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WOMEN'S RESEARCH 2024

TRANSFORMING WOMEN'S HEALTH

BC Women's Health Foundation (BCWHF) champions women's and newborn health initiatives at every stage of life. Our unwavering commitment involves enhancing funding to the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI). By doing so, we aim to create new evidence-based solutions that inform and transform the health and healthcare of all women.



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ILLUMINATIONS.



BC Women's Health Foundation envisions a healthier tomorrow for all women and newborns in British Columbia.

This vision relies on our collective commitment as a community to secure increased funding for women's and newborn health research. Currently, only eight percent of national research dollars are allocated to women's health, despite women making up over half the population, highlighting the urgency for action. Your support can fuel advancements that transform healthcare and health outcomes for women and their families in BC, ensuring that more funding is directed towards vital women's and newborn health research initiatives.

We're launching Women's Health Research Month to raise funds that support high-quality, high-impact research that produces innovative treatment and increased access to healthcare for women and newborns in BC. We'll kick off the month with our annual Illuminations luncheon, where we'll seek support for these important research initiatives through Graduate + Fellowship Awards, Catalyst Grants and Clinician Scientist Awards.

It's time to further explore women's and newborn health research. Join us in this pivotal moment to be a part of impactful change.

ENSURE WOMEN'S UNIQUE HEALTH NEEDS GET THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE AND IGNITE INNOVATION BY FUNDING RESEARCH AWARDS.

Offered through the Women's Health Research Institute, these funding awards provide a launchpad for the brightest minds and most cutting-edge ideas, improving care and changing lives for decades to come.



01

CLINICIAN SCIENTIST

Transforming care by investing in clinician leaders

\$60,000 X 2

Your contribution will play a pivotal role in empowering the next generation of research pioneers, bridging the gap between clinical expertise and cutting-edge research. Together, we can ensure that these clinician scientists have the resources they need to drive innovative advancements in healthcare and make a lasting impact on patient well-being. Join us in championing the future of medical discovery and care.

02

CATALYST GRANTS

Seeding innovation in women's health

\$29,000 EACH

Frequently, researchers with groundbreaking ideas for advancing women's and newborn health face barriers in securing initial funding, thus halting their progress. Enter BC Women's Health Foundation and WHRI Catalyst Grants: the first and only of their kind in BC. These grants pave the way for cutting-edge research, propelling transformative ideas forward and championing emerging work dedicated to the well-being of women and newborns.

03

GRADUATE + FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Prioritizing the next generation of women's health researchers to create and sustain improved women's health outcomes

\$25,000 EACH

Inspire young, gifted researchers to investigate women's health issues by investing in their careers. These awards enable outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to study a women's or newborns' health research question with the mentorship of a WHRI member, activating a new generation of experts in this field.

ESTABLISHED DISTINCTION: RESEARCH THAT LEAVES AN IMPACT



DR. DEBORAH MONEY MD, FRCSC, C.M.

Dr. Deborah Money is Professor and Department Head of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of British Columbia, and a clinician/scientist in reproductive infectious diseases. She has led studies on HIV in pregnancy, the HPV vaccine, the vaginal microbiome, three large pan-Canadian studies of COVID-19 in pregnancy, resulting in over 240 publications. She is the incoming Chair of the FIGO Infections in Pregnancy committee. Awards include; Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012), the Lifetime Achievement Award, Infectious Diseases Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (US) (2019) and the Award for Excellence in Research, Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology of Canada (2022).

Dr. Money has been announced as a Member of the Order of Canada for 2023. The Order of Canada is one of the country's highest honours. It recognizes people across sectors who have made extraordinary and sustained contributions to our nation.



DR. GINA OGILVIE MD, MSC, FCFP, DRPH

Associate Director of the Women's Health Research Institute, Dr. Gina Ogilvie is a globally recognized leader in the field of women's reproductive and sexual health, with a particular expertise in cervical cancer prevention. Her research has shaped global policy as the world strives to eliminate cervical cancer, including guiding policies on HPV vaccine dosing and optimal cervical screening approaches. Recently, Dr. Ogilvie has been instrumental in the implementation of multiple at-home HPV screening pilot projects across British Columbia. As BC adopts primary HPV screening for cervical cancer, Dr. Ogilvie will continue to offer her expertise and guidance, in an effort to bring us closer to elimination of cervical cancer through early detection.

Thanks to the research led by Dr. Gina Ogilvie and her team, BC will be the first in Canada to launch a self-screening cervical cancer plan with at-home tests. This is a major step forward to reducing the incidence of cervical cancer and, ultimately, eliminating it altogether.

Philanthropy has played a crucial role in advancing transformative work in women's health research. We invite you to join us in funding innovative enhancements to propel women's and newborn health research to new heights.



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