

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY's Communications Bulletin – March 10, 2009

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1. TRI-UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

May 13th, 2009

UBC Department of Psychiatry will host a one day symposium at UBC to showcase research being done in the department and the international collaborate sites such as *Seoul National University* in Korea, the *Institute of Psychiatry* in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at the *University of Porto Alegre* in Brazil.

The exact location and program details will be available in the near future.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 24th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

June 11th, 2009

Join your colleagues and trainees to hear about latest research being conducted at UBC.

There will be opportunities for oral and poster presentations. Present your best research work and get the award (A total of four Awards for best poster and best oral presentations will be available).

Abstract submission deadline for trainees is **April 24th, 2009**.

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3. IMH MARCH 12th & 13th LECTURES – ELIZABETH BRANNON - **CANCELLED**

Please note that we have had to CANCEL the Lectures by Dr. Elizabeth Brannon scheduled for March 12, 2009 (at Department of Psychiatry, UBC) and on March 13, 2009 (at Brain Research Centre, UBC).

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4. CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

a) Correction to CIHR E-Alert dated February 23, 2009 – ResearchNet Outages

This replaces the February 23, 2009 message stating that ResearchNet will not be available on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 20:00 to 23:59.

Correction: On Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 20:00 to 23:59 there may be short, intermittent outages on ResearchNet. While we are not expecting users to experience any disruption, it may cause intermittent delays in signing on the system. Apologies for the inaccuracies in the initial message.

b) CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (CIHR-ICRH)

CRH's Young Investigators (YI) Forum

Call for Abstracts: Participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations or poster session by submitting their abstracts online at http://www.f2fe.com/callforabstracts_yiforum/

DEADLINE for submission: March 20th, 2009

**In order to have your abstract considered, you must be registered for the forum. For more information on registration, abstract submissions, and travel awards please visit the ICRH website <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37949.html> or directly at: <http://www.f2fe.com/YIForum>.

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5. CHILD & FAMILY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (CFRI) (see attached)

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Essential Tools for BC Health Researchers - *An Update on the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Technology/Methodology Platforms*

Date: **Tuesday, March 10, 2009**
Time: 10:00 am-12.00pm
Location: Chan Centre for Family Health Education at the Child & Family Research Institute
938 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver, BC
Contact: reseduc@cw.bc.ca

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6. HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF CANADA (HSFC)

Prevention of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases – Request for Applications

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2009
Application Deadline: May 1, 2009

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) has partnered with the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health and the Institute of Aging to request applications for research in cardiovascular and respiratory disease prevention.

Full details at: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=630&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true#description>

HSFC is specifically interested in supporting research that examines how the built environment, urban/suburban/rural community planning/design influences health behaviours and health outcomes. The HSFC is also interested in supporting population-level intervention research aimed at advancing knowledge on policy interventions to reduce cardio-cerebrovascular disease risk.

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7. SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (SSHRC)

Budget Update

The following is a SSHRC update from Thomas Kierans, Vice President and Chair of Council and Chad Gaffield, President.

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to summarize the results for SSHRC of the recent federal budget.

1) In Budget 2009, the Government of Canada allocated \$17.5 million over three years to SSHRC for Canada Graduate Scholarships to fund an additional 400 master's and 100 doctoral scholarships "focused on business-related degrees." Subsequent to this Budget decision by the Government of Canada, our responsibility here at SSHRC is the administration of these additional scholarships in keeping with our mandate to support excellence in research and research training in the social sciences and humanities.

As demonstrated over SSHRC's thirty-year history, students pursuing research-based graduate degrees across the social sciences and humanities significantly enrich understanding of topics important to our society. Moreover, SSHRC award-winners from all research degree programs go on to benefit all sectors, including the business world. Directly, and indirectly, the results continue to make significant contributions to addressing the world's most pressing challenges, as illustrated in the current financial crisis by the central role of business historians focused on the 1930s; philosophers focused on business ethics; political scientists focused on regulatory frameworks; economists focused on stimulus strategies; management researchers focused on corporate operations; sociologists focused on labour markets; literary scholars focused on the new digital economy; musicologists focused on the creative industries; and so on.

At the origins of such diverse contributions is SSHRC's hallmark commitment to excellence; every student who receives a SSHRC award has been selected through a rigorous expert adjudication process involving top scholars in the social sciences and humanities. It is with this principle of adhering to the highest levels of international excellence that SSHRC fulfills its mandate and thereby enables the "best and brightest" to contribute so significantly to Canada and the world.

2) The Budget also included the results of Strategic Review, a process which requires all government departments and agencies, on a four-year cycle, to review all program spending, and to assess how and whether these programs are aligned with core mandates, and how they are effective, efficient and meet the priorities of Canadians. SSHRC was one of 16 organizations, along with NSERC and CIHR, that participated in the process this past year. The outcome of Strategic Review for SSHRC is as follows:

a) SSHRC funding is reduced for health-related research that is eligible under the mandate of CIHR. Out of approximately \$20 million currently invested by SSHRC in health research, a reduction of \$5.59 million will be phased in over three years: approximately \$1.05 million in fiscal year 2009-10, \$2.65 million in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$1.89 million in fiscal year 2011-12. SSHRC will continue to fund research and training for which the intended outcomes add to our understanding and knowledge in the social sciences and humanities. A set of guiding principles has been developed to assist applicants in determining whether their applications are suitable for SSHRC consideration. These guidelines will be made publicly available as soon as possible. In the meantime, SSHRC has begun working with CIHR to ensure a coordinated approach to the implementation of this decision.

b) SSHRC funding is eliminated for Research Time Stipends (RTS)-funds that help to provide adequate time for faculty to conduct research. SSHRC recognizes the central importance of time for research in the social sciences and humanities but also recognizes that universities have the responsibility to provide university grant award-holders with adequate time for research.

For the past decade, SSHRC has awarded RTS on a cost-shared basis with institutions to only a small number of scholars (in 2008-09, for example, 132 RTS were included in the total of 904 successful standard research grants). We will no longer fund this cost-sharing, and we will continue to require that universities confirm that all grant-holders have appropriate time to conduct their research. This decision does not affect salary replacements for non-academic participants in SSHRC-funded research projects (for staff in community organizations participating in CURA projects, for example).

As of April 1, 2009, grant applications may no longer include requests for RTS. However, forward commitments for RTS made before March 31, 2009, will be respected. Funding will be phased out over a three-year period: approximately \$300,000 in fiscal year 2009-10, \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2011-12.

These two changes represent a total of \$8.19 million in SSHRC budget reductions, phased in over three years.

Funding under the Indirect Costs Program is being reduced in proportion to reductions in eligible direct costs programs that are administered by each of the funding agencies. As such, the relative ratio of funding for the direct and indirect costs of research will remain essentially the same as prior to Strategic Review. The 2008-09 Indirect Costs budget of \$330 million will see a total reduction of \$14.652 million over the next three fiscal years. The Indirect Costs Program grant budget will be \$325.379 million in fiscal year 2009-10, \$322.080 million in fiscal year 2010-11, and \$314.403 million in fiscal year 2011-12.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you in promoting a supportive environment for research, training and knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities and in sharing more broadly the successes and impacts of research in our fields. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours in research,

Thomas Kierans
Vice President and Chair of Council

Chad Gaffield, PhD, FRSC
President

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8. COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES BETWEEN CANADA AND CALIFORNIA (CCSIP) (see attached)

Presentation

Please see the attached presentation, 'Call for Proposals for Collaborative Initiatives Between Canada and California' by Sonya Shorey, Communications Strategist, CCSIP, from the Information Session for your reference.

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9. UPCOMING PT PROGRAM/IMH LUNCH PRESENTATION

Thursday, March 19, 2009

The Role of Transference Interpretation in the Treatment of Patients with Borderline Personality Disorders

Presenter:

Frank Yeomans, M.D., Ph.D.
Clinical Associate Professor
Department of Psychiatry
Weill Medical College of Cornell University

Date: **Thursday, March 19, 2009**

Time: **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

Place: Detwiller Pavilion, UBC Department of Psychiatry, Room 2N A/B

A light lunch will be served

Department of Psychiatry
Division of Behavioural Science
Suite 420 – 5950 University Blvd
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

This event is jointly sponsored by the UBC Psychotherapy Program and the UBC Institute of Mental Health.

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10. RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINARS

As part of our commitment to help faculty members better prepare for retirement, the Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic and the UBC Faculty Association are pleased to offer one-day retirement planning seminars for faculty members aged 60 or older. Interactive seminars will be facilitated by Aon Consulting who are experts in retirement planning and will cover all aspects of retirement. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend. UBC will cover the full cost of your session and all materials for both you and your spouse/partner.

The sessions will provide:

- An overview of transition and lifestyle changes in retirement and how to plan for them
- Financial and legal aspects of retirement
- An overview of UBC's pension and benefit programs and how they contribute to overall retirement planning objectives
- Effective tax strategies to build family income stream

The first session is on March 10, 2009 and is already fully booked.

Members interested in attending future workshops should email Faculty Relations at: fr@exchange.ubc.ca so that they can be added to a wait list.

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11. REMINDER: GAIRDNER SYMPOSIUM & MICHAEL SMITH MEMORIAL NOBEL FORUM

March 11th, 2009

This is a reminder to the UBC community of two Celebrate Research Week events occurring on March 11 at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts:

Science and the Future of Medicine: The Gairdner Foundation 50th Anniversary Symposium 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

An academic symposium featuring eight esteemed presenters, including four Nobel laureates (Drs. Carl Wieman, Harold Varmus, Sydney Brenner and Roger Tsien). This

all-day event is intended for life sciences researchers and interested members of the public. Morning and afternoon sessions are ticketed separately (see ticket information below). Visit <http://www.events.ubc.ca/welcome.html> for a complete agenda and order of presentations.

Personalized Genomics: Hope or Hype? The 2009 Michael Smith Memorial Nobel Forum 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

This public forum features a panel of award-winning medical geneticists discussing the science, ethics and issues around personal genetic testing. Moderated by former NBC correspondent and Emmy award-winner, Charles Sabine, and featuring renowned scientists Drs. Harold Varmus (Nobel laureate), Cynthia Kenyon, and Muin Khoury. Audience questions for the panelists will be collected in advance and must be submitted by February 27 to skumaran@cmmt.ubc.ca. Visit <http://www.events.ubc.ca/welcome.html> for a complete description of this event.

Ticket information

Tickets to these FREE events are available to the public (limit 4 per person) and are available from the Chan Centre Ticket Office (Mon-Sat, 12-5:00 p.m.) or may be printed for a nominal fee by clicking the following links: morning symposium

<<http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1100424B8E8978EE?brand=ubc&camefrom=CF>>

afternoon symposium

<<http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1100424B92847C5C?brand=ubc&camefrom=CF>>

and evening Forum

<<http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1100424B842571A3?brand=ubc&camefrom=CF>>

For more information, call (604)875-3535 or visit <http://www.events.ubc.ca/welcome.html>.

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Essential Tools for BC Health Researchers

An Update on the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Technology/Methodology Platforms

Did you know ...?



BC BioLibrary facilitates appropriate access to human biospecimens for biobanks and researchers by acquiring, organizing and distributing biospecimens.

BC Clinical Genomics Network provides resources ranging from project coordination, study design, access to state-of-the-art genomic technologies, data management and knowledge translation for clinicians interested in studying genetic diseases.

BC Proteomics Network provides educational and training opportunities and assistance with research projects to improve the understanding of proteomics in the life sciences community. Members are entitled to services such as repair and maintenance of mass spectrometry instruments and access to communal software.

Centre for Drug Research and Development guides and supports early-stage drug development from BC's top academic and health research institutions to increase the successful commercialization of new therapeutics.

Population Data BC provides access to population health data. They provide individual-level, longitudinal, cross-sectoral data for approved public interest research projects in a privacy-sensitive, high-security environment, and offer training opportunities and resources to help promote collaboration among researchers across BC.

Representatives from each platform will provide an update, specifically addressing how researchers can utilize their platform to enhance health research across British Columbia.

Date:

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Time:

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Location:

Chan Centre for Family Health Education at CFRI
938 West 28th Avenue,
Vancouver

Contact:

reseduc@cw.bc.ca



Call for Proposals for Collaborative Initiatives Between Canada and California

**Sonya Shorey
Communications Strategist
Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership**

Agenda: CCSIP CFP Information Session

- Introduction: Office of Research
- About the Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP): Sonya Shorey
- About the CCSIP CFP: Sonya Shorey
- Q&A

About the Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (www.ccsip.org)

- CCSIP is a **catalyst** for collaborative Research, Development and Delivery (RD&D) between California and Canada
- Aims to capitalize on the complementary strengths of Canada and California using an entrepreneurial and informal process of bilateral cooperation
- CCSIP stimulates:
 - The development of new models of collaboration that leverage key research capabilities, address common priorities and accelerate the delivery of research results
 - The launch of revolutionary RD&D projects that aim to bring new products and services to market, and deliver economic and social benefits to citizens in both jurisdictions
- Greater than the sum of its parts: $1+1 = 3$
- Delivering Results: CCSIP role in Cancer Stem Cell Consortium

About the CCSIP CFP

- **Objective:** This university-led CFP aims to **stimulate and support novel models of collaboration** that build on the complementary strengths of Canada and California
 - Ex: R&D consortia, the structuring of Canada-California Centres of Excellence etc.
- Proposals must focus on **bilateral partnership development activities** (as opposed to research)
- Collaborative initiatives that **engage multiple partners** are strongly encouraged
- ‘Business as usual’, single researcher-to-researcher collaborations are not eligible for funding under this CFP

Strategic Value of the CFP

- The CCSIP initiative offers a sound approach for the ‘strategic design’ of new bilateral R&D cooperation programs with the United States, beginning with California
- The initiatives that emerge from this CFP will create a strategic research agenda between Canada and California
- A successful roll out of the CCSIP CFP could become a template for defining the overall Canada U.S. S&T cooperation platform (extending to other regions of the US)
- The Obama administration is expected to make significant investments in the U.S. R&D capacity; a ‘CCSIP approach’ is an ideal way for Canada to connect

Value Proposition for Researchers

The CFP will provide university researchers and their collaborators with an opportunity to:

- Directly influence the development of a strategic research agenda between Canada and California
- Capitalize on coordinated access to the University of California system and other Canadian universities to identify potential collaborators and funding
- Acquire visibility with, and support from, key decisions makers and investors (such as the Canadian Granting Councils)
- Contribute to a growing community of Canada-California interest with increasing critical mass and visibility

Key CFP Facts

<http://www.ccsip.org/programs.html>

- 10 campuses of the University of California and 20 Canadian universities to date
- These organizations are allocating US\$2 million to this CFP to stimulate novel ideas, and catalyze the development of innovative **multi-campus and multi-disciplinary research** and educational collaborations
- Managed by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) and International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTPCanada)

Types of Proposals Requested

- Bilateral teams are encouraged to put forward short proposals for collaborative initiatives that:
 - Capitalize on the complementary strengths
 - Address shared priorities
 - Emphasize delivery to the market place
- Researchers may propose a novel model of collaboration on any area of focus or topic that is relevant to Canada and California (opportunities or challenges)
- Financial support is available for the:
 - **Conduct of focused round tables, workshops and/or symposia** that lead to novel methods or approaches of research collaboration (funded at \$15-\$50K)
 - **Development and delivery of a detailed R&D business plans** for early-stage bilateral initiatives that help to propel the concept to the next stage of development (funded at \$100K)

Eligibility

- Each proposal must include a Principal Investigator (PI) from a *participating Canadian university*, and a PI from the University of California system
- The PIs must provide letters of support from their co-applicants' Vice President, Research or a similar authority, that confirms the availability of funds required to support their share of the budget
 - Approval must be acquired before an LOI or proposal is submitted to this CFP
- Proposals may include co-applicants from *non-participating Canadian* universities, however, they must have explicit support from their Vice President, Research to contribute to the proposal, and secure appropriate funding

Areas of Focus

- When CCSIP was first established, the Steering Committee identified broad, initial priorities:
 - Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine
 - Information and Communications Technologies
 - Advanced Transportation and Energy
 - Nanotechnology
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Venture Capital and Intellectual Property
 - Development of Highly Qualified Personnel
- Building on the themes of the 2008 Summit, teams may propose bilateral initiatives in areas that include, but are not limited to:
 - Carbon Capture and Sequestration
 - Green IT
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Next-Generation Digital Media
 - Sustainable Biofuels
- CFP applicants are welcome to propose bilateral initiatives outside of these areas that leverage Canada-California complementarities

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed and selected on the basis of highest quality, and the degree to which the following criteria are addressed; all proposals should:

- Demonstrate the value of bilateral collaboration over a unilateral approach, including the anticipated benefits to both Canada and California
- Describe the novelty and quality of the proposed initiative
- Articulate the downstream potential for technology transfer or delivery to market
- Demonstrate the capacity of the project team to manage and conduct the proposed initiative
- Present a feasible, high-level implementation plan that outlines key milestones, financial and human resources

Deadlines

- **Letters of Intent: February 27, 2009; 2PM PST**, UCOP and ISTPCanada will announce all selected Letters on March 16, 2009
- **Requested Proposals: May 1, 2009, 2PM PST**
- **Funding Decisions:** The CCSIP Steering Committee, together with UCOP and ISTPCanada, expect to announce funding for all successful initiatives by **July 1, 2009**

Application Instructions

Online LOI Submission Process:

- The Letter of Intent must be submitted using the online system, proposalCENTRAL (pC) at <https://proposalCENTRAL.altum.com/>
- Select the Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP) grant opportunity from the list
- The online LOI form will include fields for data entry, and enable upload of a one-page LOI document
- Additional information available online: http://www.ccsip.org/documents/CCSIP_CFP_LOI_Instructions_Final.pdf

Adjudication Process

- The Call will be jointly managed by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) and International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTPCanada)
- UCOP and ISTPCanada will create a bilateral Canada-California Expert Adjudication Panel that will review and evaluate applications
 - Recommendations to be approved by the ISTP Board of Directors and UC Vice Chancellors for Research
- All recommended bilateral initiatives will be provided to the CCSIP Steering Committee for final review and approval of recommended funding allocations

Additional Information

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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