



**EPILEPSY CANADA
RESEARCH AWARDS
2009**

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EPILEPSY CANADA FUNDS \$118,000 TOWARDS RESEARCH

Announcing the award winners for the 2009 research grants competition.

Epilepsy is a chronic disorder affecting the lives of more than 1/100 Canadians. For many of these people, research offers hope for better treatments and improved lives. Epilepsy Canada (EC) is pleased to announce the results of its 2008-2009 research grants competition. Epilepsy Canada received numerous applications from across Canada and following a comprehensive review process is able to support multiple young investigators who are focusing their research on the causes and treatment of epilepsy. In particular, Epilepsy Canada is proud to announce the 2008-2009 postdoctoral research awards and summer studentships. In making these awards, EC is investing more than \$118,000 towards much needed epilepsy research. In presenting these awards, EC also gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the many Canadians who have contributed to this important program.

Award Winners

There was much anticipation and EC commends all participants in the submission round. Among the numerous proposals for the awards EC has essentially selected those whose scientific results will benefit most from the awards. The recipients of the postdoctoral award will pursue one year of extensive research and training in the area of epilepsy. Winners of the studentship award will gain the opportunity to train in a lab and research over the summer period.

Three-year Postdoctoral Award

On Feb. 2009 a three-year Postdoctoral Biomedical Research Grant, valued at \$49,000, has been awarded to Dr. Jun Liu at the University of BC under the supervision of Dr. Yutian Wang.

Postdoctoral Award - July, 2009

Miles Thompson of Toronto, ON - \$30,000
Gabiella Panuccio of Montreal, QC - \$30,000

Summer Studentship Award - July, 2009

Andrew Moeller of Halifax, NS - \$3,000
Alan Tam of Kingston, ON - \$3,000
Artyem (Eric) Dantzig of Vaughan, ON - \$3,000

The Goal

Research Fellowships are intended to develop expertise in clinical and epilepsy research and improve the quality of care for epilepsy patients in Canada. The results will prove valuable for medical exploration and push research endeavours forward for Epilepsy Canada. The recipients have the opportunity to set their tribute to epilepsy and leave a milestone perhaps at the completion of the research.

Epilepsy Canada is focused on improving the lives of people with seizure disorders. The mission is to enhance the quality of life for persons affected by epilepsy through promotion and support of research and facilitation of education and awareness initiatives that build understanding and acceptance of epilepsy. Today, Epilepsy Canada depends entirely upon public and corporate support for the continuing development of its research and education programs.

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