

## First round of new Ontario awards now underway

The results are in and the HSF Ontario Provincial Office is pleased to announce that 12 investigators are recipients of the new Ontario personnel awards.

The **Clinician-Scientist** and **Mid-Career Investigator** awards were launched in January and 32 applications underwent peer review last month.

Following receipt of acceptances, we can now confirm the distribution of [awards](#) across these programs for the 2013-2014 funding year:

- 2 Clinician Scientist, Phase I
- 2 Clinician Scientist, Phase II
- 8 Mid-Career Investigator

The awards began July 1, 2013 and represent a \$3.6 million multi-year investment by the Ontario Provincial Office.

The primary goals of these awards are to fill gaps in the research funding environment and to build research capacity in cardiovascular/cerebrovascular (CCVD) health in Ontario.

We will watch, with great interest, the progress of the recipients of these new awards.

The timing of the launch of the next competition round is still being confirmed. It will either be announced this fall or winter. Awards provided to successful applicants will start July 1, 2014.

### Final Career Investigator competition now posted (renewal applications only)

Guidelines and application forms are now available for the [2014-2015 Career Investigator \(CI\)](#) award (application deadline August 29, 2013).

**New** applications will not be accepted for this final round. Only individuals who would qualify for a **first or second renewal** award are eligible to apply. All 2014/2015 CI awards will be for 2-year terms.

As previously noted in the newsletter (March 2013), given Ontario's revised funding focus on early/mid career support, the CI Award is being phased out, as it is being replaced by the Mid-Career Investigator Award.

### Eleven medical students get busy for the summer

Ontario medical students are spending their summers doing CCVD research with funding support through Ontario's ongoing [Summer Medical Studentship program](#) competition.

This year, eleven students are working with a supervisor on an approved CCVD-related scientific project in various medical schools across the province.

These summer student awards are made possible through support from our donors.

Currently, HSF is able to offer the following Summer Medical Studentships to eligible individuals:

- The **John and Agnes Adams** Award – University of Western Ontario
- The **Irwin Bernick** Award – University of Toronto
- The **Dr. Christopher McCulloch** Awards (3) – University of Toronto
- The **Miriam Neveren** Award - rotates
- The **Hannah Pherril** Award - rotates
- The **Dr. Jack V. Tu** Award - University of Toronto

We are grateful to these donors who are helping to usher in the next generation of CCVD researchers, and we look forward to hear the results of the students' projects this fall.

Interested in learning about establishing a named HSF medical student award? Please contact Gina Eisler, Vice President, Philanthropy, Ontario at 416-489-7111 ext 438 or [geisler@hsf.on.ca](mailto:geisler@hsf.on.ca)

### Vascular conference coming to Montreal

[Vascular 2013](#) is a unique, one-time Canadian event that will bring four separate scientific meetings together under one roof: Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, the Canadian Diabetes Association/Canadian Society of Endocrinology & Metabolism Professional Conference, the Canadian Stroke Congress and the Canadian Hypertension Congress.

Hope to see you October 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>!