The Bloorview Research Institute at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital is proud to present the annual Pursuit Award Competition which will award current PhD students and recent alumni from around the globe for their outstanding achievements in childhood disability research.

The Award is funded by Holland Bloorview Foundation donors the Ward Family and the Bloorview Research Institute.

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The Award is open to current PhD students and recent alumni from around the globe. Students are nominated by their universities and are required to submit a research proposal and a personal statement. The award includes a cash prize and the opportunity to present their research at the annual Pursuit Award Competition.

The Pursuit Award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the next generation of childhood disability researchers. It provides a platform for these young scholars to showcase their work and connect with other researchers in the field.

The Pursuit Award Competition will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 150 Kilgour Road, Toronto, ON, M4G 1R8. The Conference Centre will be held on the first floor, Rooms 1E 200 & 1E 201.

The Award Ceremony will feature presentations from four finalists:

1. Patrick Ciechanski, finalist from the University of Calgary, Department of Neurosciences. His presentation will focus on enhancing motor learning using transcranial direct-current stimulation.
2. Tamara Yee, finalist from the University of Alberta, Department of Pediatrics. Her presentation will explore social participation and its classification for preschool children with autism spectrum disorder.
3. Yani Hamdani, finalist from the University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Her presentation will address problematizing transition to adulthood for young disabled people.

Following the presentations, there will be a break, followed by the award ceremony. The Keynote and Knowledge Connections Grand Rounds Talk will feature Dr. Stacy Suskauer, director of the Brain Injury Clinical Research Center and co-director of the Center for Brain Injury Recovery at Kennedy Krieger Institute; associate professor of physical medicine & rehabilitation and pediatrics at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The Keynote title is "Subtle motor findings - a window to the broader brain after acquired injury?"

For more information, please visit hollandbloorview.ca/pursuitaward.