



GIST Sarcoma Life Raft Group Canada

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Request for Proposals:

“Glenita Mungcal GIST Research Studentship 2016”

GIST (Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumour) is a rare sarcoma that can occur anywhere along the GI tract. Several hundred Canadians are diagnosed with GIST every year. GIST is rare and strikes randomly; there are no known risk factors and no ways to prevent it. Until recently, GIST was little understood, misclassification was common, and prognosis was poor. Now, discoveries concerning the origin and development of GIST have completely changed the medical community's understanding of the disease and led to the development of molecularly-targeted therapy, notably drug therapy with tyrosine kinase inhibitors. GIST patients hope to see the disease become a chronic condition to be managed, rather than a life-threatening crisis; and while we aren't quite there yet, there is rapid progress.

GIST Sarcoma Life Raft Group Canada (LRGC) raises funds to provide services and programs for GIST patients and their caregivers. We are now initiating the 2016 summer student program, recognizing the generous donations made to our Group by the family and friends of Glenita Mungcal.

Funding Opportunity

All applications must be:

1. Directly relevant to the treatment of GIST; basic, translational, or clinical research projects will be considered;
2. Made by a principal investigator, who will normally hold a faculty appointment at a Canadian university; and
3. Made on behalf of a designated trainee who is studying towards, for example, an M.D. degree at a Canadian medical school or a four-year B.Sc. (or equivalent) degree at a Canadian university.

The award will be a \$5,000 grant to the supervisor's trust fund, to be used to defray the student's salary in summer 2016 (minimum appointment - 15 weeks). “Overhead” funding will not be provided.

We welcome applications which intend to use the funds to “kick-start” subsequent applications to agencies such as NSERC, CIHR, or CCSRI.



Criteria:

1. Medical/ scientific quality of the project.
2. Likelihood of benefit to the treatment of GIST.
3. Qualifications and experience of the principal investigator.
4. Qualifications of the student.
5. Quality of the research environment.

The following documentation must accompany the application:

1. Confirmation of student enrolment, including an up-to-date transcript.
2. Two academic letters of reference for the student from faculty members other than the P.I.
3. The Curriculum Vitae of the P.I.; use of the “Canadian Common CV” or similar standard templates is encouraged.

Any publication resulting from the project must acknowledge the source of funding and a copy of the publication must be forwarded to LRGC as soon as it is accepted.

Deadline for Applications

Applications must be received by **5 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by Wednesday, March 2, 2016. A full report on the outcome of the research project must be submitted to LRGC by the P.I. no later than Wednesday, October 5, 2016. The P.I. or the student will be invited to present a summary of their work at the 2016 Annual General Meeting of LRGC (Fall 2016).

Questions may be sent to Malcolm Sutherland at the email address below.

Applications may be up to 3 single-spaced pages.

Each application must include an institutional approval form, duly completed and signed, equivalent to the University of Guelph OR-5 Research Proposal Approval Form
www.uoguelph.ca/research/guelph-conduct-research/Signature-Approval

Please send your complete application as a single PDF file directly to:

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