

# MEDIA RELEASE

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MANITOBA MEDICAL SERVICE  
FOUNDATION

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2017/18 OPERATING GRANT RECIPIENTS!

The MMSF is pleased to announce that \$258,732 has been approved for operating grants for the following successful applicants from the Competition for Funds held in October 2017.

Wherever possible we work cooperatively with partners to jointly fund MMSF approved operating grants. At this time, not all of our partnerships for 2017/18 operating grant recipients have been finalized. Updates shall be posted to our website as the information becomes available. Please refer to the About Us/Partnerships and Awards Recipients pages of our website at [mmsf.ca](http://mmsf.ca) for future updates.

### The following are the successful applicants, projects and approved amounts from our 2017 Competition for Funds:

**Dr. Devi Atukorallaya** — \$30,000

Zebrafish Ethmoid Bone Provides New Insights to Human Cleft Palate Development

**Dr. Luc Clair** — \$30,000

Estimating the Relationship Between Cardiovascular Health and the Use of Neurodegenerative Pharmaceuticals

**Dr. Brett Houston** — \$29,613

Reducing Transfusion While Preserving Canada's Blood Supply: Use and Effectiveness of Tranexamic Acid in Major Non-Cardiac Surgeries at High Risk of Bleeding

**Dr. Maya Jeyaraman** — \$30,000

Effectiveness of Interventions and Strategies to Reduce Emergency Department Wait Times: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

**Dr. Kheira Jolin-Dahel** — \$30,000

A Tool to Predict Cesarean Delivery in Rural First Nations Population

**Dr. Jason Kindrachuk** — \$19,219

Characterizing the Molecular Mechanisms of Ebola Virus Persistence in a 3D Co-Culture Model of the Blood-Testis Barrier

**Dr. Kendra Rieger** — \$25,000

The Experience of Mindfulness-based Expressive Arts Among Patients with Cancer

**Dr. Trisha Scribbans** — \$30,000

Towards Restoring Scapular Position and Motion with Shoulder Pain: Mapping Muscle Activation in the Trapezius

**Dr. Tabrez Siddiqui** — \$34,900

Investigation of a Novel Regulatory Mechanism for Neuronal Synaptic Circuit Development

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