



## Dr. Tim Takaro lauded

AllerGen investigator [Dr. Tim Takaro](#), a professor of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU), was awarded a 2014 [President's Award for Leadership in Sustainability](#) in January 2015.

The award recognizes SFU members who demonstrate outstanding leadership in advancing the cause of sustainability.

Dr. Takaro was recognized for "his dedication to the health impacts associated with climate change, [demonstrated] through his research, teaching and community service."

Dr. Takaro's leads AllerGen research into the links between environmental exposures—including phthalates used in the manufacture of plastics—and early development of respiratory diseases, primarily asthma.

Read the award [announcement](#).



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## Dr. Jeremy Hirota wins 2015 Ann Woolcock Award

AllerGen investigator and former trainee [Dr. Jeremy Hirota](#) has been awarded the 2015



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ATS (American Thoracic Society) [Assembly on Respiratory Structure & Function Ann Woolcock Award](#).

This award, a tribute to the late [Ann Woolcock](#), recognizes young investigators for their

outstanding scientific achievements and leadership potential in the field of asthma. It was presented to Dr. Hirota at the ATS International Conference on May 18, 2015.

"I was so pleased to nominate Dr. Hirota for this award and to see him recognized, because he possesses the key qualities of scientific curiosity, integrity, and generosity—all of which make him a major asset to AllerGen," says UBC-based AllerGen investigator Dr. Chris Carlsten.

"I am thrilled to see him excel as he builds his program studying mucosal immune response to inhaled toxicants, and I look forward to teaming up with him long into the future."

Dr. Hirota is Assistant Professor of Medicine at The University of British Columbia (UBC) and Co-Director of the Chan-Yeung Centre for Occupational and Environmental Respiratory Disease. He has previously received a UBC Killam Postdoctoral Research Prize and a [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship](#). His current research seeks to identify the mechanisms governing how environmental exposures contribute to allergic sensitization and exacerbations of asthma.