# TAUQEER IFTIKHAR

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#### **EDUCATION**

<b>Doctor of Medicine (pending)</b> University of Saskatchewan   Saskatoon SK	Class of 2027
Master of Immunology and Vaccinology (pending) University of Saskatchewan   Saskatoon SK	2022 - 2023
<b>Bachelor of Physiology and Pharmacology-</b> <i>Honors</i> University of Saskatchewan   Saskatoon SK	2017 - 2022

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

SMSS GAAC Jr. 2023- Present

Responsible for advising the SMSS on government affairs and lobbying. Served as a liaison between the SMSS and the CFMS VP Advocacy. Plan provincial lobby day in Regina and attend the CFMS NdoA and MdoA.

## **Medical Students for Social Accountability (MSSA)**

2023- Present

Founder and President of a group of like-minded individuals working towards addressing inequities faced by marginalized communities.

### PREP Hub for Equitable Exam Resources

2021

Founder of this vital resource that provides students with MCAT, DAT, LSAT etc. exam resources without a charge to underprivileged students. Allows for equitable access to otherwise expensive exam books and resources.

## VP Academic University of Saskatchewan Student's Union

2021-2022

Leader and advocate for all academic needs of students with focus on equitable education as students navigate the changes posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **University Committees Student Leader and Representative:**

Senator, University of Saskatchewan Senate	2020 - 2021
Chair, Academic Relations Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, Research, Scholarly & Artistic Works Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, Academic Programs Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, Teaching, Learning, and Academic Resources Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, Scholarships and Awards Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, Copyright Advisory Committee	2021 - 2022
Member, University of Saskatchewan Council	2021 - 2022
Member, Senior University Administrator Search/Review Committees.	2021

#### Dean's Research

## Saskatchewan Health Authority

2024

Tauqeer Iftikhar. Synthetic contrast-enhanced MRI for pediatric neuroimaging.

## **Pending Publication**

Master's Thesis

2023

Tauquer Iftikhar and Zhaojia Wu. Combination Therapy of Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) with electron probed TLR9 agonist and immune checkpoint reagents to combat metastatic melanoma via converting immunotolerant tumor microenvironment.

## Saskatchewan Cancer Agency

2022-2023

Tauquer Iftikhar and Zhaojia Wu. Combining Therapy of Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) with TLR3/9 agonists and PD-1 blockade to convert the immunotolerant tumor microenvironment.

#### **Published Work**

### **Cameo Neuroscience Center Project**

2020 - 2021

Anand Krishnan, Shubham Dwivedi, Maricris Bautista, Tauqeer Iftikhar. Adrenergic signaling induces neuroendocrine differentiation of prostate adenocarcinoma cells.

### **Conference Publications**

2021

Dwivedi, Shubham & Bautista, Maricris & Iftikhar, Tauqeer & Krishnan, Anand. (2021). Abstract LB077: Adrenergic signaling induces neuroendocrine differentiation of prostate adenocarcinoma cells. Cancer Research. 81. 10.1158/1538-7445.AM2021-LB077.

#### **Conference Presentations**

### **Prairie Cancer Research Consortium- Calgary**

**June 2023** 

Tauquer Iftikhar and Zhaojia Wu. Combining Therapy of Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) with TLR3/9 agonists and PD-1 blockade to convert the immunotolerant tumor microenvironment.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

College of Medicine Class of 1962 Award Academic achievement based.	April 2024
Irene Kaupa and Louie Kaupa Bursary	Jan 2024
Academic achievement based.	
University of Saskatchewan Award	Jan 2024
Academic achievement based.	
School of Public Health Scholarship	April 2023
Academic achievement based.	
Douglas E and Margaret W Cuddington Scholarship	Feb 2022
Academic achievement based.	
University of Saskatchewan Award	Mar 2021
Academic achievement based.	
U of S Entrance Scholarship	Sept 2017

### **College of Medicine Panel Interview**

Volunteer March 2024

- Set up, coat check, tour guide and guided interviewees to their interview locations.

## **Mock MMI Medical Education Student Group**

Volunteer Jan 2023

- Assessing interview skills for applicants of U of S Medical School.

## **Undergraduate Symposium Organizer**

March 2022

Volunteer Organizer

- Planned this research focused event that celebrates the hard work undergraduate students have done in scholarly work.

## **Teaching and Excellence Awards**

April 2022

Volunteer Organizer

- Planned award categories and hosted award ceremony to celebrate the excellent teachers at the U of S.

# **Saskatoon Open Door Society**

*Volunteer Tutor* 2016 – 2022

- Tutored high school students and refugees in various subjects at high schools across Saskatoon.
- Provided mentorship for students interested in pursuing post-secondary education.

#### **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

Sports: Swimming, soccer, basketball, and tennis

Exploring the world: traveling and experiencing hiking globally.

Computer Science: Created educational games to learn microbiology and immunology.