

# **VCH RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

## **TRAINEE NETWORKING EVENTS**

There are over 400 (!) graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at the VCH Research Institute with projects ranging from basic science, translational, population health to health policy research. In order to provide an opportunity for trainees from different research clusters to meet, network and learn more about research occurring at the VCH Research Institute, the VCH Research Institute is introducing the “Trainee Networking Events” to be held every 2-3 months. Each networking event will be hosted by trainees from a different VCH Research Institute research cluster, but each will have the following format:

1. One or two short, trainee made videos
2. One or two short, 5-10 min talks
3. Pizza and networking

Points (which are required to apply to the VCH Research Institute Travel Awards Program) will be awarded for participation.

### **Detailed Guidelines**

#### **1. Videos**

1-2 short, trainee made videos explaining what they do to the rest of the VCH Research Institute. The language used in the video should be understandable to people outside of your field. An example of an excellent, entertaining, yet educational video is posted at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3IWWqMSIm8&feature=youtu.be>

#### **2. Short talks by a trainee about a research project**

The goal here is to present research topics, with an emphasis on looking for potential synergies or collaborations with other researchers. For example, you might be a wet bench researcher, interested in applying your research. Or you might be an outcomes researcher interested in collaborating with a wet bench researcher or engineer to explore a basic science angle.

#### **3. Networking (and lunch)**

After the talks, students will be given at least 30 min of mingling and networking. This is your chance to connect with your fellow trainees!

## **Travel Awards**

As an added incentive to participate in VCH Research Institute events, students will receive points when they attend, speak at or organize the events. The details of the point system are listed below. When the student receives 5 pts, they will be eligible for applying for a \$750 travel award.

### **Outline of the points system:**

Organizer of the event (2 pts):

- Organizes the video presentations and speakers, coordinates with VCHRI Research Education office
- Moderates the event (introduces the speaker and moderates the question and answer section after each presentation)

Producers of videos (3 pts):

- Videos should be 3-5 min in length
- They will be posted at the VCHhealthcare YouTube channel after the forum

Speakers (2 pts):

- 5 min presentations with a maximum of 2 slides outlining background and data

Audience member (1 pt):

- All students who are audience members will only receive points if they do the following:
  - Register for the event using the registration link
  - Arrive and sign in before the sign-in cut off time
  - Complete a post-event online evaluation
- Bonus (1 pt): Those students who ask good questions will receive an extra point. This will be judged by Alice Mui and Juliana Chelliah

## **Research Education's responsibilities**

The Research Education in VCH Research Institute will assist the trainee organizers with:

- Booking rooms (if the centres do not have a suitable space)
- Promote throughout the VCH Research Institute
- Order the pizza!

## **Questions?**

If you have more questions, email [research@vch.ca](mailto:research@vch.ca)

