

Letter from the Editors: The NSERC-CREATE Edition

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It is with a great sense of privilege that we publish the abstracts from this year's NSERC-CREATE Symposium at the University of Calgary. Every year the CREATE Symposium provides undergraduate students in biomedical-related disciplines with the opportunity to share the groundbreaking research that they have performed over the summer. CREATE, which stands for "Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program" truly lives up to its name – these students have not only performed original research, but have also learnt valuable lessons about the world of academia, academic publishing, and research presentation. This year, the CREATE program asked JURA if we would be interested in publishing the abstracts for the podium presentations at the symposium. Of course we responded enthusiastically to this proposition and the result is what you see in front of you: twenty-two abstracts representing the some of the best undergraduate research undertaken at the University of Calgary in 2011. We are extremely proud to publish all of them.

The second volume of JURA is currently under development for research performed in 2011. We encourage anyone to submit a letter, a general-interest article, a review article, or an original research article by January 1, 2012 for publication. Please visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/jura> for more details, and in the meantime, enjoy the hard work of our research undergraduates presented here!