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The MMSF Congratulates the Recipients of the 2018/19 R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award in Medicine

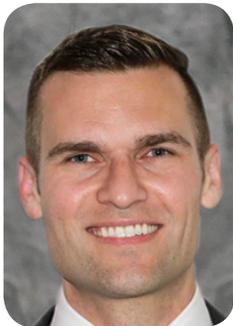
The 2018/19 R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award in Medicine is being shared between Dr. Mark Bigder and Dr. Brett Houston, the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) has announced.

This award is co-sponsored by the MMSF and the University of Manitoba McLaughlin Foundation, with each contributing \$25,000 of the \$50,000 award. The Dean's Fellowship Fund at the University of Manitoba is also contributing \$34,634, valuing this year's total award at \$84,634. The sum will be divided between the two recipients, with Dr. Bigder receiving \$33,854 (40 per cent) and Dr. Houston receiving \$50,780 (60 per cent).

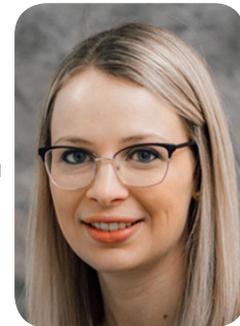
The award aims to enhance the scholarship of the Faculty of Medicine through the training of future clinical faculty members in research and medical education. The term of the award is for one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2018.

The MMSF thanks the Awards Selection Committee for adjudication of the candidates and the McLaughlin Foundation and the University of Manitoba for their financial and administrative support to the process.

For further details on MMSF awards, please refer to the Award Recipients pages at www.mmsf.ca.



Dr. Mark Bigder



Dr. Brett Houston

Dr. Bigder will be completing a Cerebrovascular Surgery Fellowship Program at Stanford University. He will play an active clinical role in the assessment and workup of patients presenting with a variety of cerebrovascular disorders.

As part of a multidisciplinary team, he will gain the confidence and surgical skills necessary to manage a wide spectrum of cerebrovascular disorders, including cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations and carotid artery disease. He will also gain experience with cerebral revascularization surgery and microsurgical techniques.

Dr. Houston's fellowship will focus on strengthening her knowledge and skillset in hematology and clinical research with her project, "Reducing Transfusion While Preserving the Blood Supply: The Use and Effectiveness of Tranexamic Acid in Major Non-Cardiac Surgical Procedures at High-Risk of Bleeding."

As part of her project, she will complete five retroactive studies to prepare for a randomized control trial. She will be consulting with a patient and caregiver team to share recommendations at key times during the study. She will gain experience in analyzing data and finding novel ways of obtaining informed consent.

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Interviews available upon request.

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