

## Mount Doug Science Opportunities

### Xavier Pelletier High School Internship Program (Grade 11 – School nominated)

The High School Internship Program (HSIP) is an 8-week summer program that runs from July-August each summer at the BC Cancer Agency's Trev and Joyce Deeley Research Center. A research facility of this caliber offers many opportunities to the surrounding community, one of which is the High School Internship Program. This program has been designed to offer students the opportunity to explore cancer research from the front lines, learning the latest techniques in the fight against cancer today and setting the ground for the future. Each student will each be responsible for a research project, which they will develop and implement from start to finish with continual support from a designated supervisor and a team of research scientists. All Secondary schools on Vancouver Island are eligible to nominate (2) Grade 11 students. Students must take Biology 11 or 12 in grade 11 to be eligible.

Mount Doug selects its 2 nominees in February. Interested students are asked to submit to Ms. Kucher by **Monday, January 30, 2017** the following:

- a resume
- names of 2 science teachers as references ( they should be willing to write a reference letter if you are nominated)
- completion of the following questions from the Application:
  - **Describe any ideas you may have on how you would cure cancer:**
  - **Please give an example of an initiative or idea you have led to completion yourself:**

The 2 selected students will then complete the application process before **March 1**. The students will attend a Saturday workshop that reviews the Cancer Research done at the center. Selected students are interviewed and the final selections are made by May 1.

A \$3,000 bursary toward post-secondary education will be awarded to each student who successfully completes the 8-week program.

More information on the program as well as the complete application form is available on-line:

<http://www.bccrc.ca/dept/drc/hsp>

### Gene Cure (Grade 11 or 12 – Self Nominated)

The Canadian Gene Cure Foundation offers a week long look into the life of a genetic clinician-scientist. Grade 11 and 12 students from across Canada are selected upon application to participate in a hands-on, in the lab experience researching cures for genetic disease. The Canadian Gene Cure Foundation is looking for mature, capable high school students age 16 and over who are passionate about science and intrigued by genetics. If you have an overall average of at least 85%, can write a brilliant essay to demonstrate your excitement about science and your advanced communication skills, and you can convince a teacher to write a stunning reference for you, please apply!

The Canadian Gene Cure Foundation is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for the 2017 Gene Researcher for a Week Program November 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Funded in part by the Canadian Institute Health Research Institute of Genetics, the Foundation selects motivated and ambitious students in grades 11 and 12 who have an innate curiosity for science, human genetics, and human genetics research. This year we anticipate being able to place 50 plus students in this program.

The program offers high school students:

1. The opportunity for a hands-on learning experience in the field of genetic research. Students gain insight into the world of genetic diseases by observation and are often provided the opportunity of conducting real, hands-on scientific experiments (i.e. DNA isolation, PCR, gel electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Western blotting, cell culture and ELISA assays).

Participants may also learn how genes cause human genetic disorders and how top scientists translate these findings into treatments and cures for genetic diseases.

2. The opportunity to work in one of Canada's top genetic research laboratories. These students are placed in labs of influential Canadian scientists for one week over Spring Break. This experience gives young students what many have called "a life changing experience". The GRFAW mentoring program is a great opportunity for young scientists to learn about human genetics research and connect with some Canada's best researchers.

3. The opportunity develop a network of high potential peers. Student gene researchers are bright, talented and highly motivated individuals. By participating in the program, they will have an opportunity to meet people in their host lab and institution. Some labs will host more than one student, providing a further opportunity to network with other students.

4. The unique opportunity to learn about the many exciting career paths in science and genetics

All student applications must be completed by December 31, 2016.

Teacher recommendations letters are due by January 9, 2017.

Program runs during spring break, 2017

<http://genecure.ca/en/programs/gene-researcher-for-a-week/>

## **Med/Vet Summer Leadership Academy\_(Self Nominated)**

St. George's University Med/Vet Summer Leadership Academy offers the opportunity of a lifetime for high school students (age 15–17) interested in the field of medicine or veterinary medicine. On a campus that covers the beautiful True Blue peninsula overlooking the Caribbean Sea, this exceptional program has balanced a challenging academic program rooted in SGU's 38 year history with extracurricular activities selected to highlight the culture and innate beauty of Grenada.

Now in its 15th year, both the premedical and preveterinary Summer Leadership Academy offer courses that combine didactic lectures, small-group problem solving sessions, practical lab work in state-of-the art facilities, and hands-on training through simulated and real-life situations.

The high school student program runs for 10 days in Grenada. Students are advised to arrive the day before the scheduled start date and depart the day after. Housing will be provided.

The Program Fees include accommodations, transportation on the island, all meals, medical instruction, and field trips. (Airfare and the optional scuba dive expenses are not included.) Attendees are greeted at the airport and transported to campus by a University representative.

Plan your summer around one of these educational and cultural experiences by sending in your application while space is still available! Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and a completed application with deposit payment is required to reserve your spot. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION APRIL 1, 2017

More info is on the website:

<http://www.sgu.edu/school-of-medicine/medical-summer-camp.html>

## **TRIUMF's High School Fellowship Program (Grade 12 – School nominated)**

TRIUMF's high school fellowship program offers fellowships each year to graduating Canadian secondary students entering their first undergraduate year at a recognized post-secondary institution.

The fellowship includes an award of \$3,000 and a six-week summer research experience at TRIUMF.

TRIUMF offers three or more fellowships annually to students graduating from a BC secondary school and entering the first undergraduate year in the year of nomination, within the sciences, engineering or mathematics at a recognized post-secondary institution anywhere in the world.

The intent of TRIUMF's high school fellowship program is to motivate graduating students with a passionate interest in science to pursue a career in the sciences, especially physics, by offering them the opportunity to experience a real life research environment.

Each secondary school is eligible to nominate a maximum of two students.

The student must have completed both Physics 11 and 12 (or Physics B Advanced Placement) upon graduation; and chemistry is also recommended.

**The student must be nominated by their school and they require a minimum of two personal references.**

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- a resume
- names of 2 teachers as references ( they should be willing to write a reference letter if you are nominated)
- completion of the personal essay from the Application

Forms are available in January 2017.

<http://www.triumf.ca/home/for-students/high-school-programs/high-school-fellowship>

## Science Fair

The fair will be next held at the University of Victoria on April 9-10, 2017

Mr. Newell is interested in assisting students get their projects going. Please speak with him in room 227 if you would like to take advantage of the excellent opportunities that doing a Science Fair Projects provides.

There is more info at: <http://web.uvic.ca/~virsf/index.html>

## Other Volunteer opportunities:

**Shaw Ocean Discovery Center**-local Marine center in Sidney

<http://www.oceandiscovery.ca/volunteer/volunteer-application>

**Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary**- Great nature house and education programs.

<http://www.swanlake.bc.ca/volunteer.php>

**Victoria Natural History Society**- This group has many naturalist led walks and lectures of interest in biology both locally and globally.

<http://vicnhs.bc.ca/>

**Science Ventures:** UVic's Science Venture is a non-profit organization that offers hands-on, minds-on science, engineering and technology learning opportunities for youth entering grades 1 through 12.

<http://www.scienceventure.ca/>

**Science Websites:**

**Lets Talk Science**

<http://www.letstalkscience.ca/>

