

## Results of the spring 2013 WCHRI graduate studentship competition

The Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI) Graduate Studentship applications were reviewed by the Graduate Studentship Advisory Committee (please see below for committee membership). The committee rated applications based on the scientific merit of the application as evidenced in the candidate's track record, the training environment, and the project proposal.

On behalf of WCHRI, Dr. Sandra Davidge, Director, would like to thank the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation for their ongoing financial commitment to this grant program.

We would like to congratulate this year's Graduate Studentship awardees. The Offers of Award for the 2013 WCHRI Graduate Studentship award are as follows:

### Listing of awardees:

Applicant Name	Supervisor	Department	Project Title
Avis, Jillian	Ball, Geoff	Medicine & Dentistry-Pediatrics	The Resource Information Program for Parents on Lifestyle and Education (RIPPLE)
Kowal, Stephanie	Jardine, Cindy	Public Health-Public Health Sciences	Risk communication and vaccination uptake by recent immigrant mothers of Edmonton
Krishnan, Devishree	Alexander, Todd	Medicine & Dentistry-Physiology	Delineating the mechanism linking sodium ingestion to urinary calcium excretion
Lee, Joshua	Yokota, Toshifumi	Medicine & Dentistry-Medical Genetics	Cocktail antisense-mediated exons 45-55 multi-exon-skipping for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Luck Gibson, Chloe	Wevrick, Rachel	Medicine & Dentistry-Medical Genetics	Feeding pathways in mouse models of Prader-Willi Syndrome
Perez, Arnaldo	Ball, Geoff	Medicine & Dentistry-Pediatrics	Understanding family engagement in tertiary pediatric weight management care
Roberts, Erica	Storey, Kate	Public Health-Public Health Sciences	Exploring the role of the APPLE School Administrator in affecting organizational change and knowledge brokering
Saltaji, Humam	Flores Mir, Carlos	Medicine & Dentistry-Dentistry	What is the association between methodological characteristics and treatment effect estimates in clinical trials in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics?
Stach, Tara R.	Lehmann, Ordan	Medicine & Dentistry-Medical Genetics	The genetics of Ocular Fissure Closure
Treit, Sarah	Beaulieu, Christian	Medicine & Dentistry-Neuroscience	MRI of brain development in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorders
Yang, Ning	Goping, Ing Swie	Medicine & Dentistry-Biochemistry	The role of the Bcl-2 protein Bad in mammary gland development and carcinogenesis
Zhang, Yong	Funk, Gregory	Medicine & Dentistry-Physiology	Shining light on the role of astrocytes and ATP in the ventilatory response to low oxygen

All successful applicants are reminded that they must remain compliant with the WCHRI Graduate Studentship Guidelines, which can be found [here](#).

### **Application statistics**

For the 2013 competition, the Graduate Studentship Advisory Committee reviewed a total of 56 applications. The committee recommended funding for a total of 12 applicants given current program resources. (see the listing of awardees above), for an overall success rate of 21.4%.

#### **Offers of Award by Supervisor Faculty Rank:**

Assistant Professor level: 3/12 (25%)

Associate Professor level: 5/12 (42%)

(Full) Professor level: 4/12 (33%)

#### **Application Results by Graduate Program Type:**

MSc students funded: 7/12(58%)

PhD students funded: 5/12(42%)