

## 2015 Summer Studentship Competition

### Undergraduate Studentship Awards

Cystic Fibrosis Canada is pleased to announce the results of the 2015 Summer Studentship Competition.

Summer Studentship awards provide funding to support students engaged in summer research projects in areas relevant to cystic fibrosis. Each year five \$4,000 awards are provided for summer research projects. The following projects have been funded:

Student	Institution	Supervisor	Project Title
Diana De Santis	The Hospital for Sick Children	Dr. Sergio Grinstein	The interplay between epithelial cells and macrophage function in cystic fibrosis.
Alexandra McDonald*	The Hospital for Sick Children	Dr. Felix Ratjen	The effects of mild pulmonary exacerbations on clinical outcomes.
Saad Syed	McMaster University	Dr. Michael Surette	The cystic fibrosis airway microbiome - characterization and recolonization of transplant patients.
Hsin Wei Tseng	McGill University	Dr. John Hanrahan	Role of membrane lipids in CFTR surface stability.
Yu-Sheng Wu	The Hospital for Sick Children	Dr. Christine Bear	Interrogating the consequences of disrupting expression of the CF modifier gene: SLC6A14 on the functional expression of F508del-CFTR in mice.

\*The application for a Summer Studentship that receives the highest ranking in the annual competition will be awarded the Karen Lackey Award, a \$250 book allowance. To accept the award, the Summer Student must submit a one-page biography and a brief statement of his or her career goals. The \$250 book allowance is payable at the conclusion of the award, upon receipt of the four-page report on the research project.

Each year, all Summer Students are considered for the William J. Skelly Award, a \$500 cash award, initiated by the Kinsmen of District 8. The Skelly Award is granted to the Summer Student who is deemed, on the basis of his or her report (due in September), to have conducted the most outstanding work that summer. The award is made on the recommendation of the organization's scientific review panel.