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1. HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF BC & YUKON (HSFBCY)

GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATIONS

Grant-in-Aid and New Investigator/Distinguished Clinician Scientist Award guidelines and applications for the 2009/2010 funding year are now available on the HSFC research website at <http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/general/home.html> . Please note that Monday, September 1st, the usual deadline for applications, is Labour Day, so applications must be received at both the BC and Yukon and Ottawa offices of the Heart and Stroke Foundation by **Friday, August 29th**. If they are to be mailed they must be sent in time to arrive in Ottawa by that date. Applications received after the deadline will be considered late even if they are courier-stamped on the deadline date.

NEW GIA POLICY

At its April meeting, the HSFBCY Research Advisory Committee instituted a new policy limiting to two the number of Grants-in-Aid that any Principal Investigator may hold at one time. With limited funding and increasing demand for GIAs, the Committee feels that this will enhance accessibility to grants for young investigators by allowing for wider distribution of available funds.

NEW PERSONNEL AWARDS

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada has revamped its Personnel Awards program. The new program includes an increase in New Investigator stipend from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year as well as two new awards.

Distinguished Clinician Scientist

This will be awarded to the highest ranking clinician who has applied for the HSFC New Investigator Award. Eligible candidates may be practitioners in a wide range of health professions. The successful candidate will receive \$75,000 per year for five years plus an annual \$25,000 research allowance. Prospective candidates for this award must indicate their wish to apply on the first page of the New Investigator application. The inaugural Distinguished Clinician Scientist Award is being co-sponsored by AstraZeneca Canada and the Institute for Circulatory and Respiratory Health.

Research Scholarship

The new Research Scholarship Award succeeds the Nursing Research Fellowship and is designed to promote applied research in clinical, health services, and/or population health. Eligible candidates should have a Masters or PhD and be licensed to practice in a health profession. The award provides \$45,000 for each of two years and with \$5,000 annual research allowance.

CURRENT RESEARCH COMPETITIONS

HSFC has announced two additional research competitions. **Focus on Stroke VIII offers Doctoral, Post-doc, and Research Scholarship awards.** The competition is offered in partnership with the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health and the Canadian Stroke Network. **Applications are due on October 31.**

HSFC has also partnered with the Canadian Stroke Network to request **applications for research into Vascular Cognitive Impairment.** Funding is for two years with a budget maximum of \$500,000. More information on both these competitions is available on the HSF research website at:

<http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/general/home.html>.

2. BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND

The following Burroughs Wellcome Fund Award application deadlines are approaching.

- [Clinical Scientist Awards in Translational Research](#)

Faculty of Medicine Internal Deadline: **On or before September 17, 2008**

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Deadline: October 1, 2008

- [Career Awards for Medical Scientists](#)

Faculty of Medicine Internal Deadline: **On or before September 17, 2008**

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Deadline: October 1, 2008.

- [Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease](#)

Faculty of Medicine Internal Deadline: **On or before October 17, 2008**

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Deadline: November 3, 2008.

3. CIHR FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NEWS

A) Funding opportunities announced between July 31 and August 15, 2008 by CIHR and its partners

The following is a list of funding opportunities which CIHR and its partners announced between July 31 and August 15, 2008.

To view these opportunities, please use the new CIHR Funding Opportunity Database at <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/search.do?fodAgency=CIHR&fodLanguage=E&all=1&search=true&org=CIHR&sort=program&masterList=true&view=currentOpps>

a) Fellowship: Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas) - Huntington Disease

Fellowships provide support for highly qualified candidates at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

The maximum amount awarded for a single award is \$60,000 for up to 5 years. The value and duration of each fellowship is related to the major degree held, licensure (where applicable), location of tenure and experience of the applicant.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2008

b) Doctoral Research Award: Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas) - Huntington Disease

Doctoral Research Awards are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a PhD degree in a health-related field in Canada or abroad. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

The maximum amount awarded for a single award is \$ 27,000 for up to 3 years.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2008

c) Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant: Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction

Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants are intended to provide support for meetings, planning and/or dissemination activities consistent with the mandate of CIHR and relevant to CIHR Institutes, Initiatives or Branches.

The vision of the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) is that innovative research will provide new knowledge of the biological and socio-cultural processes underlying neurological, mental and addictive disorders. As such, the INMHA's mission is to foster excellence in innovative, ethically responsible research in Canada that aims to increase our knowledge of the functioning and disorders of the brain and the mind, the spinal cord, the sensory and motor systems, as well as mental health, mental illness and all forms of addiction. The INMHA intends to support initiatives that mobilize and link scientists in innovative collaborative programs across these research domains. The INMHA seeks to translate this new knowledge into a better quality of life for all Canadians through improved outcomes, health promotion and health care services.

The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$10,000 for up to one year.

Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants are non-renewable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2008

d) Operating Grant: Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)

- Prevention and Treatment of Illicit Drug Use - Huntington Prize

The Operating Grant Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas) competition is a series of strategic initiatives offering additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas or mandates. Applications are submitted through the March 2008 (2008-06) competition of the [Operating Grant: 2008-2009](#) funding opportunity.

The substances covered by this initiative are illicit drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and methamphetamine (crystal meth). Other psychoactive substances such as alcohol, psychotropic pharmaceuticals (over-the-counter and prescription), solvents and inhalants can be studied only if they are used in combination with an illicit drug.

The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is up to \$100,000 per annum for one year. CIHR-INMHA anticipates that up to 2 grants will be funded through this competition.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2008

e) Team Grant: Physical Activity, Mobility & Health

Eligible teams will consist of at least three independent investigators, each of whom has an established research track record in areas related to the collaborative project(s) proposed. Collectively, team members will have an extensive record of success, be creative and original in their approach to research and its translation and have experience working in research teams. This competition is open to applications that address issues related to health and disease, health care and the health system. Through this flexible CIHR Team Grant program, it is the intent of CIHR to fund a variety of expert teams (uni-disciplinary teams, multi-disciplinary teams, trans-disciplinary teams, community-partnered teams, academic-industry teams, etc.). Proposals that represent active and meaningful partnerships between community organizations and research teams based in institutions (including universities, colleges, hospitals, and affiliated research institutions) are encouraged. The unifying element underlying all successful CIHR Teams will be a commitment to excellence and the pursuit of a problem-based, collaborative approach to health research

The minimum amount of available funds for this competition is \$7.5 million over 5 years. The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is up to \$500,000 per annum for five years. CIHR-IMHA anticipates that a minimum of three grants will be funded through this competition. This amount may increase if additional funding partners agree to participate.

LOI DEADLINE: January 30, 2009

B. CIHR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CANADIAN HIV VACCINE INITIATIVE:

On February 10-12, 2008, Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative (CHVI) participating departments and agencies (Canadian International Development Agency, Public Health Agency of Canada, Industry Canada, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and Health Canada) hosted a consultation on funding programs in Ottawa. The common ground that was reached by Canadian and international researchers is now serving as the basis for the development of Request for Applications (RFAs) and relevant eligible research areas to be funded through the discovery and social research stream of CHVI. Below is an update on the status of these opportunities.

CHVI Operating Grants

Through the June CIHR Operating Grant competition, targeted CHVI funds are available to encourage and support applications in the prevention of HIV and to build future Canadian research capacity in this area. It is expected this program will enable Canadian basic and social science researchers to explore unique ideas, contribute to international efforts in vaccine development and contribute toward a better understanding of the social dimensions of vaccine related research. The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity HIV/AIDS Research Initiative will fund applications that are determined to be relevant to the CHVI research priority areas.

APPLICATION DEADLINE : September 15, 2008

CHVI Catalyst Grants

Participants at the CHVI consultations highlighted a need to support new investigators and innovative approaches where there might not be sufficient preliminary data for them to be funded through regular CIHR competitions. To address this need, a CHVI Catalyst Grant funding opportunity was launched on August 1, 2008. The CIHR Catalyst Grant program provides seed money, on a short-term basis, to support health research activities which represent a first step towards the pursuit of more comprehensive funding opportunities (e.g. operating grants, team grants). Details on the CHVI Catalyst Grant are available on the CIHR website

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 13, 2008

CHVI Large Team Grant RFA

A key component of the CHVI Discovery and Social Research program area is the jointly funded Canadian International Development Agency/CIHR Large Team Grants consisting of Canadian and Low- and Middle-income (LMIC) researchers. The objective of the Team Grant program is to strengthen health research by supporting teams of talented and experienced researchers conducting high-quality research and providing superior research training and mentorship. The program emphasis is on the production of new knowledge, and the translation of research findings into improvements in health and the health care system.

Funded CHVI Large Teams will be expected to strengthen links between Canadian and Low- and Middle-income (LMIC) researchers to increase integration and facilitate the sharing of research data and knowledge. Up to \$3 M dollars over 5 years will be available for research teams. **A draft of the RFA will be posted on the CHVI website in September 2008 for consultation with an official launch on the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity HIV/AIDS Research Initiative website expected in December 2008.**

As this is a large investment of CIDA and CIHR funds, planning is underway for a Partnership Forum in conjunction with the [AIDSVaccine2008 Conference](#) in Cape Town in October 2008 to enable feedback directly from researchers as well as to encourage relationships between potential Canadian and LMIC teams. Canadian researchers interested in participating should contact Paula Kirton at paula.kirton@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or (613)952-3564.

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