

Results of the spring 2014 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 2014 WCHRI Graduate Studentship award are as follows:

Listing of awardees:

Applicant	Supervisor	Project Title
Carias, Karin V	Rachel Wevrick	Studies of MAGEL2, an autism, childhood obesity and Prader-Willi syndrome candidate gene
Crick, Katelynn C	Hartling, Lisa	Project Title: Enhancing the Usability and Uptake of Systematic Reviews in Clinical Practice: Examining the Ratio of Means as an Alternative Summary Measure to Standardized Mean Differences in Meta-Analyses
Flynn, Rachel	Scott, Shannon Dr.	Evaluating the use of LEAN as a quality improvement program for pediatric procedural pain management
Germani, Tamara H	Zwaigenbaum, Lonnie	Development of a Participation Classification System for Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Klinger, Christen	Dacks, Joel	Comparative Genomic and Functional Analysis of Invasion-Related Trafficking Machinery in Apicomplexan Parasites
Lim, David W	Turner, Justine	'Towards the understanding and advancement of trophic peptide factors glucagon-like peptide 2 and epidermal growth factor in promoting intestinal adaptation in intestinal failure: actions and mechanisms studied in neonatal piglet models of surgical short bowel syndrome.'
Lukasewich, Megan M	Jardine, Cindy	The impact of participatory approaches to research on Aboriginal youth's health and wellness
Parmar, Manoj B.	Uludag, Hasan	siRNA delivery using lipid-substituted polymers in breast cancer therapy
Seneviratne, Ruwani	Pagliardini, Silvia	Ventilation during sleep: the functional role of expiratory activity in infants and rodents
Soleymani Abyaneh, Hoda	Lavasanifar, Afsaneh	Nanotechnology for enhanced chemotherapy in triple Negative Breast Cancer
Toosi, Ameneh	Kingston, Dawn	Disparities in child health status between migrant and Canadian-born low-income families
Venkateswaran, Geetha	Persad, Sujata	Osteosarcoma Progression: Role of Beta-catenin/Active Beta-catenin
Widen, Sonya A	Waskiewicz, Andrew	The Role of Wnt Signaling in Pediatric Blinding Disorders
Zaidi, Deenaz	Wine, Eytan	Alterations in intestinal epithelial cell extrusion and microbial virulence in pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases.
Ziegler, Kirby A	Underhill, Darrell Alan	Defining PAX3 target gene networks and their dysregulation in birth defects and pediatric cancer

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

Application statistics

For the 2014 competition, the Graduate Studentship Advisory Committee reviewed a total of 49 applications. The committee recommended funding for a total of 15 applicants given current program resources. (see the listing of awardees above), for an overall success rate of 30%.

Offers of Award by Supervisor Faculty Rank:

Assistant Professor level: 3/15 (20%)

Associate Professor level: 7/15 (46%)

(Full) Professor level: 5/15 (33%)