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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Last night, as many of you know, the [Faculty of Medicine](#) launched a [fundraising campaign](#) to help us deliver on our promise of improving health in Canada and around the world.

We proudly announced that, with the generous support of our donors, our Faculty is more than halfway to reaching its \$500-million goal. Philanthropic support allows us to do more, and reach further, than ever before. It has helped us to build the state-of-the-art facilities, like the [Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research](#), where our researchers

collaborate to spark life-changing discoveries. It allows us to train the brightest students to become future health care leaders, regardless of their financial situation. It enables us to recruit and retain some of the best faculty in the world.

Philanthropy has a long and rich history here at the Faculty of Medicine. Since the Eaton family funded our [first full-time Chair of Medicine](#) in 1919, private contributions have helped support countless transformative discoveries—from insulin and stem cells to genes responsible for early-onset Alzheimer's disease. The installation and unveiling last night of a tribute wall to our donors in the atrium of the Donnelly building is our way of recognizing the importance of this support.

Today, with the backing of our donors and by working together with our 9 fully-affiliated hospitals and 18 community sites, we can find solutions to the most pressing health problems of our time. From cancer and diabetes to cardiac disease, Alzheimer's and autism, we are reaching across disciplines and networks to drive breakthroughs that will, at some point, touch the lives of almost every individual across the globe.

We will do this by building on our strengths, in key areas of human development, global health, neuroscience and brain health, and complex disease-systems management. We will continue to drive strategic collaborations across the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network—one that is second to none in Canada and internationally competitive. We are as committed as ever to training tomorrow's health leaders, and ensuring that new knowledge is effectively translated into practice.

Nothing is more important than health, and so our promise is clear: improve health in Canada and around the world. With the continued support of our community, we will deliver on that promise, ensuring millions can live healthier, fulfilling lives.

Catharine Whiteside

IN THE NEWS:

U of T's faculty of medicine celebrates 125 years

Memory loss caused by inflammation in the brain may be reversible

The perils of for-profit medicine

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1. Honours and Awards

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National Kidney Foundation (USA) Donald W. Seldin Award

Dr. Joanne Bargman (Department of Medicine) is the recipient of the National Kidney Foundation (USA) 2013 Donald W. Seldin Award. This award was established in honour of Dr. Donald W. Seldin, one of the leading teachers and researchers in nephrology. It is given in recognition of excellence in clinical nephrology and specifically to Dr. Bargman for her work, on both national and international levels, in advancing knowledge in nephrology. The Award will be presented at the President's Dinner during the National Kidney Foundation's Spring Clinical Meetings in April 2013.

2. Announcements

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McLaughlin Centre's 2012 Accelerator Grants Program

Research grants focused on genomic medicine and totaling \$750,000 have been awarded to 16 Toronto-area teams and collaborators as part of the McLaughlin Centre's 2012 Accelerator Grants program.

Following last year's successful inaugural competition, grants were awarded during a research funding competition emphasizing work in three areas:

1. Generating genome-wide data to advance disease gene discovery or DNA-based diagnostics;
2. Development of tools (techniques/algorithms/databases) to advance clinical genomics and;
3. Enhancing the understanding and/or delivery of genomic information in the health care system.

All projects incorporate allied researchers from institutions and hospitals across the Toronto genomic research community. This year's competition awarded grants to nine research institutions across the University of Toronto's health science community. Among the successful grants is a one-year, \$80,000 project entitled "Next Generation Diagnostics: Advancing the Clinical Application of Genomic Analysis," co-led by **Dr. Jordan Lerner-Ellis** (Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Mount Sinai Hospital) and **Dr. Tracy Stockley** (Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Hospital for Sick Children).

For a full list of recipient research projects please visit www.mclaughlin.utoronto.ca.

3. Call for Applications

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Education Development Fund

The Education Vice-Deans are pleased to announce that Dr. Shiphra Ginsburg (Department of Medicine) has accepted the position of Chair of the Education Development Fund (EDF) Adjudication Committee, succeeding Dr. Dimitri Anastakis (Department of Surgery). Dr. Ginsburg has served on the committee for a number of years, and we look forward to her leadership and guidance for the Fund.

Applications for the 2013 EDF competition will be due at **12:00 noon, Monday, January 21st, 2013**. No late applications will be accepted. More information about the competition and application process can be found online at (<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/about/governance/council/edf.htm>) in the coming months.

Questions about the EDF can be directed to Morag Paton, Administrative and Project Manager, Education Vice-Deans via email at morag.paton@utoronto.ca.

4. Call for Nominations

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2012-13 External Education and Teaching Awards

The Faculty of Medicine Education and Teaching and Awards Committee reviews proposed nominations for external awards twice annually. To ensure sufficient lead time for adjudication and preparation of nomination dossiers, the internal nomination deadlines are set well in advance of deadlines for final submission. The Education Vice-Deans are now calling for **internal** nominations for external awards with spring/summer deadlines. Please submit electronic nominations for the following awards to Jeananne Robertson at edudeans@utoronto.ca by end of day on **Friday, November 30th, 2012**:

AAMC - Abraham Flexner Award

The Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education is granted annually to an individual for extraordinary contributions to the medical education community. The Flexner Award recognizes the highest standards in medical education and honors individuals whose impact on medical education is national in scope.

AAMC - Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards

The Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards were established by the AOA medical honor society in 1988 to provide national recognition to faculty members who have distinguished themselves in medical student education.

OCUFA - Teaching Award

Each year the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations recognizes outstanding teachers and academic librarians in Ontario universities through its Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards.

STLHE - 3M National Teaching Fellowship

Excellence in teaching over a number of years, principally (but not exclusively) at the undergraduate level.

For additional information and to access the electronic internal nomination forms, visit: <http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>. Please contact edudeans@utoronto.ca if you have questions, or would like assistance identifying a nominee or submitting a nomination.

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Inaugural Seminar and Formal Launch of the Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre

The Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre (TMC) is delighted to invite faculty members and students from the musculoskeletal community at the University to attend the inaugural seminar and formal kickoff of the Centre. Henry M. Kronenberg, Professor of Medicine at Harvard, Chief of the Endocrine Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital, Medical School will speak to "*How PTHrP Controls Chondrocyte Differentiation*". Trainees who received funding from the TMC will present their talks.

Event Date: Friday, October 5, 2012, at 1 pm
Location MacLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building
(1 King's College Circle, Rm. 2158)

For more information, please contact Nadia Jaber at 416 586 4800 Ext: 7563, msk.admin@utoronto.ca.

IBBME 50th Anniversary Symposim

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are hosting an international symposium: "Defining Tomorrow: Advancing the Integration of Engineering and Medicine" on **October 12, 2012**, that will highlight the exciting crossroads that are emerging in neuroscience and neuroengineering. This theme is particularly appealing to us, as the Institute's roots in 1962 have expanded from biomedical electronics to electrophysiology, regenerative medicine, molecular imaging and rehabilitation. We look forward to welcoming world-leading researchers in neuroscience and

neuroengineering - Miguel Nicolelis, James Fawcett, James McClelland and Michael Levin - to Toronto's cutting edge biomedical engineering research community.

Find out more about our 50th Anniversary events, or register before October 1, at:
http://ibbme.utoronto.ca/50th_Anniversary.htm

6. Medicine Research Online

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- Canadian Cancer Society
- CIHR Open Operating Grants - Spring 2012
- CIHR Priority Announcements & Bridge Funding - Spring 2012
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada
- NARSAD – Young Investigator Awards
- The Ontario HIV Treatment Network
- Parkinson Society of Canada
- Physicians' Services Foundation Inc.
- University of Toronto – Connaught Global Challenge Award

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

September

American Society for Clinical Investigation membership
Royal Society Fellows (UK)
Sloan Research Fellowships

October

Canadian Society for Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Scientific Excellence Award
Gairdner Awards

November

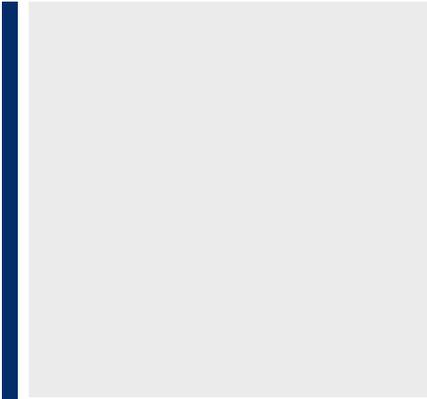
Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame
Ho-Am Prize
March of Dimes Canada: Jonas Salk Award

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