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The MMSF Congratulates Dr. Blair Peters as the Recipient of the 2019 R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award in Medicine



The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) announces that the 2019-2020 R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award in Medicine has been awarded to Dr. Blair Peters.

The \$75,000 award is co-sponsored through \$25,000 contributions from each of the MMSF, the University of Manitoba McLaughlin Foundation and the Dean of Medicine's Education and Research Fellowship Fund at the University of Manitoba.

The award aims to support the scholarship of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences 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, 2019.

Dr. Peters will be completing a fellowship in gender-affirming surgery at Oregon Health and Sciences University, in Portland, Oregon – the leading centre for gender-affirming surgery in North America.

In addition to learning surgical techniques, Dr. Peters will be actively participating in research concerning transgender surgeries and transgender patients' health outcomes.

Currently, Manitobans must travel to Montreal for gender-affirming surgery. Dr. Peter's goal is to set up a gender-affirming surgery team at the University of Manitoba to improve outcomes for transgender patients throughout the province.

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

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

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