Seniors Health SCN™

2019 Undergraduate Summer Studentship Competition Outcome

The Scientific Office of the Seniors Health SCN is pleased to announce the outcome of the 2019 Undergraduate Summer Studentship Competition. The competition aims to increase the number of undergraduate students engaged in health and aging research across Alberta, facilitate the pursuit of knowledge, and build capacity related to the three Seniors Health SCN priority areas.

Twenty-seven applications were submitted to the competition. The submissions addressed research questions relevant to the "Aging Brain Care", "Frailty, Resilience, Aging-well: Late-life Transitions Initiative (FRAILTI)", and/or "Anticipating and Aging Alberta" platforms of the Seniors Health SCN. All applications were adjudicated by 2 reviewers based on 4 assessment criteria.

The Scientific Office awarded studentships to five high-quality applications. The winners and their projects can be found in the table below. Students will undertake their research project in the summer months, and submit their final report to the SCN in the early fall.

Student	Supervisor	University	Title
Michelle Leung	Matthias Hoben	U of A	The interaction between care staffing and work context on nursing home care units: does it explain differences in quality of resident care?
Megg Wylie	Lara Nixon	U of C	Preparing to scale Peter Coyle Place: an integrated health, housing and social support innovation for older adults
Maria Czyz	Adrian Wagg	U of A	Efficacy of a Health Education Program for Community-Dwelling Older Men
Daria Merrikh	Zahra Goodarzi	U of C	Depression in Long Term Care: A Systematic Review
Kennedy Dirk	Jennifer Knopp-Sihota	Athabasca	Improving the assessment of pain in nursing home residents with dementia

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