

ANITA UNRUH PRIZE 2024

EXCELLENCE IN TRAINEE RESEARCH ON OVARIAN CANCER

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 sole first author. Applications from trainees from all levels and disciplines will be considered.

AWARD

The Unruh Prize is \$5,000 in addition to registration and travel for the 2024 Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research, being held on May 24-26 in Halifax, Nova Scotia (<https://ovariancanada.org/events/ccocr>). The successful applicant will be invited to present their published work during the Anita Unruh Award Lecture at the conference. Applicants must be willing to have their information publicized and plan to attend the entire 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 applicant 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 a two-year period preceding the submission deadline (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023).
- ❖ The applicant must be the sole 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 the full ovarian cancer continuum (prevention, diagnosis/detection, treatment, survivorship) and includes basic science, clinical science, patient-reported outcomes, health systems and epidemiology, social science, and cross-cultural research endeavors. 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 cells would not be eligible unless ovarian cancer cells were a major focus.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The composition of the Prize Selection Committee is as follows:

- ❖ A minimum of four members of the research community affiliated with Ovarian Cancer Canada, including scientists and clinicians with relevant expertise.
- ❖ Representatives from Ovarian Cancer Canada's Patient Partners in Research team (<https://ovariancanada.org/patient-partners-in-research>).

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 Ovarian Cancer Canada who will inform the winner.

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:

- ❖ Scientific merit, research approach, clarity of presentation (40 points);
- ❖ Relevance, importance, and potential impact on women with or at risk for ovarian cancer (40 points);
- ❖ Innovation (20 points).

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 Trainee Submission Form, which includes the name, current position and full contact information for the trainee, and a lay language summary of the work reported in the paper (maximum 500 words). See *Addendum A*.

To be submitted by the supervisor:

- ❖ A completed Confirmation Form from the trainee's supervisor documenting that the submission meets all of the eligibility requirements. This Form should include the supervisor's position and full contact information and be sent directly to the Prize Selection Committee. See *Addendum B*.

Please send all submission materials by email to the Prize Selection Committee, c/o Alicia Tone, Scientific Advisor, Ovarian Cancer Canada at atone@ovariancanada.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submission is **February 23, 2024**. Trainees will be notified of the status of their application when deliberations of the committee are completed. For more information, contact Alicia Tone at atone@ovariancanada.org.



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ADDENDUM A – TRAINEE SUBMISSION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION	
APPLICANT NAME	
MANUSCRIPT TITLE	
CURRENT POSITION	
INSTITUTION	
FULL MAILING ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
TELEPHONE #	
SUPERVISOR NAME	
LAY LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF WORK REPORTED IN MANUSCRIPT (max 500 words)	



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TRAINEE SIGNATURE

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Date:

Please send this form, a copy of the article and all published supplementary material directly to the Prize Selection Committee by **February 23, 2024** c/o Alicia Tone, Scientific Advisor, Ovarian Cancer Canada at atone@ovariancanada.org.

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ADDENDUM B – SUPERVISOR CONFIRMATION FORM

SUPERVISOR INFORMATION	
SUPERVISOR NAME	
POSITION	
INSTITUTION	
FULL ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
TELEPHONE #	
TRAINEE INFORMATION	
TRAINEE NAME	
TRAINEE CATEGORY (e.g., undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, medical student, clinical fellow, resident)	

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

I certify that the applicant meets all of the criteria for the Anita Unruh Prize, including:

- ✓ Sole first authorship of a paper that has been published (or accepted for publication with no conditions) in a peer-reviewed journal within a two-year period preceding the submission deadline (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023);
- ✓ The applicant completed the majority of the work whilst being a trainee;
- ✓ The applicant performed the work in Canada, or as a Canadian citizen working abroad.

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Date:

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