

The IHE congratulates University of Alberta Mazankowski Award winners!

The IHE is delighted to congratulate Ryan Au, Julia Dabravolskaj, Ryan Fung, and Carla Ickert, recipients of the 2019 IHE Mazankowski Bursary Award.



In this photo (left to right): Dr. Arto Ohinmaa (University of Alberta), Dr. Mike Paulden (University of Alberta), Ryan Au (Award Winner), Ryan Fung (Award Winner), Julia Dabravolskaj (Award Winner), Carla Ickert (Award Winner), Dr. Christopher McCabe (IHE)

The IHE is delighted to congratulate Ryan Au, Julia Dabravolskaj, Ryan Fung, and Carla Ickert of the University of Alberta as recipients of the 2019 IHE Mazankowski Bursary Award. The IHE Mazankowski Bursary Award was established to recognize outstanding students enrolled in graduate-level Health Economics and Public Health courses who have achieved positive academic records.

Ryan Au is in the Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management program at the University of Alberta, is a Registered Nurse at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute on Cardiology Inpatient Wards, and has recently concluded a position as the CoACT Unit Lead on the same unit. He also sits on the Diversity and Inclusion Action Group and the School of Public Health Student's Association at the University of Alberta as a General Member. Born in

Edmonton, Ryan received a BSc (Biological Sciences Major and Sociology Minor) with Distinction in 2012 and a BSc in Nursing After-Degree with Distinction in 2014, from the University of Alberta. His interest within the field of health economics was initially inspired by attendance of the Network of Alberta Health Economists (NOAHE) Health Economics Outcomes Research Seminars. His research interests include health technology policy, pricing, and access, as well as health economics outcomes research relating to the social determinants of health.

Julia Dabravolskaj is a PhD student in Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta. She obtained a Doctor of Medicine from her country of origin, Belarus, and a Master of Science (Health Sciences) from the University of Lethbridge. She is currently interested in primary prevention of mental health problems and illnesses in the general population. Under the supervision of experienced and acknowledged researchers, Dr. Katerina Maximova and Dr. Paul Veugelers, Julia is planning to explore the intricate association between diet and mental health and how this knowledge may help build a stronger and healthier society.

Ryan Fung is a graduate student pursuing a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management at the University of Alberta. On campus, Ryan is the Financial Officer for the School of Public Health Students' Association and serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of University Hospitals. He obtained a BSc (Biological Sciences Major and Business Minor) with Distinction from the University of Alberta. Ryan's previous research experiences include the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of Alberta and the United States Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. His interest centers around how the use of sound evidence can help inform policy decisions to generate the best population health outcomes, specifically how to leverage health technology assessments to ensure proficient decision-making in health care as it relates to the utilization of resources.

Carla Ickert is in the Master of Public Health program at the University of Alberta, specializing in Applied Biostatistics. She received her undergraduate degree in Sociology and a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Alberta. Carla spent seven years working as a Research Manager with the Faculty of Nursing and School of Dentistry at the University of Alberta, where she managed clinical trials in the areas of continuing care, gerontology, and dementia. She currently works as the Manager of Research and Evaluation for an Alberta-based continuing care organization, CapitalCare, where she oversees research and evaluation activities related to older adults, dementia, and chronic disease. After taking Dr. Mike Paulden's Economic Evaluation of Health Care course this past winter, Carla looks forward to incorporating economic evaluation considerations into future projects she manages in continuing care. Carla's research interests include health equity, aging, and infectious diseases. Her current master's research

focuses on the use of novel statistical methods to examine population health differences across intersectional social groups.

Congratulations again to each of the recipients!

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