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NEWS BULLETIN

Scriver MD/PhD Scholarships Awarded to Six Canadian Students

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The Canadian Gene Cure Foundation (CGCF), the CIHR Institute of Genetics (IG) and the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network (CGDN) today are pleased to announce that 6 students have been awarded the Scriver MD/PhD Scholarship.

The Scriver MD/PhD Scholarship is named in honour of a family of prominent Canadian physicians – Jessie Boyd Scriver, Walter Scriver and Charles Scriver. The award supports outstanding students enrolled in accredited MD/PhD training programs at Canadian universities. “The long-term impact of the Scriver MD/PhD Scholarships will be an increase in the number of young physicians who are committed to genetic research”, said Dr. Ron Woznow, CEO of the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network and Chair of the Canadian Gene Cure Foundation.

The following students have been awarded a scholarship:

Christopher George Carlson, University of Alberta

Jason Thomas Maynes, University of Alberta

Julie St-Pierre, Université Laval

Martin Hyrcza, University of Toronto

Sebastien Lévesque, Université Laval

Speranza Dolgetta, University of Calgary

Established to find cures and treatments for genetic diseases, the Canadian Gene Cure Foundation plays an important role in raising funds for the Scriver Scholarship program. Jeans for Genes Day, this year on October 3rd, is the Foundation's annual, national fundraising campaign in support of these scholarships. For more information, please visit the Jeans for Genes Day website at www.jeansforgenes.ca.

The Institute of Genetics is one of thirteen new institutes within the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). It is Canada's premier federal agency for health research. Its objective is to excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products and a strengthened Canadian health care system.

The Canadian Genetic Diseases Network (CGDN) is a not-for-profit corporation that is actively engaged in the discovery of new treatments and cures for genetic disease. Its members include Canada's leading genetic researchers. The CGDN also provides educational and training support to improve the infrastructure for genetic research in Canada's leading research institutions.

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