

MEDIA RELEASE

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Congratulations to all 2022 MMSF Operating Grant Recipients!

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) is pleased to announce that \$440,712 in Operating Grants has been approved for the following successful applicants from the 2021 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 2022 operating grant recipients have been finalized. 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 2022 applicants, approved amounts, and projects from our 2021 Competition for Funds:

Dr. Heather Armstrong

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$33,000 for the project titled **“Defining the Role of the Intestinal Microbiome in the Regulation of Dietary Fibre-Associated Inflammation in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients”**.

Dr. Robin da Silva

Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$32,000 for the project titled **“The Role of Adenosine Receptors in Fibrosis”**.

Dr. Tomislav Jelic

Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$35,000 for the project titled **“Accelerated Remote Consultation Tele-POCUS in Cardiopulmonary Assessment (ARC-TICA)”**.

Dr. Cara Katz

PGY6 Resident in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$17,000 for the project titled **“Sibling Outcomes Among Proband With Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Population-Wide Longitudinal Cohort Study”**.

Dr. Maia Kredentser

Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Health Psychology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$33,000 for the project titled **“One-Year Cognitive and Mental Health Outcomes in Hospitalized COVID-19 Survivors and Their Caregivers”**.

Dr. Shuangbo Liu

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Dial Don't Drive – A Manitoba Acute Coronary Syndrome Network Public Awareness Campaign to Reduce Patient Delays in Seeking Medical Attention for Heart Attacks”**.

Dr. Yannick Molgat-Seon

Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Health at the University of Winnipeg was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Determining the Influence of Sex and Gender on the Perception of Dyspnoea”**.

Dr. Marc Morissette

Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$25,000 for the project titled **“Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Electronic Data Collection Platform to Improve Patient Response Rates in an Orthopaedic Surgery Registry”**.

Dr. Natalie Richer

Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Health at the University of Winnipeg was awarded \$22,712 for the project titled **“The Impact of Attentional Focus on Postural Stability in the Aging Brain”**.

Dr. Zulma Vanessa Rueda

Associate Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Syndemics of Concern: Sex and Gender, Crystal Meth, HIV and STBBIs in Manitoba”**.

Dr. Barret Rush

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Rural access and outcomes for Critical Care in Manitoba”**.

Dr. Chrysi Stavropoulou

Assistant Professor in the Department of Dental Diagnostics and Surgical Sciences at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$22,712 for the project titled **“Elucidating the Role of Oral Microbes and Their Metabolites in Peri-Implant Health”**.

Dr. Rodrigo Villar

Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation Management at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Autonomic Cardiovascular, and Respiratory Regulation During Postural Transitions and Acute and Chronic Exercise in Females and Males Living with Frailty”**.

Dr. Evan Wiens

PGY-5 Cardiology Fellow in the Department of Cardiology at the University of Manitoba was awarded \$30,000 for the project titled **“Real-world Efficacy and Safety of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy with Ticagrelor as Compared to Clopidogrel”**.

Dr. Sanoji Wijenayake

Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Winnipeg was awarded \$33,000 for the project titled **“Maternal Milk is More than Food: Milk Contains Bioactive Components that Shape Offspring Neurodevelopment”**.

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