

## 2012-13 Research Awards for faculty and graduate students

Graduate Student Research Award (Doctoral level): **John N. Westgate**,  
*Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences*

John (Johnny) Westgate has the curiosity and engagement in research that define the very best of graduate students. His research in Professor Frank Wania's group, on the cold-trapping of organic compounds at high altitudes and latitudes, employs a combination of approaches. Johnny's research leads to findings that have a profound impact on our understanding of human-derived contamination of some of the most remote places on the planet. To date, 9 publications have emerged from Johnny's research, including 3 on which he is lead author. Crucially, Johnny's research has direct and indirect implications for the health of our environment. In keeping with this, Johnny has been very active in conveying a greater understanding of human impacts in the environment to a broader audience, emphasising the role that we can play in mitigating environment damage. This has included sharing his passion for environmental science with school-age children through Let's Talk Science, and the promotion of sustainable activities through Bike Share and UTSC's "Just Shut It!" Environmental Campaign. Johnny has also played an important leadership role at UTSC, serving not only as a GSAS departmental representative, but also as GSAS co-Vice President. Johnny is an exceedingly deserving recipient of the UTSC Graduate Student Research Award.

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In closing, congratulations to these truly exceptional award recipients whose contributions have elevated the research enterprise here at UTSC!

With best regards,

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