

The University of British Columbia



**Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**  
**Centre for Blood Research**



### **2021 Michael John Page Postdoctoral Fellow Award**

*The Michael John Page Postdoctoral Fellow Award recognizes a postdoctoral fellow who reflects Dr. Page's academic excellence and his passion for life.*

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Dr. Michael John Page was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario where he graduated from the Port Arthur Collegiate in 1994. Mike then attended Carleton University in Ottawa graduating with his B.Sc. degree in biochemistry in 1998. Mike entered the UBC Biochemistry & Molecular Biology graduate program under Ross MacGillivray's supervision and supported by competitive graduate studentships from Canadian Blood Services. During his time in the MacGillivray lab, Mike designed, created and hosted the first web site for the UBC Centre for Blood Research. Mike successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis entitled *Bioengineering coagulation factor Xa substrate specificity into Streptomyces griseus trypsin* in 2004. During his graduate studies, his fellow graduate students recognized Mike's achievements by selecting him for the 2001 Zbarsky Prize. Dr. Page then completed a highly productive postdoctoral fellowship studying the biological activity of thrombin with Dr. Enrico Di Cera at Washington University in St. Louis. In 2010, Mike moved to a junior faculty position at the University of California, San Francisco supported by a grant from the American Heart Association and mentored by Dr. Charles Craik. At UCSF, Michael developed a peptide-based probe that was able to detect blood clots in real time. He and his team won a major biochemical entrepreneurship competition that also stimulated him to patent his discovery and to form a spin-off company called Biopaint Inc. Tragically, Mike collapsed and died suddenly in June 2013 at age 36. In addition to Mike's sustained academic success, he was well-liked by his peers and friends. As one colleague describes him:

***Mike was the essential glue in keeping our group coherent during grad school and made those years so memorable for all of us.***

After his arrival in Vancouver in 1998, Mike hosted the annual biochemistry hockey tournament in Vancouver and whether in Vancouver, St. Louis or San Francisco, he continued to host the tournament and to maintain his support for his beloved Vancouver Canucks hockey team. Mike was always there to help and support his colleagues. Mike was a great guy who was fun to be around – he really had a passion for life. As one of his graduate student colleagues recalls:

***Mike had an endless excitement and drive for science, sports and life in general, and he shared all of those interests with his friends***

<http://www.chroniclejournal.com/obituaries/page/michael-dr>

## Past Winners

2013 - Dr. Julien Bergeron  
2014 - Dr. Michael Yuchi  
2015 - Dr. Solmaz Sobhanifar  
2016 - Dr. Evan Haney  
2017 - Dr. Juergen Niesser  
2018 - Dr. Jennifer Grants  
2019 - Dr. Peter Rahfeld  
2020 - Dr. Maria de Guadalupe Jaraquemada-Peláez

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Nomination Process

This award is open to Postdoctoral Fellows in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology or the Centre for Blood Research in recognition of outstanding academic achievement combined with significant extra-curricular achievements (both scientific and non-scientific). Nominees must have held a PDF appointment at UBC for at least 1 year.

Nominations will be made by the Postdoctoral Fellow's research supervisor; each research supervisor can only nominate one PDF per year. The nominator must hold an appointment as a full or associate member of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology or be an Investigator in the Centre for Blood Research. A nomination form (attached) should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae (in either UBC or Common CV format) plus a one-page description of the nominee's extra-curricular activities since graduating from high school or equivalent. Nominators will complete all documentation and submit the completed nomination package electronically to Mira Milutinovic ([mira.milutinovic@ubc.ca](mailto:mira.milutinovic@ubc.ca)) by **4:30pm on Friday October 8, 2021**. After checking for eligibility and completeness, the nomination packages will be forwarded to the Adjudication Committee which will be comprised of (1) the Head of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, (2) the Director of the CBR, and (3) the Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Graduate Advisor. The 2021 awardee will be notified by Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. An award ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021, via ZOOM at the weekly CBR seminar series time slot from 11 am to 12 noon**.

Nomination General Guidelines

Provided that the nomination package is updated, nominations will stand for two consecutive years. It is the Nominator's responsibility to keep a nomination current. The Adjudication Committee will resolve questions concerning eligibility. The identities of the nominees will not be made public unless they win the award. Decisions made by the Adjudication Committee are final and may not be appealed. Posthumous awards will not be made. Nominators should not expect members of the Adjudication Committee staff to assist with the preparation of a nomination beyond general advice concerning the regulations and proper forms to use; nor will they offer opinions as to a nomination's chances of success.

Judging Criteria

- Evidence of distinguished scholarly research as a PDF at UBC.
- Evidence of the extra-curricular activities of the Nominee since entering graduate school.

Winner's Prize and Obligations

At the awards ceremony, the winner will be presented with a memorial plaque and a prize of **\$2,000**. At the awards event (to be held from **11 am to 12 noon on Wednesday October 27, 2021**), the winner will present a 40-minute summary of their career to date together with their career aspirations.

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## NOMINATION FORM 2021

Nominee's name:

Current Academic Department:

Work Address:

Phone:

Email:

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

Confirmation of Eligibility by the Head of Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology or the CBR Director: (an email confirmation will suffice)

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Signature

*In addition to this Nomination Form, the Nominators should include the following:*

1. The nominee's current CV and publication list (Biosketch format - maximum 6 pages)
2. A one-page summary of extra-curricular activities (both academic and non-academic)

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