

The BloodTechNet Competition was established in 2011 by Canadian Blood Services with funding from Grifols. In its 4<sup>th</sup> iteration, the competition aims to facilitate the development of innovative educational projects that network the Transfusion, Cellular Therapy and Transplantation communities in Canada. These projects deliver educational tools and resources that support the development of skills, knowledge and expertise of the health professionals in this network.

The BloodTechNet Competition supports the goal of Canadian Blood Services' Centre for Innovation to mobilize knowledge in order to promote excellence in transfusion and transplantation medicine.

Great resources developed through the previous BloodTechNet competitions include "[Transfusion Quest](#)", "[Transfusion Bits and Bytes](#)", and "[Passing the Serology Torch](#)".

## We are pleased to announce the winner of the 2015 competition

**Warren Fingrut**, University of British Columbia

"The Stem Cell Club: Educating Medical Students about Stem Cell Transplantation" (\$19,731)

**Project summary:** In 2011, we founded The Stem Cell Club, aiming to strengthen Canada's stem cell donor-database. To date, we have coordinated dozens of stem cell drives at campuses across British Columbia, and recruited over 3200 potential stem cell donors.

Our club trains medical students to advocate for patients in need of stem cell transplant, and to develop leadership and teamwork skills. We instruct them to secure informed consent and to identify and correct medical errors.

This year, with the support of BloodTechNet, we will launch Stem Cell Clubs at five additional medical schools. We will develop and publish our training program online, and train hundreds of medical students annually.



WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – May 21, 2015 – The BloodTechNet award presentation was held at the "CSTM Conference: 2015 – Where Past and Future Meet" In this photo: Sophie Chargé, Canadian Blood Services (left) is presenting the BloodTechNet award to Simran Parmar, UBC Undergraduate liaison for Stem Cell Club (right).

For information on this program, please contact Canadian Blood Services Centre for Innovation at [centreforinnovation@blood.ca](mailto:centreforinnovation@blood.ca).