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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2019 OPERATING GRANT RECIPIENTS!

The MMSF is pleased to announce that \$307,350 has been approved for operating grants for the following successful applicants from the Competition for Funds held in October 2018.

Wherever possible we work cooperatively with partners to jointly fund MMSF approved operating grants. At this time, not all of our partnerships for 2019 operating grant recipients have been finalized. Updates shall be posted to our website as the information becomes available. Please refer to the [About Us/Partnerships](#) and [Awards Recipients](#) pages of our website at mmsf.ca for future updates.

The following are the successful applicants, approved amounts and projects from our 2018 Competition for Funds:

Dr. Neda Anssari – Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$30,000** for their project titled **‘Functional and Structural Abnormalities in the Eyes of Patients with Multiple Sclerosis: an OCT, MRI and Colour-Contrast Sensitivity Study’**

Dr. Ramzi Helewa – Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$24,500** for their project titled **‘Enhancing Communication and Reducing the Need for Repeat Endoscopy between Gastroenterologists and Surgeons, A Mixed Methods Analysis’**

Dr. Dylan MacKay – Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$31,000** for their project titled **‘The Impact of Diet on Frailty and Chronic Kidney Disease Outcomes from The CanFIT Study’**

Dr. Lyle McKinnon – Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$30,000** for their project titled **‘Role of IL2 Family Cytokines in the Female Genital Tract in Protection Against HIV Acquisition’**

Dr. Paul McLaren – Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$31,850** for their project titled **‘Genetic Regulation of the Vaginal Immune and Microbial Environment and Its Impact on HIV Susceptibility’**

Dr. Marcus C. Ng – Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$32,000** for their project titled **‘Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation in SUPER REfractory STATUS EPILEPTICUS (SURESTEP): Pilot Study of a Novel Therapy in a Common Medical Emergency’**

Dr. Joanne Parsons – Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$23,000** for their project titled **‘An Unconventional Classroom: The Effect of Mandatory Hours in the School Weight Room on Student Participation in Resistance Training Activities’**

Jamie Penner, MN – Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$20,000** for their project titled **‘Exploring Family Caregiver Ambivalence Towards Self-Care Behaviours’**

Dr. Ashish Shah – Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$30,000** for their project titled **‘Novel Methods for Selecting Appropriate Patients Undergoing Trans-Catheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI): A Pilot Project’**

Dr. Rusty Souleymanov – Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$30,000** for their project titled **‘HIV Prevention, Health Care and Social Program Access among Marginalized Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in Manitoba’**

Dr. Michael Yamashita – Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba was awarded **\$25,000** for their project titled **‘Characterizing Thoracic Aortic Disease in Manitoba: Prevalence and Follow-up’**

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