



Kawasaki Disease Canada Student Research Award

Kawasaki Disease Canada invites applications for its Student Research Award, to be awarded in March, 2017.

About Kawasaki Disease Canada

Kawasaki Disease Canada was incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act in May, 2014. In December 2015, Kawasaki Disease Canada became registered as a national charity.

Kawasaki Disease Canada's mission is to promote awareness and education about Kawasaki disease, support individuals and family members affected by the disease, and advance research into the disease and its consequences. Our vision is a world free of Kawasaki disease.

About Kawasaki Disease

Kawasaki disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in North America. It is an acute illness that causes inflammation in the walls of blood vessels throughout the body, including the coronary arteries which supply blood to the heart. The majority of children who develop KD are 5 years of age or younger (75-80%), although it can affect older children and teenagers. Currently, the incidence of KD in Canada is estimated yearly to be close to 30 per 100,000 children under the age of 5. There is a higher incidence in boys than in girls.

About Kawasaki Disease Canada Student Research Award

The award recognizes excellence in student research related to any aspect of Kawasaki disease. Research may be bio-medical, clinical, educational, epidemiological or psycho-social in nature. The research may form part of a larger research project/program, but there must be a portion clearly attributable to the applicant.

Value: \$1,500 (2017)

Eligibility: Canadian or foreign student (bachelors, masters or doctoral level), registered at a Canadian university in 2016-2017

Application process:

A. Complete application form and attach:

1. an abstract of your research (max. 500 words);

2. a lay description of the research (max. 500 words);

3. a list of your publications and previous relevant research, where applicable.

B. Arrange for a letter of reference from your thesis or research supervisor to be sent directly to Kawasaki Disease Canada. The letter should indicate that the writer has seen your application, agrees with its content and verifies that you have primary responsibility for this research. Kawasaki Disease Canada respectfully asks any supervisors/principal researchers who are writing reference letters for more than one applicant, to indicate her/his own ranking of the applicants for whom s/he is writing.

All materials must reach Kawasaki Disease Canada by February 22, 2017. The recipient will be announced before March 31, 2017.

For application form, please consult the Kawasaki Disease Canada website, kdcanada.org.