



Ovarian Cancer Canada is pleased to announce a new award for excellence in research. In 2016, the **Anita Unruh Prize** was established by Patrick McGrath in honour of his wife Anita Unruh, a former associate dean and professor. The Prize rewards excellence in trainee research on ovarian cancer and aims to encourage trainees to establish careers in research related to this disease. Offered biennially, this is a peer-reviewed prize for a published paper that both focuses on ovarian cancer and has a trainee as first author. Applications from trainees from all levels and disciplines will be considered.

Award

The Unruh Prize is comprised of \$5,000 and includes registration and travel for the Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research, where the prize will be presented. The next conference is tentatively scheduled for May 2018. The applicants must be willing to have their information publicized and plan to attend the conference. The award cannot be divided or shared and each trainee can submit only one application.

Eligibility

- This competition is open to all trainees doing research on ovarian cancer. The trainee can be at any level of training including, but not limited to, undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, medical students, clinical fellows and residents.
- The trainee must submit a complete copy of a paper (including any published supplementary material) that has been published or accepted for publication with no conditions in a peer reviewed journal within the two full years preceding the submission deadline (Jan. 15, 2016 to Jan. 14, 2018).
- The trainee must be the first author of the submitted paper and must have completed the majority of the work whilst being a trainee. The trainee must have done the work in Canada or be a Canadian citizen working abroad.
- The paper must have as its primary focus some aspect of ovarian cancer. This requirement will be interpreted broadly to encompass all of the ovarian cancer experience of women with ovarian cancer, and includes basic science, clinical science, health systems and epidemiology, social science and cross cultural research endeavours. However, it is critical that the focus be ovarian cancer, not simply something that might be applied to ovarian cancer. For example, studies on hope in spouses of women with ovarian cancer would be eligible but hope in patients with cancer (of all types), would likely not be eligible unless ovarian cancer was a major focus. Similarly, stimulating cell death in cancer tumours would not be eligible unless ovarian tumors was a major focus. An analysis of fundraising messages for ovarian cancer would be eligible but fundraising in cancer would not.

Selection Committee

The composition of the Prize Selection Committee is as follows:

- A minimum of four members of the Research Committee of Ovarian Cancer Canada. This committee includes scientists, clinicians and laypersons with interests in ovarian cancer.



- At least one representative of the ovarian cancer patient population

Members of the Prize Selection Committee will not include any supervisors of trainees who have applied for the Anita Unruh Prize. The Prize Selection Committee will consider all complete submissions after the deadline. Their deliberations will be confidential and their decision will be conveyed directly to the CEO of Ovarian Cancer Canada.

Selection Process

The Anita Unruh Prize rewards research excellence, which will be determined entirely by evaluation of the calibre of the publication submitted. The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- Excellence of the Science (35 points), including the design, scope and novelty of the work. The research design can be any design that is appropriate to the research question.
- Potential Impact on the Care of Patients (35 points). This assessment is independent of whether the impact would be immediate or long term.
- Innovation (30 points). This work may have described a new concept, approach or methodology, exploited a novel opportunity, or shifted current paradigms of our understanding of ovarian cancer and/or care of patients.

Submission Procedure

A complete application to the Anita Unruh Prize includes components submitted by the trainee and the supervisor.

To be submitted by the trainee:

- A copy of the publication, including all published supplementary material, if any
- A completed submission form, which includes the name, current position and full contact information (email and mailing address, phone number) for the trainee, and a lay language summary of the work reported in the paper (maximum 500 words).

To be submitted by the supervisor:

- A letter from the trainee's supervisor documenting that the submission meets all of the eligibility requirements and fully describing the trainee's role in the publication. The letter should include the supervisor's position and full contact information (email and mailing address, phone number), and be sent directly to the Prize Selection Committee.

All submission materials should be sent by email to the Prize Selection Committee, c/o Marilyn Sapsford, Manager of National Programs, Ovarian Cancer Canada msapsford@ovariancanada.org.

Deadline for Submissions



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The deadline for submission is **January 15, 2018**. Trainees will be notified of the status of their application when deliberations of the committee are completed. The winner will be announced in February 2018.

For more information, contact Marilyn Sapsford at msapsford@ovariancanada.org or at 1-877-413-7970 x231.