



Michael Brown Scholarship for Equity in Trauma Care

VGH Trauma Symposium

The VGH Trauma Program, in partnership with the Brown Family, is pleased to announce a call for submissions for the annual **Michael Brown Scholarship for Equity in Trauma Care**. This one-time (non-renewable) award of **\$2,000** is intended to support emerging researchers and/or surgical residents who are engaged in a research project studying the social aspect of prevention and care in traumatic injury and/or Acute Care Surgery.

This award is made possible thanks to the generosity and vision of the Brown Family in honour of their son Michael. Beyond his love for exploring BC's mountains and ocean vistas with his wife Jackie, Michael was known for his caring and compassionate support of those less privileged in their neighbourhood in East Vancouver, often providing bystander first response for those injured or suffering medical emergencies. Through this award, the Brown family hopes to support trainees and researchers that share Michael's passion for understanding the root causes of injury and health inequities.

Eligibility: This competition is open to UBC-affiliated residents/medical students/early career investigators. The individual submitting the application will be the recipient of the award, unless noted on the application.

Evaluation: Proposals will be evaluated on the following components:

- **Relevance:** the research must take a social determinants of health perspective in understanding injury prevention, trauma care, and/or patient outcomes.
- **Impact:** projects should demonstrate potential to advance understanding or improve equity in trauma care.
- **Feasibility:** The research plan should be realistic and achievable within the available resources and timeline.

At least one project team member must be present on April 28, 2025 at the VGH Trauma Symposium where the winner will be announced. Winners of the competition will be requested to present their work in the form of a presentation at the VGH Trauma Symposium the following year (2026). Those who are interested in submitting a proposal should prepare a one-page overview that includes the following information:

- **Title of project**
- **Your name and affiliation** (please also include PI's name and affiliation and any co-investigators).
- **Background/Rationale**
- **Research or project aim/proposal/objectives**
- **Method(s)**
- **Proposed timeline**
- **Why should this project be funded/supported/why should you be selected?**

Please email applications or any questions to vgotraumasymposium@vch.ca. The deadline for submission is **March 31, 2025, at 23:59 PST**.