

Newsletter

FMHS Postdoctoral Society

For Research Fellows and Senior Research Fellows

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MEDICAL AND
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September 2020

Upcoming Events

If you missed an opportunity, fear not! A number of PDS events have been postponed, cancelled or revised due to the recent Level 3 lockdown. Get the latest information on our [website](#)

Coffee mornings



PDS coffee mornings are paused until further notice

PDS Grants Available

We still have awards to assist with costs associated with publishing manuscripts in scientific journals and attendance of virtual conferences.

Apply [HERE](#)

Next PDS Meeting

15th September 1pm
Location TBD. Meetings are open to all research fellows/senior research fellows/lecturers/senior lecturers in the FMHS.

SUMMIT2020

It's been a tough year for presenting research - but the PDS has you covered with [SUMMIT2020](#)! SUMMIT is a postdoc-led conference for postdocs affiliated with FMHS and/or the Liggins Institute. This is a great opportunity for advancing research collaborations and networking. This year's conference promises to be better than ever, with outstanding speakers and prizes already secured. Submit your abstract for an oral or poster presentation [here](#)! Abstracts due **October 1st**.



Meet the PDS Committee: The PDS is run by a dedicated group of postdocs that create opportunities for networking, collaboration, and professional development. We are pleased to introduce a few of the members that work behind the scenes:

Dr Sandy Lau (Events Coordinator) is a cardiovascular physiologist at the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology studying how vesicles from the placenta controls maternal blood pressure in pregnancy. She loves to eat and cook up a storm to feed people. She also loves coffee and cocktails. Naturally, she's our events lead at the PDS and is the Chair of SUMMIT2020. (Bottom middle)

Dr Erika Freemantle (Treasurer) is a molecular biologist at the Centre for Brain Research working on how to grow brains in a dish. She likes money and spreadsheets, thus was fitting as treasurer. She is currently working on a spreadsheet for baby gear and will be entrusting the PDS coffers to Rashi when bub arrives. Since migrating from the frozen tundra of Canada she has yet to lose her zeal for hot sun and exotic foliage. Below (left) in a hammock in Malaysia perusing the lunch menu.

Dr Rashi Karunasinghe (Co-Treasurer) is a developmental neurobiologist in the Dept. of Physiology, where she researches the molecular mechanisms that guide the development of neuronal circuits in the growing brain. Her love of watching things grow also reaches to the garden and she is excited to see her seedlings sprout in spring! Rashi has been instrumental in securing SUMMIT2020 sponsorship and designing posters. (Bottom right)

