Congratulations

Biological Sciences grad Dr. Emily Darling has been awarded the Governor General’s Gold Medal as SFU’s most outstanding student in Engineering, Medical Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Her supervisor, Dr. Isabelle Coté, described Emily’s efforts to predict the response of corals to multiple stressors as “a holy grail quest” which will be “central to managing coral reefs for the future.”

Dr. Corey Watson received the Dean’s Convocation Medal in recognition of his outstanding academic achievement. Corey’s research at SFU aimed to improve the understanding of how antibody genetic diversity impacts autoimmune and infectious disease risk, as well as the effectiveness of vaccines.

Congratulations to Emily, Corey, and the rest of this year’s Science grads!

Faculty News

Watch the Nobel Talks series online!
The Nobel Talks series is now available online. Watch them by clicking the links in red below:

Paul Haljan  Exploring and Harnessing Quantum Weirdness
Edgar Young  Sensational! Molecules that help cells sense their environment
Esther Verheyen  From stem cells to maturity and back; promises and perils of reprogramming cell fate

A big thank you to Corina Andreoiu for organizing this year’s Nobel Talks. The lectures by Paul Haljan (Physics), Esther Verheyen (MBB) and Edgar Young (MBB) were the most well-attended Nobel Talks ever held at SFU, and we thank them for graciously sharing their expertise. Kudos also to the always engaging Master of Ceremonies, George Agnes, for his fantastic assistance. Stay tuned for next year’s Nobel Talks series!

Scotia Half-Marathon Results
SFU’s scientists can not only think on their feet - they can run on them! Manfred Trummer and Richard Lockhart participated in the Scotia Vancouver Half-Marathon last weekend, with both finishing in the top 20 of their age group. Congratulations!

New Staff Appointment
The Dean’s Office is happy to welcome Kathryn White as the new Coordinator, Academic Programs. Kathryn brings with her a decade of experience in the Faculty of Business, including two years as the Coordinator, Undergraduate Programs.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Sponsor a Fully-Funded Brazilian Doctoral Student
The Brazilian government is providing full funding for Brazilian doctoral students to either complete a full PhD or 12 to 18 months of PhD-level studies at a Canadian university. Students will receive between $1470 and $3200 per month of study.

If you are interested in attracting eligible students, simply register your information in a database that students will access when selecting their placement choices. For more information, visit the program website or email Gladys We, Communications Officer, Dean of Graduate Studies.
Contribute to the Rosemary Hotell Undergraduate Research Prize

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Rosemary Hotell Research Prize to date. If you haven’t yet had a chance to donate, don’t forget that all funds raised in Rosemary’s name before June 30th will be matched by the Faculty of Science.

These $3,000 research prizes will be given to ambitious undergraduate students who show an aptitude for and interest in research. This will give them a chance they might never otherwise have to get research experience during their undergraduate career.

You can make a donation by selecting “Undergraduate Research Prizes/Rosemary Hotell” under the “donation designation” menu at the following link: donate here.

Have we missed something newsworthy? Let us know at scirec@sfu.ca!

Women in Physics Canada Conference
July 25-27, 2013
Simon Fraser University

Please join us at the third annual Women in Physics Canada Conference! which will feature talks by prominent women scientists, panel discussions, a poster session, a BBQ, and a banquet dinner. Both men and women are encouraged to attend. For more information and registration, visit the Women in Physics website.

Mitacs Globalink
Project submissions due by July 31, 2013

Mitacs is offering Canadian professors an opportunity to work with exceptional undergraduate students from India, China, Brazil, and Mexico on a 10 - 12 week research project in summer 2014. Mitacs will advertise internationally, review applications, and select a shortlist of candidates who best match professors’ project requirements. Mitacs also oversees all logistical aspects of the visit, including payment of living costs, medical insurance and accommodation. Globalink is open to top senior undergraduate students with a minimum CGPA of 8 out of 10 (or equivalent), as well as strong letters of recommendation.

For more information on the Globalink program, please see the Globalink website.

President’s Dream Colloquium 2014-2015
Application deadline: October 1, 2013

Applications are now being accepted for a President’s Dream Colloquium to be held in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015.

The challenge: You have up to $25,000 to bring in 6 speakers that you would like to bring in to help you teach a graduate course and deliver public lectures. Oh, and you get a teaching release to do it.

Sound like a daydream? Well, it’s not. The President’s Dream Colloquium has had two very successful series so far, and has welcomed almost two thousand people over the fall 2012 and spring 2013 terms to engage with big ideas and meet some of the top researchers in the world. For more information, click here.