

## EDUCATION COORDINATORS

In preparation for the Fall launch of the PCIRN seminar groups, each of the seven sites should nominate an Education Coordinator. Each education coordinator will receive an honorarium to form and lead the PCIRN seminar group at his/her site.

### What is the role of the education coordinator?

An education coordinator acts as a guide who understands the goals of the program, remains neutral, and elicits responses from everyone in the group. S/he ensures the discussions stay focused on the objectives.

### What makes a great education coordinator?

- promotes the program
- recruits participants (6-8)
- finds a suitable seminar room
- establishes seminar days and times
- books a seminar room
- attains audio visual support
- arranges refreshments
- invites content experts (or guest speakers)
- registers participants onto the PCIRN module
- sets the agenda (days, times, cases, reflections)
- reviews case study topics
- facilitates seminar discussion
- reports attendance of the scholarship awardees
- ensures the seminar group writes a case solution

## PCIRN AWARDS

Please welcome the seven recipients of the PCIRN awards for their research project proposals on influenza vaccination.



**Alexander Borda-Rodriguez** will conduct a qualitative study on health care worker and labour union attitudes in Nova Scotia towards voluntary and mandatory vaccination of influenza as part of his PCIRN grant and post doc fellowship at Dalhousie University.

**Ying Guo** will analyze data to identify risk factors for severe influenza in pregnancy and its effects on birth outcomes as part of her PCIRN scholarship and masters at the University of Toronto.

**Stephanie Brien** will conduct a cross-sectional study to measure the determinants of pandemic vaccine coverage in Montreal to improve policy decisions for future influenza pandemics as part of her PCIRN scholarship and masters at McGill University.



**Po-Po Lam** will conduct an implementation research project to determine a knowledge translation strategy to improve maternal immunization rates by examining barriers and beliefs among pregnant women and health care providers as part of her PCIRN scholarship and PhD at the University of Toronto.

**Jennie Johnstone** will conduct a pilot study on immunosenescence (changes in the immune system with age) using descriptive statistics to understand if a correlation exists with influenza that warrants a larger scale experimental study as part of her PCIRN scholarship and PhD at McMaster University.

**Shawn O'Donovan** will conduct a systematic review of current standards and guidelines governing nursing vaccination in the Nunavut and Yukon Territories and then write a policy review report as part of her PCIRN scholarship and masters at Dalhousie University.



**Mario Andres Pizzorno** will study the processes underlying influenza genetic variability and antiviral resistance to develop novel preventative and therapeutic modalities against emerging viruses as part of his PCIRN scholarship and masters at Laval University.