Department of Dentistry Student Research Group

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Dear Students,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the first signs of spring and warmer weather. Summer break is just around the corner for the DDS and DH students and for the graduate students... well, at least we can look forward to shorter lines at Tims and Starbucks over the summer months. We are thrilled to unveil our first newsletter! Thank you to the previous summer students who contributed testimonials, Heather Good for information from the department, Daniela Roth for putting it all together, and everyone else who helped make this possible.

There is a lot to look forward to over the next couple months. We are excited for our upcoming Town Hall where we get to hear directly from you, the students, on events you would like to see in the future. We are also awarding the inaugural Student's Choice Award at The Day of Dentistry, where students can win Visa Gift Cards just for voting for their favourite presentations. We are also awaiting the start of the Summer Research Program and are in the process of planning an event for the participating students.Many students are also preparing for the International Association of Dental Research Conference happening in Vancouver in June. We are lucky to have such an impactful conference taking place in our neighbouring province and we look forward to seeing you there.

Julia Piche

Student Research Group President

This Year in Photos

Featured Past Summer Student

Cathy Kucey

I participated in the School of Dentistry summer student research program for 2 summers working with Dr. Eggert and Dr. Linke on a basic science project investigating biofilm growth on dental materials. It was a really great experience and I was involved with it from the first brainstorming session through to the lab studies and writeup. I learned a ton about implant dentistry and relevant areas during the research proposal phase, which I have found helpful and applicable to my studies and clinical experience. Through our laboratory studies I developed a deep appreciation for researchers and the time and dedication they put into their studies. It was a big time commitment to do a lab based study, which I didn't fully appreciate at the start of the project, but I had great mentors with a lot of experience and knowledge that helped me along the way. I would recommend the summer research program to anyone who is interested in learning more about research and wants to give back to the dental community in a different way!

Cathy served on the SRG executive committee this year as Vice President and representative to DDS students.

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

March 15 School of Dentistry Graduate Student Fellowship Fund

March 21 SRG Town Hall (5pm, free samosas & chai)
Day of Dentistry Abstract Submission Deadline

March 28 Day of Dentistry (watch for SRG's awards!)

May 15 Dent-Star Award Deadline

June 19-23 IADR Conference (in Vancouver, watch for SRG events)

We would also like to remind you of the Department of Dentistry's many ongoing events and opportunities, which we encourage you to attend, including BOMRU seminars, Discover Dental Sciences seminars, & the Summer Research Program

2018/19 SRG Executive committee: Cathy (VP), Carlos, Julia (President), Karen (Treasurer), Alicia, Daniela (Secretary)
not pictured: Raisa, Wasif, Fabiana

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