

## Oxford partnership with the University of British Columbia promises to advance the field of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

On 1 October 2019, the University of Oxford and the University of British Columbia (UBC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), committing to work together to develop a new generation of clinical research leaders who will transform the translation of novel therapies from laboratory to clinic.

The MOU will form the basis of a programme of training exchanges for early and mid-career clinical scientists, providing them with the opportunity to develop their theoretical and practical expertise in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at both UBC and Oxford.

As part of this initiative, UBC has created the Sultan Karim Fellowships in Clinical Pharmacology, which will support up to four clinicians seeking further research training and education in Clinical Pharmacology. This follows the establishment in 2017 of the Climax Chair of Clinical Therapeutics and Fellowships at St Hilda's College, Oxford. The Sultan Karim Fellowships and the Climax Chair and Fellowships have all been created thanks to the vision of Professor John Climax, an early champion of the field of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Professor Sir Gordon Duff, Principal of St. Hilda's College, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor in the University of Oxford, stated: *"It is our duty of care to address the full scope of health challenges that reduce life expectancy and quality of life worldwide. I am pleased to witness an initiative that is drawing together talent from around the world to help translate important scientific advances into clinical treatments to benefit patients and families."*

Dr Dermot Kelleher, Dean of the UBC Faculty of Medicine, remarked: *"We have tremendous opportunity to accelerate the development of medications with the greatest potential to restore health. Clinical pharmacologists are uniquely positioned to guide this process and this partnership allows us to make real progress in developing the careers of people who can make a difference"*.

For further information, please contact:

**Emma Campbell**, Strategic Projects Director  
St Hilda's College, University of Oxford  
[emma.campbell@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:emma.campbell@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk)

**Mark Glennin**, Development & Alumni Engagement  
Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia  
[mglennin@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:mglennin@mail.ubc.ca)