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## **1. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM (BCRP)**

### **FY08 BCRP Concept Award**

**Pre-application submission: November 6, 2008**  
**Proposal submission: November 20, 2008**

The BCRP Concept Award mechanism was first offered in FY99. Since that time, 8,561 Concept Award proposals have been received and 986 have been recommended for funding. The Concept Award supports the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to breast cancer. The Concept Award is not intended to support a logical progression of an already established research project but, instead, supports high-risk studies that have the potential to reveal entirely new avenues for investigation. Presentation of preliminary data is not allowed. However, a rationale for the work must be provided.

This program announcement and the required forms are available for downloading from Grants.gov:

<http://apply.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?cfda=&opportunity=W81XWH-08-BCRP-CA&competitionid=>

A pre-application is required and must be submitted through the CDMRP eReceipt website, <https://cdmrp.org>. All proposals must be submitted through Grants.gov.

CDMRP eReceipt System  
help@cdmrp.org  
(301) 682-5507

For more details please visit:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L12JfLkvm7gBVyw2T9nqcVMk8xXSkJJjpXRh0Dv3kdLhJ2x6pLdh!907394952?oppId=18456&flag2006=true&mode=VIEW>

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## **2. ANTI-DOTE: MULTI-RACIAL GIRLS AND WOMEN'S NETWORK**

**It's About Us: Health and Identity through the eyes of racialised minority and Indigenous girls**

**Presentations and Roundtable: Friday, November 7, 2008, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Anti-dote** is a grassroots non-profit network of approximately 100 girls and women from about 13 years of age and up representing diverse ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, professions, and affiliations in the community. Based in Greater Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island, Anti-dote is committed to promoting the visibility and wellness of racialised and Indigenous girls and women in communities, schools, and social service organizations. The network helps to uncover unspoken experiences to bring about social justice and equality and foster respectful cross-cultural interaction. Programs centre on community development and social change through youth empowerment, skill-building, leadership training and intercultural communication initiatives.

Please join us for presentations of Anti-dote's mini documentaries and participatory action research process for researching health and identity issues with racialised minority and Indigenous girls. Presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion between researchers, educators, policymakers, and community members with an interest in promoting the visibility and wellness of racialised minority and Indigenous girl's health and identity in British Columbia.

**The event is scheduled in two sessions. You are welcomed to attend either session or both.**

1:00 – 2:45 pm Anti-dote video presentations followed by Q & A  
2:45 – 3:15 pm Break  
3:15 – 5:00 pm Roundtable Discussion

**Room 7000 (7<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre (Downtown)  
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver**

**EVERYONE WELCOME, but space is limited. Please RSVP.  
For more information, contact Rodney Hunt at [rhunt@sfu.ca](mailto:rhunt@sfu.ca) or 778-782-7641**

This presentation is sponsored by the Women's Health Research Network (WHRN) and organized by the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health at Simon Fraser University.

Visit the WHRN website at <http://www.whrn.ca>

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### **3. CIHR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Funding opportunities posted between October 4 and October 23, 2008 by CIHR and its partners**

The following is a list of funding opportunities which CIHR and its partners posted on the CIHR website between October 4 and October 23, 2008.

To view these opportunities, please use the 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>

Simply select the opportunity from the list which is sorted alphabetically.

**Fellowship: Mobility in Aging and Dementia (2008-2009) - Application Deadline: November 14, 2008**

**Operating Grant: Care Practice in Cognitive Impairment in Aging - Application Deadline: November 14, 2008**

**Operating Grant: Collaborative Research to Action in Dementia - Application Deadline: November 14, 2008**

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#### **4. FOUNDATION FOR ANEMIA RESEARCH (ROFAR)** (See attached)

**LOI Deadline: November 17, 2008**

Applications are sought from established members of academic staff at universities, hospitals and research centres. Applications should focus on the need to improve outcomes and encourage scientific advances in the following research areas:

- Anaemia of Chronic Disease
- Anaemia related to congestive heart failure and stroke
- Effects of erythropoietin and erythropoietin-like substances as protective drugs in various target organs
- Biology of anaemia and outcomes

Two cycles of applications per year for grants of 200,000 Swiss Francs per award

Website: [www.rofar.org](http://www.rofar.org)

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#### **5. HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION**

##### **Funding Opportunities**

##### **a. Research Program on Care Practice in Cognitive Impairment in Aging – Request for Applications**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2008**

HSFC joins the Alzheimer Society of Canada, Canadian Home Care Association, Canadian Nurses Foundation, CIHR IA, CIHR ICRH, CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research, and the Parkinson Society of Canada to support research in care practice in cognitive impairment in aging.

The aim of the program is to inform nursing care practice and improve the quality of clinical care provided to the cognitively impaired older adult in various care settings such as institutional, home, and community.

*For more information, please visit:*

<http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/research/resprog-rfa-cogimpair.htm>.

## **b. HSFC/PFC Scholarship in Physiotherapy Research**

**Application Deadline: February 13, 2009**

HSFC has partnered with the Physiotherapy Foundation of Canada (PFC) to offer HSFC/PFC Scholarships in Physiotherapy Research. Two awards, one at the masters and another at the doctoral level, are available to highly qualified candidates pursuing physiotherapy research relevant to cardiovascular disease or stroke care and rehabilitation.

*For more information, please visit:*

[http://www.physiotherapyfoundation.ca/english.php?page=awards\\_new\\_2009](http://www.physiotherapyfoundation.ca/english.php?page=awards_new_2009).

## **Workshops**

### **a. The Vascular Matrix Biology and Bioengineering Workshop, Whistler, March 16-19, 2009**

Presented by the North American Vascular Biology Organization, this is a one-of-a-kind event! The workshop provides a forum for traditional vascular matrix biologists, cardiovascular regenerative medicine researchers, and cardiovascular tissue engineers to exchange ideas and concepts. The aim is to foster knowledge transfer and exchange to design new experiments and develop novel therapies for cardiovascular disease and cardiovascular tissue engineering.

**Early registration deadline: December 15, 2008.**

**Abstract submission deadline: January 10, 2009.**

*For more information, please visit:*

<http://www.navbo.org/VMBB2009/>.

### **b. The 1st National Obesity Summit, Kananaskis, Alberta, May 7-10, 2009**

HSFC is pleased to support the Canadian Obesity Network's premiere event for 2009 and Canada's first all-obesity meeting!

Set in picturesque Kananaskis country, the summit will highlight the latest knowledge on the causes, prevention and treatment of obesity – and how it can impact your daily activities.

Early registration deadline: November 3, 2008.

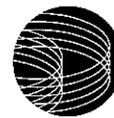
Abstract submission deadline: November 3, 2008.

*For more information, please visit:*

<http://www.con-obesitysummit.ca/>.

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8 October 2008

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the **Roche Foundation for Anemia Research (RoFAR)**, we are pleased to invite you to apply for a RoFAR research grant with **awards totalling up to 200'000 Swiss Francs** for 2 years.

The Roche Foundation for Anemia Research (RoFAR) is an independent foundation run by an international Board of Trustees and an independently appointed Scientific Advisory Board. RoFAR is committed to its mission of fostering innovative anaemia-related research and of making a major contribution to the scientific community by encouraging scientists to apply their skills and intellect to furthering knowledge and understanding in this field. We support projects in nephrology, haematology, oncology, cardiology, neurology and many other areas. **Please see the enclosed leaflet for details.**

Applications are sought from established members of academic staff at universities, hospitals and research centres. These are then assessed by the RoFAR Scientific Advisory Board members with the objective of **awarding projects that will open up new avenues of research**. We especially encourage multidisciplinary approaches.

To date, 12.4 million Swiss Francs have been awarded to 55 research projects around the world.

**The next application submission (Letters of Intent) via [www.rofar.org](http://www.rofar.org) will close on:**

- **Regular Grant Cycle X**      **17 November 2008**

For further information, **please see the enclosed material** or access the **RoFAR website** ([www.rofar.org](http://www.rofar.org)) or contact the RoFAR Secretariat ([admin@rofar.org](mailto:admin@rofar.org), Tel. +41 41 377 3669).

If the RoFAR programme is of interest for any of your co-workers, please do not hesitate to provide them with a copy of this letter and the enclosed material.

We thank you for your attention and we look forward to receiving your submission.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan Levin  
Chairman of the RoFAR Board of Trustees

*Apply for funding for new research in anaemia and related areas;  
up to 200,000 Swiss Francs (approx. € 125,000) available for each award*

### **Eligibility**

Grant applications are open to established members of academic staff at universities, dialysis centers and research institutes. Applications should focus on the need to improve outcomes and encourage scientific advances in the following research areas:

- Anaemia of chronic disease
- Anaemia related to congestive heart failure and stroke
- Effects of erythropoietin and erythropoietin-like substances as protective drugs in various target organs
- Biology of anaemia and outcomes

### **Applying for a grant**

Two cycles of applications per year for grants of 200,000 Swiss Francs (approx. € 125,000) per award

- All applicants must initially provide a **Letter of Intent** with applicant details, title, summary, no more than a 750 word abstract with description of the planned research (objective, background, hypothesis/specific aims, preliminary results (if available), proposed methodology), and estimated funding requirements.
- Letters of Intent are reviewed by an independent Scientific Advisory Board and applicants are short-listed for invitation to submit a full application.
- Successful applications will be awarded within six months of the Letters of Intent deadline.

A total of 12.4 million Swiss Francs or approx. € 76 million was awarded to 55 projects since 2004. Successful projects represented a true cross-section of anaemia-related research interests all meeting exacting standards for scientific excellence, feasibility and originality set by the organisation's independent Scientific Advisory Board.

Deadlines for Letters of Intent are in **June** and **November** of each year.

For more information on award-winning projects and cycle and submission dates please visit **[www.rofar.org](http://www.rofar.org)**.

### **About the foundation**

RoFAR (The Roche Foundation for Anemia Research) is an independent foundation run by an international Board of Trustees and funded by an unrestricted grant from Roche. It is a non-profit, independent, charitable, funding body that aims to 'encourage innovative research that will open new avenues of exploration in the study of anaemia'.

The funding of the Foundation consists of donations from F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.

The Foundation structure involves eight Trustees, from nephrology, oncology, cardiovascular and epidemiology areas and an independently appointed Scientific Advisory Board.

The Foundation is legally independent from F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. and is guided solely by the Board of Trustees according to its charter.