cord injury (SCI). Training will be provided in: (1) cervical and thoracic SCI modeling, (2) acute/chronic animal care (rats & mice), (3) outcomes assessment of injured animals and SCI tissue (behaviour, histopathology, image analysis), (4) intrathecal catheterization and intraspinal microinjection and (5) clinical perspectives in SCI. Options for specialized training include: (1) mouse laminectomy/SCI, (2) mouse locomotor analysis (BMS), (3) anatomical tract tracing, (4) immunohistochemistry, (5) advanced behavioral analysis and (6) rat electromyography.

If you are interested, please contact NINDS directly.

NINDS has provided significant support to reduce curricular, travel and room/board expenses. Partial scholarships are available based on need.

Additional details and application forms are available via the web at <http://sci.osu.edu/> <<http://sci.osu.edu/>>

Application deadline is **April 1, 2010** and applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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Department of Defence: 2010 Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP)

The PCRP Health Disparity Research Award supports new ideas that represent innovative approaches to prostate cancer health disparity research with the potential to make an important contribution to eliminating death and suffering from prostate cancer. This award supports predoctoral and postdoctoral training opportunities focused on prostate cancer health disparity research. The trainee will be considered the Principal Investigator (PI) and author of the proposal.

Health Disparity Research Awards: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pdf/10pcrpreftable.pdf>;

Program Announcement on http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/archive/10pcrphdra_pa.pdf

Health Disparity Training Awards: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pdf/10pcrpreftable.pdf>;

Program Announcement on http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/archive/10pcrphdta_pa.pdf

Pre-Application Deadline: May 5, 2010; 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Application Deadline: May 26, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

For more information, please visit the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs website:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil>.

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UBC Graduate Student International Research Mobility Award Deadline June 1st

Grants are available for UBC faculty to host an overseas graduate research student at UBC (or for UBC graduate students to participate in a research abroad program). This program supports the development of highly meritorious international research partnerships and exchanges with research-intensive institutions outside North America. Launched in April 2009, the grant has provided mobility awards to 36 PhD students (outbound & incoming).

Value: \$1500

Deadline: **June 1, 2010**

Link: <http://www.research.ubc.ca/gradfundingubc.aspx>

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CSBC Fellowship Announcement

Cardiac Services BC (CSBC) is offering a Cardiovascular Outcome Research Fellowship. The main objectives of the Fellowship are to support talented researchers conducting cardiovascular outcomes research, and to increase the use of CSBC Registry data. The Registry contains comprehensive and robust clinical data used for evaluation of outcomes in patients who have undergone coronary revascularization or other cardiac procedures.

Attached is a poster that provides more information on the Fellowship, including application instructions. Applications will be accepted until **July 16, 2010**. For more information, contact Sharon Relova, tel. 604-875-7353 or by e-mail to SRelova@phsa.ca.

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