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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

The two scientists who won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine this week made discoveries that helped turn regenerative medicine from science fantasy into a burgeoning field of study. But Drs. John Gurdon and Shinya Yamanka also share something else: a history of recognition for their academic achievements. Recognizing and celebrating valuable contributions to research and education fosters further engagement and success. That is why, at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, we recognize the accomplishments of our students and faculty by supporting awards that honour their excellence - at all levels.

Our Research Awards Committee, co-chaired by Profs. Eliot Phillipson and Alison Buchan, and our Education Deans, chaired by Prof. Dimitri Anastakis, work with department chairs to encourage the creation and effective administration of programmatic, departmental and Faculty awards. These honours create trajectories of recognition for our students and faculty, positioning them for provincial, national and international awards.

A key part of this profile-building process is the celebration of academic achievement through our two annual award events. On October 16, we will host the Faculty of Medicine annual Research Awards Reception for all our research award winners, with presentations from Profs. Sandra Black, Raisa Deber, Prabhat Jha and Mladen Vranic, who have received national or international awards this year. Next spring, we will hold our annual Education Achievement Celebration (see the "events" section of this MedEmail for details), recognizing education and teaching excellence across the Faculty. I would like to thank the dedicated staff who work year-round to make these two award celebrations successful.

I also want to thank our academic leaders including Department Chairs, Program and Centre Directors and Vice Deans, as well as Faculty administrators, who dedicate their time to the nominations and award application process. Identifying award candidates and steering their award applications are time-consuming activities that demand knowledge of award opportunities in diverse fields of research and education. They involve coordination with administrators across the University and with our partner hospitals. They require ensuring that application authorizations are granted by the nominees and that duplicate or competing applications are avoided. The payoff, however, is big: a Faculty and a University with a reputation for honouring academic achievement.

Valuing academic performance is core to enabling continued attraction of the best students and new faculty members and to realizing our Faculty's Vision of international leadership in improving health through innovation in research and education.

Catharine Whiteside

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

A Bold Prescription

Fraser Mustard's vision for kids lives on

UofT Faculty of Medicine boosting student aid

Leading UofT Medicine researcher congratulates 2012 Nobel Prize Medicine recipients

Research could prevent stroke's damage

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1. In Memoriam

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With sadness and tremendous respect we mark the passing of Professor George Beaton on October 8, 2012.

Prof. Beaton was an Emeritus Professor of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He played an influential role in establishing the Canada Food Guide and worked tirelessly to improve nutrition and reduce mortality in low-income countries.

As the director of the School of Hygiene - a forerunner of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health - Prof. Beaton worked with the United Nations and the World Health Organization to improve the lives of the world's children. As a pioneer in global health, the legacy of his work lives on in the renewed emphasis our faculty is placing on improving health outcomes for people around the world.

Prof. Beaton's daughter, Dorcas Beaton, is a faculty member at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. We want to express our heartfelt condolences to Dorcas and the Beaton family, and our gratitude for Prof. Beaton's extraordinary accomplishments and legacy.

Friends may call on Saturday, October 13th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the R.S. Kane

Funeral Home (www.rskane.ca), 6150 Yonge Street, and there will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m.

2. Faculty Council

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Meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine

A meeting of Faculty Council will be held on **Monday, October 22, 2012**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the **MSB 2317**, University of Toronto.

Agenda

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting of Faculty Council – June 18, 2012**
 - 1.1. Business Arising Speaker

2. **Report from the Speaker** Speaker

3. **Reports from the Dean's Office**
 - 3.1. Report from the Dean's Office S.Verma
 - 3.2. Vice-Dean, Research & International Relations A. Buchan
 - 3.3. Vice-Deans, Education S. Spadafora

4. **Faculty Council Forum**
Report of the Task Force on Physician Scientist Education N. Rosenblum

The Task Force recommends that the Faculty of Medicine establishes a committee to act on their recommendations by delineating partnerships within the Faculty and between University Divisions and Departments, and developing curricula and operational plans across the domains of clinical education and research in the continuum of undergraduate and postgraduate medicine.

5. **New Business**
 - 5.1 Education Research Committee I. Witterick
P. Hamel

"THAT the Report of the Task Force on Physician Scientist Education be approved as submitted"

 - 5.2. Education Committee I. Witterick

"THAT the Guidelines Regarding Infectious Diseases and Occupational Health for Applicants to and Learners of the Faculty of Medicine Academic Programs be approved as amended" L. Nickell

"THAT the passing grade for courses in the Bachelor of Science Physician Assistant degree program be changed from 73% to 60%." M. Gottesman

5.3. Education, Research, and Graduate Education Committees I. Witterick
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5.4 Education, Research, and Graduate Education and CEPD Committees I. Witterick
P. Hamel
L.Girolametto
J. Blake

"THAT the Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council By-Laws be approved as submitted"

6 Standing Committee Annual Reports

6.1. UME Board of Examiners B. Papsin
6.2. MRS Board of Examiners R. Tsang

7. Adjournment Speaker

Next Meeting: February 11, 2013

3. Honours and Awards

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Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellows

53 Fellows were inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2012. Among them were 16 University of Toronto faculty, all of whom are affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine. They are:

Benjamin Alman, Department of Surgery

Ross Baker, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

Denis Daneman, Chair, Department of Paediatrics

Raisa Deber, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

Eleftherios P. Diamandis, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology
Ivan George Fantus, Associate Dean, Research
Brian Patrick Kavanagh, Chair, Department of Anesthesia
Gary Lewis, Director, Banting and Best Diabetes Centre
Andres M. Lozano, Department of Surgery
Robin S. McLeod, Department of Surgery
Steven A. Narod, Department of Medicine
Beverley Anne Orser, Department of Anesthesia
Linda Rabeneck, Department of Medicine, VP, Prevention and Cancer Control, Cancer Care Ontario
Reinhart Reithmeier, Chair, Department of Biochemistry
Molly S. Shoichet, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering
Bernard Zinman, Department of Medicine

4. Call for Applications

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Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. For position and contact details, visit <http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty> (Requisition ID # 1201417 under Current Faculty Opportunities).

5. Call for Nominations

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Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards

This year the Faculty of Medicine increased the number of awards to 2 per category and will award up to 6 graduate faculty teaching awards. The purpose is to honour and celebrate outstanding contributions to graduate education by full time faculty in the Faculty of Medicine who teach in doctoral stream or professional graduate programs. The award will consist of a framed certificate, a cash prize and formal recognition at the Faculty of Medicine Educational Achievement Event on May 7, 2013.

Categories (up to 2 awards in each category):

1. Senior Sustained Excellence in Graduate Teaching

This award recognizes sustained contributions (at least fifteen years) to any aspect of graduate teaching including:

- graduate student supervision and mentoring
- curriculum development
- regular support of Graduate Departmental, Faculty and University graduate activities
- graduate program administration (as applicable)

2. Graduate Student Mentorship

This award recognizes sustained (more than 8 years) contribution to graduate student mentorship exemplified by but not limited to:

- major contribution to graduate student learning
- enthusiastic and empathic critical appraisal of students' work
- timely assessment of students' research programs including program advisory committee meetings and prompt turnaround of written work
- careful attention to a critical path laid out for students' research

3. Early Career Excellence

This award recognizes outstanding contribution to the training and experience of graduate students, as evidenced by excellence in teaching, supervision and mentorship and dedication to students. This award is restricted to Faculty in the early stages of their career within 8 years of their initial SGS appointment.

Eligibility

A nominee must hold a full time primary appointment in the Faculty of Medicine and be either an associate or full member of the School of Graduate Studies. Contributions to teaching in either the doctoral (thesis MSc or PhD) or professional graduate programs will be considered. A previous winner may be nominated for a Graduate Faculty Teaching Award in a different category at any time but not for the same award category already awarded.

Nomination

Candidates for these awards must be nominated by a Graduate Department through a student (or recent graduate)-initiated process. **Please Note: Each Graduate Department may only nominate ONE faculty member per award category.**

Nomination Deadline: **December 7, 2012** (Note: Each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline)

Further Information: <http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/graduate/award.htm>

Contact: debbie.chau@utoronto.ca

6. Around Campus

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Taking Toronto's Healthcare History, November 23-24, 2012

Open invitation to Taking Toronto's Healthcare History, an interdisciplinary conference about Toronto's healthcare communities and their history. [The conference website is available here.](#) The opening reception will be held on Friday, November 23, 2012. University of Toronto President David Naylor, ROM Director and CEO Janet Carding, and University Professor Emeritus Michael Bliss will speak. The conference will take place on Saturday, November 24, 2012 in the MacLeod Auditorium of the Medical Sciences Building. The conference is accredited for both CME and IPE. For more information, please contact torontohealthcarehistory@gmail.com.

24th Jack Crawford Day Conference

This conference honours the late Dr. Jack S. Crawford, former Ophthalmologist-in-Chief of The Hospital for Sick Children, whose career was dedicated to advancing the specialty of paediatric ophthalmology and the care of children's eye problems.

This year's theme is "Paediatric Ophthalmology: What We Should Not Miss" and the keynote speakers are **J. Raymond Buncic**, MD, FRCSC, Staff Ophthalmologist,

Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, Hospital for Sick Children; Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and **Patrick O. Watts**, MBBS, MS, FRCS, FRCOphth; Clinical Director, Department of Ophthalmology, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK.

The Conference will be held on **Monday, April 1st, 2013** at the Hospital for Sick Children. For more information and registration please go to <http://www.sickkids.ca/learning> and click "conferences".

Concussions and CTE—Latest Research Developments Conference 2012

On **November 10, 2012**, the Faculty of Medicine, Krembil Neuroscience Centre and Toronto Western Hospital will host a half-day conference exploring the latest in concussion research. The **Concussions and CTE—Latest Research Developments** conference will feature Faculty of Medicine experts discussing a range of topics, including:

The Conference will be held on **Monday, April 1st, 2013** at the Hospital for Sick Children. For more information and registration please go to <http://www.sickkids.ca/learning> and click "conferences".

- Clinical Manifestations of Concussion – Professor **Charles Tator** (Department of Surgery and Institute of Medical Science)
- Clinical Manifestations of CTE – Professor **Carmela Tartaglia** (Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases)
- Neuropsychological Testing of Concussions – Professor **Richard Wennberg** (Department of Medicine)
- Neuropsychological Testing of CTE – Professor **Robin Green** (Departments of Psychiatry and Rehabilitation Science)
- Imaging of Concussions – Professor **Karen Davis** (Department of Surgery)
- Imaging of CTE – Professor **David Mikulis** (Department of Medical Imaging and Institute of Medical Science)
- Biomarkers of Concussion and CTE – Professor **Eleftherios Diamandis** (Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology)
- Neuropathological Manifestations of CTE – Professor **Lili Naz Hazrati** (Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases)

The event will be held in the Toronto Western Hospital Auditorium Room 2-401 West Wing on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Registration closes on November 1, 2012. To register or for more information, please contact: maria.vespa@uhn.ca.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada
- NARSAD – Young Investigator Awards
- NSERC/CIHR – Collaborative Health Research Program (CHRP)
- Parkinson Society of Canada
- Physicians' Services Foundation Inc.

- University of Toronto – Connaught Global Challenge Award

~ *Our congratulations to all!* ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

November

Albert Einstein World Award of Science
Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame
Ho-Am Prize
March of Dimes Canada: Jonas Salk Award
Robert Noble Award of the Canadian Cancer Society

December

Manning Innovation Awards
Royal Society of Canada

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