

**David Proud Research Excellence Award Competition for Trainees:**  
**Application Submission DEADLINE: Friday May 31, 2024**

- 1. Goal:** To recognize exceptional research performed by a trainee in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. Award winners will each receive \$500.
- 2. Categories:** Two awards are available, one for a Graduate student and one for a Post-doctoral fellow
- 3. Eligibility:** This competition is available to graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. At the time of application, the following criteria must be met:
- (i) Trainees must be members of the Department in the 12-months immediately preceding the application deadline. The applicant must be supervised by a faculty member who holds a primary appointment in the Department.
  - (ii) Trainees must have worked in their current role within the Department for at least one year.
  - (iii) Previous Trainee Award holders will not normally be allowed to receive a second award.
  - (iv) The applicant must be the only trainee nominated by the supervisor for a Departmental Trainee Award in a given category for this competition.
  - (v) Trainees will have submitted a research contribution, **which must be either published, or accepted for publication** in the 12-months immediately preceding the application deadline.
- 4. Evaluation:** Applications will be assessed by the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Education Committee. The submitted components will be evaluated to judge the quality of research conducted by an applicant during his/her tenure within the Department, along with the expected impact of the research contribution in the area of study and towards their career development. A major component of the assessment will involve the submitted research contribution, either published or accepted for publication within the 12-month period immediately preceding the application deadline. Quality of the trainee's research contribution will be a high priority for assessment, the panel will be mindful not to demonstrate bias towards senior versus junior trainees. Results of the competition will be announced in June 2024.
- 5. Application:** Please submit one (1) electronic PDF file of the complete application including attachments with signatures where required to Dr. Vaibhav Patel ([vaibhav@ucalgary.ca](mailto:vaibhav@ucalgary.ca)) by Friday May 31, 2024. Applications must consist of the following components:
- (i) A completed *Application Form* (see last page)
  - (ii) An up-to-date *Curriculum vitae* from the trainee
  - (iii) A concise ***Statement of Significance from the trainee*** that outlines the significance of his/her research contribution, and its expected impact on the area of study, a current research plan and how the work described in the research contribution is anticipated to promote/develop his/her future career. The statement should be no longer than 1 page (single-spaced, 12 point font), written in lay English and suitable for publication on the Departmental Website.
  - (iv) ***A research contribution. One*** appended publication (manuscript in press or published article) that highlights the excellence of the original, lab-based research performed by the trainee as a member of the Department. In the case of manuscripts that are "**in press**", a copy of the letter of acceptance from the journal editorial office must be appended to the front of the manuscript. **Please also attach a brief statement highlighting the percentage contribution of the applicant using these headings: (a) conceptualization of project, (b) experimental design, (c) data analyses, and (d) the preparation of the manuscript.** Each statement should be co-signed by the applicant and supervisor.

**N.B. Incomplete applications will not be assessed by the review panel.**

### Application Form: David Proud Research Excellence Award

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of trainee:

- 1. Graduate students
- 2. Post-Doctoral Fellow

Are you currently a trainee within the Department? Yes

Have you been a member of your program for 1 or more years? Yes

Will this be the first Departmental Trainee award you have won? Yes

**The following components are included within this application:**

1. An updated *curriculum vitae* for the applicant Yes

2. A *Statement of Significance* written by the trainee (1 page maximum) Yes

3. An original research contribution (manuscript or preprint) and statement of trainee contribution are included in this application Yes

Note regarding the inclusion of accepted manuscripts: Please include documentation from the journal editorial office when appropriate and provide a statement of trainee contribution signed by both supervisor and trainee.

Signatures:

Date:

Trainee \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_