Awards & Distinctions

The Department of Psychiatry faculty members and learners receive recognition for their research, teaching, leadership and dedication to the psychiatry profession in the form of a number of awards and honours. What follows is a sampling of the many diverse honours earned by members of the Department of Psychiatry (that have been forwarded to Psych News between June 2022 and May 2023). We recognize their commitment, skill, and impact on the communities in which we live and work. Omission from this list does not signify diminished importance.

International & National

Dr. Susan Abbey - Canadian Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (CACLP) Distinguished Contribution to CL Psychiatry in Canada Award

Dr. Yusra Ahmad - Governor General’s residence on the occasion of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Dr. Melanie Barwick - John Westbrook Award for Contributions to Knowledge Translation from the Campbell Collaboration

Dr. Venkat Bhat - Member of The American College of Psychiatrists

Dr. Venkat Bhat - Paula J. Clayton Early Career Research Grant Award

Dr. Matt Boyle - 2022 AAP Early Career Development Award

Dr. Matthew Burke - American Neuropsychiatric Association’s Career Development Award

Dr. Deanna Chaukos - AFMC Young Educators Award from the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada

Dr. Peter Collins - appointed to the National Expert Committee on Countering Radicalization to Violence

Dr. Ari Cuperfain and Dr. Andrew Namasivayam - 2022 CAGP Psychiatry Resident Award

Dr. Ari Cuperfain and Dr. Sidra Khan - 2023 ASAM Ruth Fox Scholarship

Dr. Shaheen Darani - Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents

Dr. Shaheen Darani - AFMC Clinical Teacher Award

Dr. Finola D’Souza - 2022 Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health (JGLMH) Outstanding Resident Paper Award

Dr. Juliette Dupré - 2022 AAPL Rapperport Fellowship

Dr. Daniel Felsky, Dr. Thomas Prevot, Dr. Joshua Rosenblat, and Dr. Daphne Voineskos - named American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Travel Awardees for the 2022 ACNP Annual Meeting

Dr. David Freedman - Best Trainee Presentation Award at the CACLP Annual Meeting

Dr. Alan Fung – named a Full Member on the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Council on International Psychiatry and Global Health, for 2022-2025
International & National (cont’d)

Dr. Kenneth Fung - featured in the American Psychiatry Association’s Asian American Trailblazers in Psychiatry: Past, Present & Future exhibition and the City of Markham’s Longing Belonging: 100 Years 100 Stories exhibition
Dr. Kenneth Fung - named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.
Dr. David Gratzer - named a member of the Coalition for Action for Health Workers Health Canada committee
Dr. Margaret Hahn - 2022 Glenda MacQueen Award
Dr. Rahat Hossain - International College of Neuropsychopharmacology’s 1st CINP Research Fellowship Program for Early Careers
Dr. Ishrat Husain - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in treatment innovation in mood disorders
Dr. Katy Kamkar - CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public or Community Service
Dr. Bushra Khan - American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Rappeport Fellowship
Dr. Bushra Khan - Oval Office Fellowship
Dr. Bushra Khan - Dr. Fang-Ching Sun Memorial Award at Harvard University
Dr. Nathan J. Kolla - 2023 Manfred S. Guttmancher
Dr. Meng-Chuan Lai - named the International Society for Autism Research Fellow for 2022
Dr. Robert Madan - Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry Annual Award for Outstanding Contributions in Geriatric Psychiatry
Dr. Michael Mak - named a Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association
Mount Sinai Hospital Wellness Centre - 2022 American Psychiatric Association Foundation Award for Advancing Minority Mental Health. Dr. Alan Fung is the Physician Lead of the Centre and Maria Choi is the Manager
Dr. Benoit Mulsant - Presidential Award for Distinguished Scientific Achievement from the American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
Dr. Yasmin Nasirzadeh - RDoC Puddester Award for Resident Wellness - Resident Category
Dr. Allan Peterkin - 2023 Health Humanities Consortium Visionary Award
Dr. Raj Rasasingham - elected as the Chair of the Council of Psychiatric Continuing Education (COPCE)
Dr. Raj Rasasingham - elected a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association
Dr. Raj Rasasingham - Joint CPA-COPCE Award for the Most Outstanding Continuing Education Activity in Psychiatry in Canada
Dr. Raj Rasasingham - Paul Steinhauer Advocacy Award by the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Dr. Paula Ravitz - 2022 Paul Patterson Innovation in Education Leadership Award
Dr. Saadia Sedigzadah - named an Emerging Leader in Healthcare by The Peak
International & National (cont’d)

Dr. Ivan Silver - named a Certified Professional in CPD (Healthcare) by the Coalition for Physician Learning and Practice Improvement (CPLPI) Leadership Team

Dr. Nikhita Singhal - APA Foundation (APAF) Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship

Dr. Sanjeev Sockalingam - Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education Annual Conference Award for Best Research Presentation

Dr. Sophie Soklaridis - Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME) 2023 Dave Davis Research Award for CPD

Dr. Glendon Tait - Outstanding Achievement Award in the Evaluation of Clinical Competence from the Medical Council of Canada

Dr. Victor Tang - ACPC Annual Research Award

Dr. John Teshima - 2022 AAP Psychiatric Educator Award

Dr. Chase Thompson, Dr. Tracy Sarmiento, Dr. Adrienne Tan, and Dr. Michael Mak - 2nd Place Research Poster Award at the CPA’s Annual Conference

Dr. Ashley Warnock - American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry’s 2022 Regional Travel Scholarship Award

Dr. Siqi Xue - Detweiler Travelling Fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Dr. Siqi Xue - 2022 Margaret Owen-Waite Memorial Fund

Dr. Clement Zai - CINP Max Hamilton Memorial Prize

Provincial & Local

Dr. Petal Abdool - 2023 Social Responsibility Award from the Postgraduate Medical Education Temerty Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Petal Abdool - 2023 Don Wasylwenk Education Day Best Faculty - Clinical Poster Award

Dr. Sacha Agrawal - Excellence in Postgraduate Medical Education Award: Development and Innovation

Dr. Anne Bassett - 2022 Institute of Medical Science Faculty Recognition Award for Strong Mentorship

Dr. Shaheen Darani - Sarita Verma Award for Advocacy and Mentorship in Postgraduate Medicine

Family Navigation Project team - 2022 Paula Goering Collaborative Research and Knowledge Translation Award in Mental Health and Addictions

Dr. Alan Fung - University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine MD Program Teaching Award of Excellence

Dr. Daniel Gorman - 2023 Excellence in Medical Education Award for the category of Teaching Performance, Mentorship and Advocacy
Provincial & Local (cont’d)

Dr. Iline Guan - Best Grand Rounds Award from the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health and Addictions Program at St. Joseph’s
Dr. Certina Ho - David Fear Fellowship
Dr. Csilla Kalocsai - Annual Sunnybrook Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Educational Research Award
Dr. Bushra Khan - 2022 Postgraduate Medical Trainee Leadership Award
Dr. Michael Kiang - 2022 Institute of Medical Science Faculty Recognition Award for Strong Mentorship
Dr. Meng-Chuan Lai - 2022 Institute of Medical Science Faculty Recognition Award for Exceptional Teaching and the 2022 Institute of Medical Science Faculty Recognition Award for Strong Citizenship
Dr. Yona Lunskey and her team - 2020-2021 Excellence in Interprofessional CPD Award
Dr. Linda Mah - President’s Impact Award alongside the other members of the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
Dr. Michael Mak - MD Program Teaching Award of Excellence for the 2021-22 Academic Year
Dr. Michael Mak - Wightman-Berris Academy Individual Teaching Excellence Award in the Undergraduate category for 2021-2022
Dr. Jovana Martinovic - 2023 Don Wasylenki Education Day Best Faculty - Clinical Poster Award
Dr. Tony Pignatiello - MAA David Eberle Memorial Alumni Award
Dr. Mark Rapoport - University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine 2021-2022 Colin Woolf Award for Longterm Contributions to Continuing Professional Development
Dr. Raj Rasasingham - University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine 2021-2022 Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Program Development and Coordination
Dr. Paula Ravitz - Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) John Reudy Award
Dr. Sanjeev Sockalingam - President’s Teaching Award
Dr. Sophie Soklaridis - 2023 Don Wasylenki Education Day Best Faculty - Status Only Poster Award
Dr. Ashley Warnock - 2023 Don Wasylenki Education Day Best Trainee Poster Award