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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Just over one year ago, as part of the University of Toronto's public announcement of our 10-year (starting in 2006) \$2-billion fundraising campaign, the Faculty of Medicine officially launched the public phase of our campaign called Boundless Impact. We announced an ambitious goal of raising \$500 million and as of April 30, 2013, our total is \$317 million. These funds will ensure our Faculty continues to have important societal impact by supporting our outstanding students and faculty. Together, we are fulfilling our vision of international leadership by improving health through innovation in research and education.

The campaign launch created tremendous momentum, which carried us through a highly successful year. In the fiscal year ending April 30, we raised \$62.4 million. This resounding success is the result of contributions from many generous donors and dedicated work by our advancement team and academic leaders.

I want to thank all those who made this first year of the public phase of our campaign such a success. These include members of our Campaign Cabinet, Faculty leadership, faculty across all our academic departments, and alumni and staff. The effort and time you are devoting to the campaign, together with your generosity, are truly inspiring.

Department by department, we are building a strong foundation to support the generations that will follow us. In the fall of last year, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology hosted a highly successful Alumni 125th Year Celebration and Faculty Professional Development Day. This well-attended event was a wonderful opportunity for faculty and alumni to engage in recognizing a legacy of 125 years of training Canada's top obstetricians and gynaecologists, to connect with colleagues old and new, and meet with donors.

Earlier this month, I joined the Department of Psychiatry as they launched their Boundless Campaign for Faculty and Staff. Our University of Toronto Chancellor, the Honorable Michael Wilson, gave an inspiring address about the social value of the Department, its leadership, and the improvements they've made in mental health through education and research. Professor and Chair, Trevor Young, announced that Psychiatry has already raised \$500,000. The department's Executive and Senior Advisory Committees have shown great philanthropic leadership, and several of their members have already contributed major gifts.

The true value of this campaign will be measured by how new funding enables research breakthroughs, education of global leaders in health and improved access to better quality health care. These goals are what every member of our Faculty of Medicine strives for each day.

Why do we need this campaign? We rely on external funding (beyond government funding and student tuition) to support our academic mission. Our Faculty experiences increasing need for improved research and building infrastructure and the necessity to provide bursary funding for students who are incurring debt. Interdisciplinary developments focused on societal need, such as our Centre for Child Nutrition Health and Development would not be possible without the co-investment from generous donors and

...the private sector.

Thanks again to all those who have supported and contributed to the Boundless Impact campaign of the Faculty of Medicine. Through your efforts, and with the engagement of all Departments, Centres and Programs across the Faculty, the coming year promises to be one of our best ever.

**Catharine Whiteside**, Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

## IN THE NEWS:

Made-in-Canada software helps better predict cancerous lesions in CT scans

Resistant cells to blame for multiple myeloma relapse

Diabetics fare better with bypass than stents, review suggests

Men more likely than women to get sick: Toronto study

Alzheimer's drugs may harm people with mild memory issues

If you would like to have a news item, research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jim Oldfield](#).

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### 1. Honours and Awards

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#### The International Society of Developmental Biologists' Ross G. Harrison Medal

Department of Molecular Genetics Professor **Janet Rossant** won the International Society of Developmental Biologists' Ross G. Harrison Medal. The award recognizes significant contributions in developmental biology, and is one of the field's top accolades.

Professor Rossant -- a world leader in developmental biology -- is internationally recognized for her techniques to introduce targeted mutations into mouse embryo genes. Her work has greatly contributed to our understanding of human embryo development and the origins of stem cells.

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#### The Canadian Association of Pathologists' President's Award

Professor **Avrum Gotlieb** -- interim Vice Chair, Graduate and Life Sciences Education -- received the Canadian Association of Pathologists' (CAP) 2013 President's Award. The award recognizes sustained service to furthering the success and goals of CAP.

Professor Gotlieb won the award for starting an innovative scientific program at the annual CAP meeting as Chair of the Annual Meeting (2009-2013), and for strengthening the academic, educational and scientific ties between CAP and the Canadian Chairs of Pathology and

### **The Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada**

The Royal Society of Canada announced 84 new fellows earlier this month, with one of them being the Department of Immunology's Professor **Katherine Siminovitch**.

Professor Siminovitch studies genetic and molecular pathways of immunological diseases. Her work on the molecular pathways responsible for autoimmune diseases has had a profound impact on the understanding and potential treatment of these debilitating diseases.

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### **University of Toronto's Arbor Awards**

Diana Alli -- former Senior Officer, Service Learning Opportunities; Community Partnerships/Student Life Enrichment in the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs -- was awarded the University of Toronto's 2013 Arbor Award on September 10.

Since 1989, the Arbor Awards have recognized countless alumni and friends whose loyalty, dedication and generosity have greatly enhanced the University of Toronto experience for the entire community.

Alli spent close to 40 years at the University as a staff member, volunteer and mentor. She was honoured for her voluntary efforts by President David Naylor during a formal ceremony.

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## **2. Announcements**

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### **IDEAS (Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors)**

**IDEAS** (Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors) is an Ontario applied learning strategy to enhance the quality improvement, change management and leadership capacity of clinical and administrative leads that are implementing health system transformation projects.

IDEAS is recruiting dynamic quality improvement experts who have on-the-ground and theoretical experience to teach in its nine-day Advanced Learning Program.

The goal of the nine-day Advanced Learning Program is to provide project leads with the quality improvement knowledge and tools necessary to conduct their applied projects. Some examples of skills and competencies participants will gain include: clinical quality improvement theory, methods, and tools; data system design and outcome measurement; personal resilience, and quality and change leadership.

IDEAS is recruiting faculty members to develop and teach courses, which are based on the Advanced Training Program from Intermountain Healthcare in Utah. Faculty members will be required to update course content to the Ontario context and to deliver course content using a variety of adult learning tools.

Visit the IDEAS website for more information on the [application process](#).

The deadline for submission of the proposal application form is Friday September 27, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Yu ([v.yu@utoronto.ca](mailto:v.yu@utoronto.ca))

Thank you for your interest,

Professors **Dave Baker & Adelstein Brown** on behalf of all IDEAS Delivery Partners

### **Save the date: Education Achievement Celebration**

Hold the date! The Faculty of Medicine's 12th annual Education Achievement Celebration, a Faculty-wide event to celebrate, showcase and reward excellence in teaching and education, will happen **Tuesday, May 13, 2014**, from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Great Hall at Hart House. More information is available [here](#).

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### **Paediatric Body MRI Course**

This course, organized by the Hospital for Sick Children has organized and the Ontario Association of Radiologists, will interest general radiologists doing paediatric MRI in their practice, paediatric radiologists, paediatric radiology fellows and MRI technologists scanning children.

**Date:** October 19-20, 2013

**Location:** Ontario Bar Association Conference Centre, 20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor

More information: <http://www.oar.info/pdf/PaediatricBodyMRIWeb.pdf>

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## **3. Call for Applications**

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### **Faculty Lead for Ethics and Professionalism, Undergraduate Medical Education**

Applications are invited for the position of *Faculty Lead for Ethics and Professionalism* in the Undergraduate Medical Education program.

The UME *Faculty Lead for Ethics and Professionalism* is responsible for the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of composite curricular elements in the undergraduate medical program to develop competencies in (1) professionalism, (2) ethics, (3) medical jurisprudence. Faculty Lead will collaborate with the UME Faculty Lead, Medical Humanities, with regard to curricula in the history of medicine and other humanities pertaining to ethics and professionalism. Educational outcomes will be in keeping with: (i) institutional objectives as enunciated in the Faculty of Medicine strategic plan; (ii) existent UME program goals and objectives; (iii) the requirements of LCME/CACMS accreditation; and (iv) the PHELO and other relevant objectives of the Medical Council of Canada.

More information can be found [here](#).

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## **4. Call for Nominations**

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**From the Office of the Vice President and Provost:**

**Nominations for the Advisory Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty of Medicine**

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Faculty of Medicine PDAD&C

From: Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost

On December 31, 2014, Professor Catharine Whiteside will complete her second term as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice President, Relations with Health Care Institutions.

In accordance with Section 60 of the *Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators*, I am calling for nominations for the advisory committee that will advise the President on the appointment of a new Dean. The *Policy* mandates the potential composition of the advisory committee as follows:

- The Vice-President and Provost (Chair);
- Three to five members of the teaching staff of the Faculty;
- One to three students of the Faculty;
- The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies or representative;
- A librarian, where appropriate;
- Two or three other qualified scholars from within or outside this University, but outside the Faculty;
- In addition, the committee may include an alumnus/a, a member of the administrative staff, and a senior member of the appropriate professional community.

Nominations for the committee should be submitted by **October 4**, via the Vice-President and Provost's web site online form at

<http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/committees/advisory/Medicine.htm>.

Questions should be directed to Assistant Provost Archana Sridhar at [archana.sridhar@utoronto.ca](mailto:archana.sridhar@utoronto.ca).

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### **2013-14 External Education and Teaching Awards**

The Education Vice-Deans and the Faculty's Education & Teaching Awards Committee invite **internal** nominations for external awards with spring/summer deadlines.

Please submit electronic nominations for the following awards to Jeananne Robertson at [edudeans@utoronto.ca](mailto:edudeans@utoronto.ca) **Friday, November 29, 2013, by 5:00 p.m.**:

- **Association of American Medical Colleges' 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 who have had a national impact on medical education.
- **Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations' 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.
- **Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education's 3M National Teaching Fellowship**  
The 3M National Teaching Fellowship recognizes excellence in teaching over a number of years, principally (but not exclusively) at the undergraduate level.

For additional information and to access the electronic nomination form, please visit:

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>. Please contact [edudeans@utoronto.ca](mailto:edudeans@utoronto.ca) if you have questions, or would like assistance identifying a nominee or submitting a nomination.

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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 13, 2014.

**Categories (up to two awards in each category):**

**A. 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)

**B. Graduate Student Mentorship**

This award recognizes sustained (more than 8 years) contribution to graduate student mentorship, teaching and supervision 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

**C. 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**

The 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 6, 2013 (Note: Each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline)

**Further Information:** [www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/GLSE/award.htm](http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/GLSE/award.htm)

**Contact:** [debbie.chau@utoronto.ca](mailto:debbie.chau@utoronto.ca)

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### **Sunnybrook Education Conference: Digital Learning**

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre is hosting its second annual Education Conference: Digital Learning on Thursday, October 10, 2013.

The full-day conference will look at all aspects of digital learning, from privacy issues to gaming in education and the latest in technology. Designed for the GTA health-care community and external partners in education, the day will include a broad range of world-class speakers, presentations, posters, interactive workshops and a networking reception.

#### **Event Details:**

Date: October 10, 2013

Time: 8:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave.  
McLaughlin Auditorium, EG18

Website: <http://sunnybrook.ca/calendar/event.asp?e=797&page=33990>

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Canadian Cancer Society
- CIHR Open Operating Grants including Priority Announcements: Spring 2013
- CIHR New Investigator Awards
- CIHR Operating Grant: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: Ethics
- CIHR Canada-Japan CEEHRC Teams in Epigenetics of Stem Cells
- CIHR Chair: GlaxoSmithKline Partnered
- [CIHR International COEN Initiative in Neurodegeneration](#)
- CIHR Operating Grants: Industry-partnered Collaborative Research
- CIHR Operating Grant: Knowledge to Action
- CIHR Randomized Controlled Trials Mentoring Program
- CIHR Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI)
- CIHR Planning and Dissemination Events Grants
- CIHR Operating Grants: Programmatic Grants in Food and Health
  
- CIHR Proof of Principle Program: Phase I
- Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation: Operating Grants
- Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)

~ *Our congratulations to all!* ~

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **September**

American Society for Clinical Investigation membership

InBev-Baillet Latour Health Prize

Royal Society (UK)

**October**

International Society for Optical Engineering Awards  
OMHF John Dewan Prize

**November**

Canadian Society for Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Scientific Excellence Award  
Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology awards  
Ho-Am Prize  
Warren Alpert Foundation prize

**December**

Manning Awards  
Royal Society of Canada Fellowship

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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Phone: 416-978-7342

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**The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 2013) is Wednesday, September 25, 2013.**

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