



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2020 MMSF OPERATING GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) is pleased to announce that \$391,000 in Operating Grants has been approved for the following successful applicants from the 2019 Competition for Funds.

Wherever possible we work cooperatively with partners to jointly fund MMSF approved operating grants. At this time, not all of our partnerships for 2020 operating grant recipients have been finalized. Please refer to the [About Us/Partnerships](#) and [Awards Recipients](#) pages of our website at [mmsf.ca](http://mmsf.ca) for future updates.

### The following are the successful applicants, approved amounts and projects from our 2019 Competition for Funds:

**Dr. Gillian Alcolado** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Health Psychology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled 'Group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Perinatal Anxiety: A Randomized Controlled Trial'

**Dr. Sherif Eltonsy** – Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'Comparative Safety of Antiepileptic Therapies During Pregnancy'

**Dr. Benjamin Lindsey** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Science at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'Immune Cell Regulation of Neural Stem Cells for Spinal Cord Repair in a Zebrafish Model'

**Dr. Susan Logue** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Science at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 (MMSF \$15,000/CCMF<sup>1</sup> \$15,000) for the project titled 'Understanding How Chemotherapy Changes Triple Negative Breast Cancer Cells'

**Dr. Colleen Murphy** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Health Psychology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'Early Onset Psychosis: Mental Health Literacy and Information Needs of Patients and Caregivers'

**Dr. Jasmir Nayak** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled 'Enabling Personalized Risk Assessment for People with Kidney Cancer in Manitoba'

**Dr. Dan Ogborn** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled 'Functional Performance Testing in Athletes Following Surgical Intervention for Anterior Shoulder Instability'

**Dr. Gerd Prehna** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'Alternative Protein Targets to Understand Virulence and Create New Antimicrobials Against Group A Streptococcus'

**Dr. Jennifer Protudjer** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$26,000 (MMSF \$13,000/CHRIM<sup>2</sup> \$13,000) for the project titled 'The Multi-Dimensional Burden of Food Allergy Amongst Manitoba Families: Perceived Needs to Inform the Creation of A Patient-Oriented Support Program'

**Dr. Christy Pylypjuk** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 (MMSF \$15,000/CHRIM\* \$15,000) for the project titled 'Amongst Pregnant Women in Manitoba, Are False-Positive Maternal Serum Screening Results Associated with Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes? A 15-Year Cohort Study'

**Dr. Jai Shankar** – Professor in the Department of Radiology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled 'CT Perfusion (CTP) for Assessment of Poor Neurological Outcome in Comatose Cardiac Arrest Patients (CANCCAP) – a Prospective Cohort Study'

**Dr. Jillian Stobart** – Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled 'Brain Mural Cell Dysfunction and Blood Flow Changes in Aging'

**Dr. Patricia Thille** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'The Swarm at the Clinic Door: Developing Methods to Study Multiple, Co-Existing Practice Change Attempts in Canadian Primary Care Clinics'

**Dr. Robin Westmacott** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Health Psychology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled 'Prospective Cohort Study Examining Psychosocial Outcomes in People Who Participate in Gender Affirming Medical Interventions'

<sup>1</sup>CCMF – CancerCare Manitoba Foundation

<sup>2</sup>CHRIM – Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba

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