

Results of the 2018 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.

The award is valued at up to \$40,000 per year and may be held for up to 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 2018 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.

Finally, WCHRI would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and generosity of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation (SCHF) and the Alberta Women's Health Foundation (AWHF) for their financial support of this grant program.

Listing of awardees

Applicant	Supervisor	Co-supervisor	Institution	Project title	WCHRI Funder
Afsharipour, Babak	Gorassini, Monica Ann		Medicine & Dentistry - Biomedical Engineering	Development of spinal circuits in cerebral palsy	SCHF
Biancardi, Vivian	Funk, Gregory	Pagliardini, Silvia	Medicine & Dentistry-Physiology	Understanding brain mechanisms that stimulate breathing when brain oxygen falls	SCHF
Flynn, Rachel	Scott, Shannon		Nursing	Identifying ways to assess and evaluate the sustainability of research-based products used to improve child health	SCHF
Meah, Victoria	Steinback, Craig D	Davenport, Margie	Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation	Blood pressure control in healthy and complicated pregnancies	AWHF
Sáez, Tamara	Davidge, Sandra	Ospina, Maria	Medicine & Dentistry-Obstetrics & Gynecology	Discovering the mechanisms of abnormal blood vessel function in the pregnancy complication preeclampsia	AWHF /SCHF

Application statistics

Total eligible applications: 16
Total applications awarded: 5
Funding rate = 31%

Application theme statistics

Total applications received from Biomedical theme: 8/16 (50%)
Total applications received from Applied Health theme: 8/16 (50%)
Total awards offered from Biomedical theme: 3/5 (60%)
Total awards offered from Applied Health theme: 2/5 (40%)

Application statistics by faculty and department (funded/applied)

Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation: 1/2
Medicine & Dentistry-Cell Biology: 0/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine: 0/1
Medicine & Dentistry - Biomedical Engineering: 1/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Obstetrics & Gynecology: 1/2
Medicine & Dentistry-Pediatrics: 0/5
Medicine & Dentistry-Physiology: 1/1
Medicine & Dentistry-Surgery: 0/1
Nursing: 1/1
Rehabilitation Medicine-Physical Therapy: 0/1

Questions?

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