

Publications of the Week

Interval Positive Fecal Immunochemical Test Is Associated with Postcolonoscopy Colorectal Cancer in a Screening Program

First Author: Jennifer Telford (pictured) | Senior Author: Robert Enns
Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology | BC Cancer and UBC



This study aimed to determine the risk of postcolonoscopy colorectal cancer in interval fecal immunochemical test–positive patients in the British Columbia Colon Screening Program. Researchers found that patients with a positive interval fecal immunochemical test are at increased risk of postcolonoscopy colorectal cancer and should be offered repeat colonoscopy. [Abstract](#) | [Press Release](#)

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Awards

SFU Awarded \$14.6 Million From NSERC to Support Diverse and High-Quality Research

SFU News



The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) has announced more than \$14.6 million in funding to support research excellence across SFU, in its latest round of Discovery Grants. The new funding is awarded to 49 SFU researchers from six faculties. Dr. Wendy Palen (pictured) from the SFU Faculty of Science is among this year's awardees. [Read More](#)

UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences Researchers Secure NSERC Discovery Funding

UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Two Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences researchers have been recognized in the latest round of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Research Program awards. Dr. Miffy Hok Yan Cheng has received \$190,000 for her research in lipid nanoparticles and Dr. Ly Vu (pictured) was awarded \$240,000 for her work in hematopoiesis. [Read More](#)

Over \$12 Million in Federal Funding Awarded to UBC Applied Science Researchers

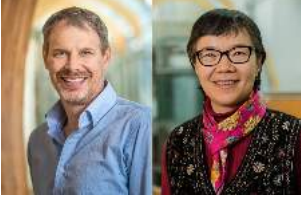
UBC Engineering



Researchers from the UBC Faculty of Applied Science have received over \$12 million in grants from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The 53 Applied Science-led projects are among the 199 grant recipients from UBC. Dr. Yanpu He (pictured) was awarded an NSERC Discovery Grant to study CD4⁺ T cells. [Read More](#)

Two MSL Faculty Awarded 2026 NSERC Funding

UBC Michael Smith Laboratories (MSL)



The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Grant program aims to recognize creative and innovative research by supporting long term project goals. Distributed over five years, these grants provide operating funds often in tandem with other support programs. Two researchers from MSL were among this year's awardees: Drs. Peter Zandstra (pictured, left) and Xin Li (right). [Read More](#)

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Local News

The Power of Narrative Storytelling: Using Comics to Bring Microbiology Concepts to Life

UBC Microbiology and Immunology



In a new study published in the *Journal of Microbiology & Biology Education*, a team of educators in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology report that integrating course material into a narrative comic strip format is a powerful way to help students grasp challenging microbiology concepts. The study was led by Dr. Karen Smith (pictured). [Read More](#)

UBC Faculty of Applied Science 2026 Appointments

UBC Engineering



The UBC Faculty of Applied Science has appointed two new, and one returning, leaders. Dr. Mark Martinez (pictured) has been appointed as Head of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, while Dr. Casey Keulen is appointed Program Director for Manufacturing Engineering and Dr. Reza Vaziri is re-appointed as Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs effective July 1, 2026. [Read More](#)

Billions of Doses Later: Global Review Confirms mRNA Vaccines Are Safe, Effective, and Full of Promise

UBC Michael Smith Laboratories



A sweeping global review led by researchers at UBC has found that mRNA vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing infectious diseases like COVID-19, and have potential applications for a range of other diseases, including influenza, RSV, cancer, and autoimmune disorders. "After billions of doses, we now have an extraordinary amount of scientific evidence," said lead author Dr. Anna Blakney (pictured). [Read More](#)

Dr. Mary De Vera Appointed as New Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences



The UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has welcomed Dr. Mary De Vera (pictured) into the role of Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, effective July 1, 2026. Dr. De Vera is a well-respected figure in research and graduate and postdoctoral education, and she brings to this role expertise and dedication to the success of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. [Read More](#)

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Mitacs and IBET PhD Project Extend Partnership to Support Indigenous and Black Researchers in Engineering and Technology

Mitacs



Mitacs and the Indigenous and Black Engineering and Technology (IBET) PhD Project announced the renewal of their partnership through a new three-year agreement. This will expand research, training, and industry opportunities for Indigenous and Black doctoral researchers in engineering and STEM fields through to 2029. [Read More](#)

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July 24 8:00 AM	Frontiers in Biophysics 2026 SFU Vancouver
July 25 7:00 PM	Science Under the Stars! UBC Hebb Theatre
September 9 5:00 PM	28th Annual Life Sciences BC Awards Vancouver Convention Centre West
September 17 5:00 PM	An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the World Around Us The Old Auditorium

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