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Faculty Message

As we come to the close of the calendar year, we wish to acknowledge the fantastic performance of our staff, students and faculty in this, the final MedEmail of 2011. Our Faculty has made major strides in all domains of our Strategic Plan: [Vision](#), [Mission](#) and [Values](#).

Our Vision is creating international leadership in improving health through innovation in research and education.

Our Mission is to fulfill our social responsibility by developing leaders, contributing to our communities and improving the health of individuals and populations through the discovery, application and communication of knowledge

Our Values are:

- Integrity in all of our endeavours
- Commitment to innovation and excellence
- Life-long learning and critical inquiry
- Promotion of social justice, equity, diversity and professionalism
- Effective partnership with all our stakeholders
- Multi-professional and interdisciplinary collaboration
- Supportive and respectful relationships
- Accountability and transparency
- Responsiveness to local, national, and international health needs

Collectively, we fulfill our Vision and Mission by:

- Articulating the goals for each Department, Program and Centre/Institute aligned with the Faculty of Medicine Strategic Academic Plan;
- Ensuring the academic goals are fulfilled through strategic recruitment and retention of the most highly skilled and committed faculty, students and staff;
- Developing visionary leaders and expert managers;
- Measuring academic outcomes and their impact with key performance indicators; and
- Effectively communicating our successful impact in improving health to all public and private local, national and global stakeholders.

Looking to the future and implementing our Strategic Academic Plan, we will draw upon the nimble, forward thinking and energetic leadership across our Faculty, our partners in our affiliated hospitals and the University.

It is a tremendous pleasure to work with such outstanding people, particularly our decanal colleagues, Vice Deans and Associate Deans, as well our Senior Managers in the Dean's Office. We wish to acknowledge the immeasurable hard work that goes into the day-to-day operations of the Faculty and the commitment of the entire team. We also owe thanks to our Chairs, unit Directors and colleagues across the entire Faculty. Finally, a special thanks to our administrative staff who support all of us in our daily work. On behalf of all of us, we wish you the best of the holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

Sarita Verma, Deputy Dean
Faculty of Medicine

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If you would like to have a news item or a research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jennifer Holland](mailto:Jennifer.Holland).

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1. Honours and Awards

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25 Top Women of Influence Award

Dr. Jennifer Blake (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) has been named one of the 25 Top Women of Influence for 2011. This acknowledgement is in recognition of Dr. Blake's contributions to women's health. For more information, please visit <http://www.womenofinfluence.ca/dr-jennifer-blake-2/>.

2. Announcements

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President, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO)

Dr. Robert Byrick, Department of Anesthesia, became the new President

of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario at its meeting in November. Dr. Byrick is a clinical anesthesiologist at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and a long-time advocate for patient safety. He has served as the University of Toronto representative to the Council of the CPSO since 2004. Dr. Byrick was Chair of the Department of Anesthesia (1993-2003) and Vice-Dean of Clinical Affairs (2004-06), during which time he worked with faculty to develop simulation-based education in the Faculty of Medicine. In 2010-11, he held the John G. Wade Visiting Professorship in Patient Safety and Simulation-based Medical Education at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

President, Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP)

Dr. David Tannenbaum, Department of Family and Community Medicine, has been appointed the 56th President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. Dr. Tannenbaum has taught both medical students and residents at Mt. Sinai Hospital and has received several awards for his contributions to postgraduate education. He has been an active member of the OCFP Executive since 2007.

Hospital Appointments

The Faculty extends congratulations and welcome to three new education related appointments at our affiliated hospitals. **Dr. Donna McRitchie** has been appointed to the position of Vice President, Medical & Academic Affairs at North York General Hospital, effective immediately. **Dr. Anne Matlow** will be joining Women's College Hospital as Vice-President Education effective January 3rd, 2012. **Dr. Jonathan Kronick** has been appointed Chief of Education at the Hospital for Sick Children effective February 6, 2012. Please join us in welcoming these three leaders to their new roles.

3. Call for Applications

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Vice Dean, Continuing Education and Professional Development

Applications are invited for the position of Vice-Dean, Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2012.

The University of Toronto academic health science complex is among the largest in North America. The Faculty of Medicine (<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca>) and its nine fully-affiliated hospitals receive over CDN \$700 million per annum in research funds. The Faculty of Medicine's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) is the largest provider of CEPD in Canada.

The Office of CEPD has a long-standing global reputation for innovation, leadership and excellence in continuing education and professional development. As a knowledge hub for the research, design and delivery of innovative, accredited continuous learning experiences for healthcare

professionals this dynamic unit enables the delivery of Better Education for Better Outcomes™. Outcome-based continuous learning experiences result from leveraging innovative education techniques and drawing upon research to accelerate knowledge transfer – turning knowledge effectively into action. This plays a critical role in enabling healthcare professionals to make better decisions around the care and treatment of their patients, resulting in improved health outcomes.

For detailed information on the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, visit its website at <http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca>

The next Vice Dean must have the vision and ability to lead the Office to new levels of achievement, entrepreneurship and international recognition, particularly in concert with the strategic goals of the Faculty of Medicine. The successful candidate will be a respected educator and recognized scholar with the experience to catalyze research and innovation in all areas of continuing education and professional development. S/he will possess outstanding academic, administrative management, and interpersonal skills and the ability to build collaborative relationships. S/he will have a track record of successful and innovative leadership in promoting excellence in education and research. S/he will bring vision and execute strategies that will enable the Office of CEPD to continue to build and sustain interprofessional partnerships with stakeholders internal and external to the University and its affiliated institutions. Candidates should have a track record of successful and innovative leadership in education and research, and must be eligible for academic appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

Please submit applications (electronic submissions preferred) consisting of a letter of interest and CV to:

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The closing date for this position is Friday, January 20, 2012 or until filled.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

4. Call for Nominations

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Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Life Sciences Awards

The Faculty of Medicine is pleased to call for nominations for the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Life Sciences Awards. The nomination deadline is **Tuesday January 31, 2012**. There are three awards available:

1. **Excellence in undergraduate teaching in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence in teaching, coordination and/or development of undergraduate lecture or seminar courses in Arts and Science offered by the Basic Sciences Departments in the Faculty of Medicine.

2. **Excellence in undergraduate laboratory teaching in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence in the teaching, coordination and/or development of laboratory based instruction in formal Arts and Science laboratory courses.

3. **Excellence in linking undergraduate teaching to research in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence, mentorship and innovative methods to link undergraduate teaching to experiential research opportunities in the classroom, formal laboratory courses, research project courses, summer student research project courses, or summer student research programs.

**Please note that with the addition of the third award, we have clarified the criteria for the 2nd award to clearly distinguish between the 2nd and 3rd awards.*

Nomination packages should include:

- a completed nomination form (2 pages)
- a supporting letter from the Department Chair
- supporting letters from students (minimum 2 students)
- a 1-2 page summary of contributions to teaching
- summaries of student evaluations of teaching/course material
- a current curriculum vitae
- the nominee's statement of teaching philosophy. (1 page max.)

The nomination form and a list of previous winners can be found online at: http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/about/governance/council/awards/Excellence_in_Undergraduate_Teaching_in_Life_Sciences.htm. For additional information, please contact Jeananne Robertson, Education & Teaching Awards Coordinator at edudeans@utoronto.ca.

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Research Grants

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges in Global Health
- Canadian Lung Association
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: International COEN initiative in Neurodegeneration

- CIHR China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative
- CIHR Team Grants: China-Canada: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
- CIHR Team Grant: Chronic Disease Risk and Intervention Strategies
- CIHR Planning Grants
- Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada/CIHR: Catalyst Grant

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

Upcoming Award Deadlines

December

Albert Einstein World Award of Science

January

Henry G Friesen International Prize in Health Research

February

Institute of Medicine

The Japan Prize

Lasker Prize

March

SSHRC Gold Medal for Achievement in Research

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

Order of Ontario

NSERC John C. Polanyi Award

CIHR Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research

Balzan Prize

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