

## Two Canadian researchers awarded funding to advance research in Canadian celiac disease

### Canadian Celiac Association awards JA Campbell Research Funds

**May 25, 2018 Mississauga, ON.** The Canadian Celiac Association (CCA) is pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 JA Campbell Research Awards. After an extensive review by CCA's Professional Advisory Council, the following winners will be granted funding towards advancing research in celiac disease in Canada.

#### James A. Campbell Grant



Dr. Natalie Riediger (pictured on left) is the recipient of the James A. Campbell Grant. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Science and holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Riediger has been awarded \$20,000 to retrieve and analyze the secondary data from the 2015 Canadian Community Health (Nutrition) Survey. With 500 individuals adhering to a gluten-free diet, their demographics, socioeconomic data, association with other dietary avoidances and the origin of where the gluten-free food was prepared will be examined.

#### James A. Campbell Young Investigator Award



James King is the recipient of the James A. Campbell Young Investigator Award. He is currently a graduate student in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. With a specialization in epidemiology, his master's thesis is focused on defining the incidence of celiac disease and how it has been changing over time.

Mr. King has been awarded \$5,000 to conduct a systematic literature search on the incidence (the number of new diagnoses per year) of celiac disease globally and how this has been changing over time to examine healthcare utilization. He also aims to develop the Alberta Celiac Disease Surveillance Cohort to examine the direct and indirect costs associated with celiac disease.

The J. A. Campbell Research Fund began in 1993 in honor of Dr. James A. Campbell who died that same year. He was a member and advisor to the Ottawa Chapter and a member of the Professional Advisory Board. He was a long-time advocate for the CCA and completed research on gluten and safe foods for people with celiac disease. He advocated for the use of blood tests to screen for celiac disease to avoid unnecessary biopsies by publishing editorials in large journals such as the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ).



The J. A. Campbell Research Awards are annual grants offered by the Canadian Celiac Association to fund research projects in Canada that is relevant to celiac disease, dermatitis herpetiformis, or non-celiac gluten sensitivity. The fund is created to encourage research that furthers the understanding of the full range of implications of celiac disease, dermatitis herpetiformis, or non-celiac gluten sensitivity. Once completed, the researchers will be asked to present their findings through the CCA to the community. To date, more than \$350,000 has been awarded to top Canadian researchers through the J. A. Campbell Research Fund.

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The Canadian Celiac Association, headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, is the national voice for people who are adversely affected by gluten, and is dedicated to improving diagnosis and quality of life. The roots of the organization were started in 1972 by two women with celiac disease in Kitchener-Waterloo with financial aid from the Kaufman Foundation.

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