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The future for brain tumour survivors depends upon young researchers joining the field and a University of Windsor Undergraduate Science Student is doing just that!

Windsor ON, September 8, 2017 – University of Windsor Undergraduate Science Student, **Alexander Rodzinka**, has received funding to pursue his passion in neuro-oncology and a future in medical research thanks to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

“Charitable organizations like the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada are an important source of funding for cutting-edge research, and support for students, who are the next generation of scientists who will not only advance the science but will someday improve the quality of life for others.” Says Dr. Chris Houser, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Professor in the Faculty of Science at the University of Windsor.

“We established the Brain Tumour Research Studentship Program to accelerate brain tumour research and encourage new, young researchers to join the field. The future for brain tumour survivors depends upon it!” states Susan Marshall, CEO for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. She adds, “Through his Studentship, Alexander Rodzinka is not only contributing to important research to understand how to stop Glioblastoma brain tumours, he is pursuing his passion for a future in medical research.”

Alexander is now spending two summers in the lab of Dr. Lisa Porter, who is the Scientific Director of the Windsor Cancer Research Group and a Professor in Biological Sciences at the University of Windsor. Dr. Porter’s lab focuses on the study of Spy1, a cell cycle protein, and its role in oncogenesis. By investigating the novel mechanisms that this protein plays in the regulation of mammalian cell cycles, Dr. Porter aims to reveal new ways to effectively treat brain cancer patients.

To learn more about Alexander, his research, and what this opportunity means to him, please visit <http://www.braintumour.ca/6983/research-studentship---alexander-rodzinka>

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To schedule an interview with Alexander Rodzinka, Dr. Chris Houser, Dr. Lisa Porter, or for further information about Brain Tumour Research Studentships, please contact:

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About the Brain Tumour Research Studentship Program – Launched in 2013, this program was developed to accelerate brain tumour research and encourage new, young researchers to join the field. To date twenty-two (22) first-year medical students and undergraduate science students pursuing a four-year Bachelor of Science degree have been awarded Studentships by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

Studentships provide funding for two summers (\$10,000 over two years) to young researchers, helping them to start their careers in the important field of brain tumour research.

Important research studentships are made possible from the generous support of donors. To learn more, please visit <http://www.braintumour.ca/4473/research-studentships>



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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity that offers information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant, or metastases. The organization also funds research across North America, and since 1982, has dedicated more than \$6 million to finding a cure for the disease and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.braintumour.ca

