2021 Nick Shepel Neuroscience Trainee Travel Award

Application deadline: Friday, August 20, 2021

Background: The fund was established by the Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders, St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre, to honor Nick Shepel who was an outstanding researcher, friend and leader. Nick was a true inspiration to his laboratory partners and brought fire, humor, and a desire to always excel. His insistence to always try better has had a permanent effect on his lab mates and peers. Nick led by example and taught that detailed preparation and execution of experiments ensured reliable results.

Purpose: The purpose of this fund shall be to recognize a young investigator(s) (specifically in the neuroscience area) by providing an annual award(s) to support travel costs associated with the applicant’s attendance at an upcoming national/international conference where the applicant is presenting a poster or oral presentation. This year, there are up to four awards available with a value ranging $800 to $1,000.

Eligibility: At the time of application the following conditions are required:

- Students must be registered as a full-time graduate student in the College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.
- The area of research being presented at the conference must relate to the field of neuroscience.
- A student admitted under the “Provisional Status” may not receive the award during the provisional period.
- Amount of award(s) may vary each year.
- Students must be giving an “IN-PERSON” poster or oral presentation at an upcoming scientific meeting (national/international). Virtual attendance does not qualify for award.
- Students who have received this award previously should not apply.

Submission Instructions: A complete application consists of the following information

*If your application is not complete, it will not be considered:

- Introductory letter describing meeting, location and date
- Copy of abstract
- Curriculum vitae
- Current GPA, transcripts not needed
- Proposed budget of travel costs
- Submit your completed application materials to:

  Paul Fernyhough
  Director – Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders
  St. Boniface Hospital Research
  R4046 – 351 Tache Avenue
  Winnipeg, MB R2H 2A6

How to apply for reimbursement: Reimbursement will be done in accordance with St. Boniface Hospital travel policies. Request for reimbursement must be done within 2 weeks following travel otherwise eligibility may be voided. (contact: Kelly Jorundson kjorund@sbrc.ca)