

# 2023 CDF Annual Impact Report



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## 2023 Innovation Grant Recipients



**Dr. Elena Netchiporouk**  
McGill University Health Centre – \$100,000  
*Investigating the Impact of the Environment on Systemic Sclerosis in Quebec*



**Dr. Haishan Zeng**  
University of British Columbia – \$50,000  
*Investigation of Skin Dynamic Response after Precise Multiphoton-Thermolysis Using non-Invasive Multimodality Microscopy and Imaging-Guided Micro-Raman Spectroscopy*



**Dr. Philippe Lefrancois**  
Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research – \$100,000  
*Precision Oncology to Define Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) with High-Risk Histopathological Subtypes*



**Dr. Robert Gniadecki**  
University of Alberta – \$100,000  
*Genomic Instability and Hypermutations in the Pathogenesis of Skin Fibrosis in Systemic Scleroderma*



**Dr. Tashmeeta Ahad**  
University of British Columbia – \$100,000  
*Longitudinal Non-Invasive Optical Biopsy of Keratinocyte Cancers to Monitor Efficacy and Response to Treatment*

**CDF is pleased to announce that the Team Grant for Th2 Inflammatory Skin Diseases supported by Sanofi Genzyme has been extended for two additional years. This grant is dedicated to research projects with a primary focus on Th2 inflammatory skin diseases affecting Canadians and offers \$1m over five years.**

The CDF congratulates the team of Dr. Aaron Drucker, Dr. Carolyn Jack, Dr. Vincent Piguet, and Dr. Sunil Kalia along with collaborators: Dr. Jan Dutz, Dr. Harvey Lui, Dr. Haishan Zeng, Dr. Tim Lee, and Dr. George Tomlinson on the success of their application **“Canadian Atopic Dermatitis Cohort for Translational Immunology and Imaging (CACTI).”**



***This research will advance the study of atopic dermatitis and improve our understanding of how to manage this condition for the more than 150 Million people worldwide that are affected.***

**– Dr. Aaron Drucker MD, ScM, FRCPC**

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## A message from the President

In 1969, 13 dermatologists and their industrial partners established Canadian Dermatology Foundation (CDF), with the mission to “Promote Skin Research and Advance Dermatology”. For the past half a century, CDF has provided more than 500 research grants to generations of Canadian dermatologists, residents and fellows for achieving better understanding of skin diseases, and developing innovative skin therapies and diagnostic tools. Many of CDF grant recipients have become leaders in dermatology in Canada and the world, and have been the driving force behind the great Canadian successes in clinical and basic dermatology research. With your support, CDF will continue to provide research grants to Canadian dermatology researchers in order to better meet the skin care needs in the future.

– Dr. Youwen Zhou, MD PhD FRCPC FAAD

## Ways to Help

The Canadian Dermatology Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to excellence in disease research of the skin, hair and nails. The CDF has invested over \$12.5 million in dermatologic research in Canada, and with your help, can continue supporting research for the advancement of dermatology in Canada. For more information or to discuss how you can support CDF in life-altering germatological research, please reach out to our team at [executivedirector@cdf.ca](mailto:executivedirector@cdf.ca).

**Make a Donation** - Donating online is a simple, direct, and secure way to give. For one-time or monthly donations made online, your tax receipt will be sent by email immediately following your transaction.

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