

## Friedman Award for Scholars in Health

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**Background:** The Friedman Award for Scholars in Health is named after the first two faculty members in the UBC Faculty of Medicine. Drs. Constance and Sydney Friedman believed that a full well-rounded education requires students to learn from different perspectives and learn from different cultures. The goal of the Friedman Award is to provide funding to graduate students or medical residents so that they can pursue a learning opportunity to further their career or to bring new perspectives to the education they have already received.

**Mission:** To extend the global reach of UBC graduate students and UBC Medical Resident Trainees and enrich our scholarly community by providing opportunities for our future scholars in the health sciences to learn from global experts in their respective fields.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships range from \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually and are open to renewal for one time only. The amount of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the adjudication committee within the above stated range. Each recipient of a Friedman Award will be designated a 'Friedman Scholar'.

**Requirements and Eligibility:** Friedman Scholars are expected to travel to other areas of the world to seek new perspectives and learn from experts in their respective fields. In order to be considered, travel must be outside of Western Canada (i.e. east of Manitoba or north of Yukon and the Northwest Territories) and beyond. The scholarships are open to any UBC graduate student or UBC Medical Resident Trainee in the health related sciences. Health sciences will be interpreted broadly; the field of study not only includes the obvious fields such as medicine, dentistry, audiology, nursing, etc., but also includes any complementary work being done in other disciplines which relates to the promotion and dissemination of health related education (an example could be an economist working on a new funding model for health care or a botanist working on herbal remedies for a disease). Learners must engage with a leading figure or group for a minimum period of 6 months to gain new knowledge and perspectives in their field and absorb the scholarly culture of the host institution.

**Adjudication:** The applications for the scholarship will be adjudicated by a committee convened by the Assistant Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Education, UBC Faculty of Medicine. The committee will include representatives from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, health and health-related disciplines across the university.

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Adjudication will be based on the following factors in equal measure:

- The nature and quality of the learning opportunity, including the calibre of the mentor or experts with whom the applicant will apprentice. Preference will be given to applications where the mentor and/or host institution are widely recognized as being in the top of the field.
- The potential impact on the health sciences, including opportunities for new scientific discoveries through unusual collaborations or the development of new techniques, models or medical devices.

The opportunity must be undertaken within 12 months of the scholarship being awarded. A copy of all applications will be sent to the Friedman Foundation Board after the selections have been adjudicated and accepted.

**Restrictions:** The award funds received from this scholarship are to be used for expenses related to an opportunity to learn outside of Western Canada (ie: east of Manitoba or north of Yukon and the Northwest Territories) in another culture or institution. None of the scholarship funds shall be used to pay down or reduce current or past educational debt, to pay a personal stipend for the learner, or to pay UBC tuition fees. While funds from the scholarship may be used for a research opportunity, the emphasis is on the quality of the learning experience through mentorship of a leading scholar or institution. This is not a vehicle for funding research projects.

**Reporting:** Friedman Scholars will be required to submit a short report of their activities to the Faculty of Medicine two weeks prior to receiving each payment. Within one month of completion of travel, scholars will be required to submit an additional two-page report to the Friedman Foundation on the successes of their educational opportunity.