

# Newsletter

## FMHS Postdoctoral Society

For Research Fellows and Senior Research Fellows



MEDICAL AND  
HEALTH SCIENCES



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## October 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 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

22nd October 1pm

Location TBD. Meetings are open to all research fellows/senior research fellows/lecturers/senior lecturers in the FMHS.

### SUMMIT2020

We are excited to announce that [SUMMIT2020](#), our Postdoctoral Research Symposium, will be taking place on **Wednesday, 25 November 2020**, in accordance with the social distance requirements at the time. This year, we are thrilled to feature keynote presentations by **Prof Cindy Kiro (Pro Vice-Chancellor M or)** and **Dr Brett Cowan (Chief Scientist at the Institute of Environmental Science and Research: ESR)**. The abstract deadline has been extended to 5pm October 16th - submit yours [here](#).



**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 Catherine Tsai (Grants Officer)** is a molecular microbiologist at the Department of Molecular Medicine and Pathology. Her current research focuses on the development of a vaccine platform using the pilus structure of Group A Streptococcus. With family back in Taiwan and a husband working in the US, she was a frequent flyer (in the pre-Covid era) and enjoys travelling, running, cooking, and exploring the world with her daughter. (Bottom left)

**Dr Joanna Chu (Grants Officer and Co-secretary)** is a Research Fellow at the National Institute for Health Innovation (NIHI), School of Population Health. Her research interest is around children and adolescent development and wellbeing. She is not the best with organising or time management and unsure how she landed with the co-secretary role. She is currently pregnant, a mum of a 2 year old and has a dog named Potato. Her least favourite book at the moment is "We're going on a Bear hunt" as she is requested to read it at least 3 times a day. (Bottom right)

