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OUR NEWEST CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR

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Assistant Professor Leonardo Salmena (centre) with his graduate students (l to r) Shayne Greenberg, Mark Sharobim, Meong Hi Son, Irakli Dzneldadze, John Woolley and Martino Babra (photo by Erin Howe)

One of our newest core faculty members Assistant Professor Leonardo Salmena is one of 19 new Canada Research Chairs at the University of Toronto, announced by the Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology) on his visit to the Mississauga campus on April 9th.

As a new Canada Research Chair, Dr. Salmena will continue his work on inositol signalling pathways in acute myeloid leukemia in order to gain a better understanding of the molecular basis of this form of cancer. His laboratory has recently published a study in the journal *Leukemia* that demonstrates over-expression of INPP4B (Inositol polyphosphate-4-phosphatase, type II) is associated with more aggressive forms of AML and renders cells more resistant to chemotherapy. Dr. Salmena and his collaborators at the Ontario Cancer Institute are presently working on the mechanism of INPP4B overexpression in leukemia.

Congratulations, Dr. Salmena - you are off to a great start!

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DEPARTMENT RESEARCH DAY (VIP)

Visions in Pharmacology 2015 and the Distinguished Lecture in Pharmacology and Toxicology will be held on **Tuesday, June 2nd at the Great Hall at the Hart House, University of Toronto.**

We are pleased to announce that the theme of VIP 2015 is **Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology**, with Dr. Linda Dvoskin from the University of Kentucky as our keynote speaker. The day will be followed by the Distinguished Lecture Reception and VIP Awards presentation. We would like to invite you to attend and enjoy this event with us.

FOR ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI: Please REGISTER by Friday, May 22nd using the link below to attend OR judge presentations at this event: <http://pgsa.sa.utoronto.ca/vip-registration-2/>

Abstracts are being accepted for both poster and oral presentations on this registration page. **Please note our deadline for abstract submission is Friday, May 15th for posters and Tuesday, May 12th for oral presentations.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3, Good Friday (University closed).

April 17, Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and Winter session courses for June convocation.

April 17, Final date for receiving degree recommendations and submission of theses for master's degrees for June convocation.

April 17, Final date for submission of final doctoral thesis for students whose degrees are to be conferred at the June convocation.

April 17, Final date for degree recommendations of Winter dual registrants for the master's degree to maintain their PhD registration.

May 1, Final date for registration for May session.

May 8, Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and Winter session courses (except for extended courses).

May 11, Final date to enrol in May to June or May to August session courses.

May 13, Winter session grades available for viewing by students on Student Web Services (ROSI).

May 18, Victoria Day (University closed).

May 29, Final date to drop May to June F section courses without academic penalty.