

Results of the 2019 Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition

The WCHRI Postdoctoral Fellowship Program offers competitively funded stipend support to outstanding postdoctoral fellows with a research and career focus embedded in improving women and/or children's health. Bursary support of up to \$40,000 per year is offered for a period of two years.

Postdoctoral fellows from all faculties/departments and disciplines with a career focus on improving women and children's health through research are encouraged to apply. The supervisory team must offer a training environment and career supports that directly fosters the applicant's professional development within an area of research specific to women/children's health. Incentive awards are available for those who have been successful in obtaining both the WCHRI Postdoctoral Fellowship as well as another qualifying stipend support award.

A listing of the 2019 successful applicants is provided below. On behalf of Lawrence Richer, associate director of WCHRI, Rhonda Bell, chair, and R. Todd Alexander, co-chair of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Advisory Committee, we congratulate all awardees and thank all applicants and supervisors for their interest in this funding program.

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Listing of awardees

Applicant	Supervisor	Co-supervisor	Institution	Project title	WCHRI Funder
Wooldridge, Amy	Davidge, Sandra	Cooke, Christy-Lynn	Medicine & Dentistry-Obstetrics & Gynecology	Investigating why older women are at a higher risk of having complicated pregnancies	AWHF/SCHF
Munyaka, Peris	Willing, Benjamin		Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences-Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science	Enhancing maternal protection through vaccination and manipulation of the gut microbiota	SCHF
Leimert, Kelycia	Olson, David		Medicine & Dentistry-Obstetrics & Gynecology	Blocking preterm birth and fetal inflammation with the interleukin 6 antagonist HSJ633	AWHF/SCHF
Garg, Mansi	Godbout, Roseline		Medicine & Dentistry-Oncology	Understanding the role of stress in Ataxia telangiectasia, a disease of early childhood characterized by neurodegeneration	SCHF

Application statistics

Total eligible applications: 13

Total applications awarded: 4

Funding rate = 31%

Application statistics by faculty and department (funded/applied)

Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences-Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science: 1/1
Engineering-Chemical and Materials Engineering: 0/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine: 0/1
Medicine & Dentistry - Biochemistry: 0/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Obstetrics & Gynecology: 2/2
Medicine & Dentistry-Oncology: 1/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Pediatrics: 0/2
Medicine & Dentistry-Radiology & Diagnostic Imaging: 0/1
Rehabilitation Medicine-Physical Therapy: 0/1
School of Public Health: 0/1
Science-Biological Sciences: 0/1

Questions?

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