



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY Communications Bulletin – June 19, 2009

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1. FoM Canadian Research Chairs Tier II Competition (see attached)

Closing Date: **September 1, 2009**

The Faculty of Medicine has 4 CRC Tier II chairs available in this competition.

Individuals must have <10 years post-PhD or MD, either **currently** holding an appointment in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC, or a new recruit.

The CRC Tier II has to be linked to an F-slot or equivalent long-term funding source (ie: endowment).

The adjudication committee will be established in September once the applications are received in order to ensure appropriate review of the applications.

Please find attached the Application Form, which can also be found on our website at

<http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/gad/dfo/crc.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact Johanna Petrakis, Manager, Research Core Operations, at jpetrakis@medd.med.ubc.ca.

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2. Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: Research Grants Notice of Intent (see attached)

Registration deadline for the notice- of-intent: August 4, 2009.

Deadline for receipt of the full application: October 1, 2009.

The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation invites investigators to submit a notice of intent to apply to the October 2009 Grants Competition.

All research grant applicants, initial and renewal, must advise the Foundation's office of their intent to apply for funding. No more than one initial application may be submitted to a single competition.

The Notice of Intent to Apply form and further information are attached and available on the [CCFF website \(www.cysticfibrosis.ca\)](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca).

The Full Application form for 2009 will be available on the website in early August.

If you have any questions, please contact [Andrea Mackesy](mailto:amackesy@cysticfibrosis.ca), Manager of Research Programs (amackesy@cysticfibrosis.ca).

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3. Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE)

Deadline: September 18, 2009

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) are pleased to announce a public call for nominations for membership on the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics.

For further details, please consult the website:

<http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/policy-politique/participation/nominations-candidatures-2009-06-09.aspx>

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4. Department of Defence Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) Pre-Announcement

The Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$16 million to the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP)

A news release with this specific research areas and award mechanisms in chart format is available on website: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2009/09prcrppreann.htm> .

All details regarding application (including deadlines) will be available near the end of June on the <http://cdmrp.army.mil> website and also on <http://www.grants.gov/> .

If you would like to be notified of Program Announcement releases, please send a request to help@cdmrp.org and request PA release notifications for Multiple Sclerosis funding.

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5. WHRN Call for Oversight Committee members

Nomination deadline: June 20, 2009

The BC Women's Health Research Network (WHRN) is pleased to announce a Call for Nominations (for the term July 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010) for new members of the WHRN Oversight Committee. The WHRN seeks Oversight Committee members from diverse geographic locations, health research pillars, and academic disciplines who are engaged in gender and health and women's health research.

For further information about the role of WHRN Oversight Committee, a list of current members, and the Committee's Terms of Reference, please visit <http://www.whrn.ca/about-governance.html>

Please feel free to nominate yourself or an interested colleague by submitting the nominee's name, contact information, position/title, and area of interest/expertise, to sdixon@whrn.ca

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6. Call for proposals for Grants: Public Health Interest Groups (see attached)

Deadline: June 30, 2009

The Public Health Task Group (established by the AFMC) has funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support student-run Public Health Interest Groups – one at each medical faculty campus.

For more information see the attached flyer and website at www.cfms.org/news.asp?ID=34

If you have any questions, please contact:

Colleen Gushue, Project Associate, AFMC

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7. UBC FA women Meeting with the President: call for issues

Dear Women Faculty at UBC,

We are delighted to let you know that the UBC Faculty Association's Status of Women Committee (StoW) has arranged to meet with the President, Stephen Toope, Provost, David Farrar, and other members of UBC's senior administration on July 14th, 2009. The purpose of our meeting is to discuss the issue of gender pay equity, based on a report by the UBC Equity office that can be found at:

<http://www.equity.ubc.ca/publications/index.html>

On this page, look for the "Other" section, and click on the link called "Statistical analysis of UBC faculty salaries"

We are interested in hearing from members of the faculty association about:

- (1) your concerns regarding this issue
- (2) other issues relevant to women faculty members that you would like to be brought up at this meeting, or addressed in the coming year.

Please write to us at: ubcstatusofwomen@gmail.com

Best wishes from the Status of Women Committee - Mira Sundara Rajan, Chair, Jehannine Austin, Lara Boyd, and Megan Levings, Members

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8. U21 Teaching and Learning Network Conference (see attached)

"Teaching and Learning for Employability in a Global Economy"

Deadline: June 30, 2009

The theme of the conference is internationalisation and employability; at the recent U21 AGM in Korea, the area of employability was identified as a key issue for the network, making this year's conference both topical and important. Keynote speakers will be announced shortly but we expect to have an outstanding range of contributors addressing internationalisation and employability from a variety of functional, national and regional perspectives.

The original call for papers is attached. The conference itself will be held at the University of Nottingham's campus in Ningbo, China in November of this year. Ningbo is located about 3 hours south of Shanghai and details of the campus are available at <http://www.nottingham.edu.cn/>. Further information about registration is also attached.

Although the overarching theme is one of employability and internationalisation, we plan to allow time during the programme for some discussions groups to follow-up on issues raised and discussed during the first conference. We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you in Ningbo.

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9. Non-union Research Technician Salary Increase

This is a reminder to supervisors that non-union Research Technician salaries will increase by 2% on July 1, which is their annual general wage increase.

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10. Smartphone Security

Smart phones (iPhone, Blackberry, Samsung Jack, Palm Treo etc.) are little computers, most with internet access, so have the potential to be just as vulnerable to attack as personal computers. Please be proactive and check your phone vendor's web site regularly (perhaps once a month), for operating system updates.

Apple iPhone and iPod touch, with version 2.x of the operating system, should be upgraded to version 3.0, using iTunes. Some of the problems with version 2.x, include hackers gaining complete control of your phone, rebooting your phone and resetting (wiping all data!) the device. There are 22 known problems with version 2.x software...besides the fact that it has no cut and paste. Please see <http://secunia.com/advisories/35449/> if you want more details.

The more compact it is, the easier it is to loose or steal. What would happen, if someone got their hands, on your smartphone? At the very least, you should set the "auto-lock" feature, to require a password within a few minutes of using the phone.

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University of British Columbia
Faculty of Medicine
Canada Research Chairs
Application Form - Tier II Candidates

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

With reference to the selection criteria below, and the score sheets that will be used by the review panel (see pages 2 & 3), complete each section of the application (pages 4-8) in the space provided.

Eligibility:

<10 years post-PhD or MD, either currently holding an appointment in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC or a new recruit. The CRC Tier II has to be linked to an F-slot or equivalent long-term funding source (ie: endowment).

Career Progress

- 1. Innovative and original research program.**
 - evidence of independent research support
 - evidence of independence from former research supervisors
 - evidence of creativity
 - long-term vision

- 2. Recognition as an excellent and emerging researcher who has demonstrated particular research creativity or a superior record of research accomplishments arising out of the MD/PhD and/or PDF period.**
 - peer reviewed papers (last three years)
 - funding record (last three years) measured against peer group (if appropriate)
 - evidence of awards (graduate and postgraduate)

- 3. Append Publications and Granting History (2005/2009).**

Strategic Fit

- 4. Integration with University/Faculty of Medicine Strategic Research Plan.**
http://www.med.ubc.ca/about_us/strategic_plan.htm

- 5. Integration with one of the Research theme areas in the Faculty of Medicine Research Matrix (Appendix 1 - page 9).**

- 6. Holding current UBC Faculty of Medicine appointment.**

- 7. Enhancement of gender and equity targets.**

Please submit 4 copies of the application to:
Dr. Alison Buchan, Executive Associate Dean, Research
Faculty of Medicine, Dean's Office, Research
Room #317, 2194 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, V6T 1Z3

**Canada Research Chairs
Review Panel**

SCORE SHEET – CAREER PROGRESS

Tier II Candidates

SELECTION CRITERION	SCORE (range)
Innovative and original proposed research program	0-20
Recognition as an excellent and emerging researcher who has demonstrated particular research creativity or a superior record of research accomplishments arising out of the PhD and/or PDF period.	0-20
Publications in the last 5 years	0-5
Research Grants in the last 5 years	0-5
TOTAL SCORE	0-50

Narrative Comments:

**Canada Research Chairs
Review Panel**

SCORE SHEET – STRATEGIC FIT

Tier II Candidates

SELECTION CRITERION	SCORE (range)
Integration with one of the Research themes areas	0-15
Integration with University/Faculty of Medicine Strategic Research Plan	0-15
Holding current UBC Faculty of Medicine appointment	0-10
Equity Target	0-10
TOTAL SCORE	50

Narrative Comments:

Name of Candidate:

Current Rank(s)/Title(s):

Title of Proposal:

Current Department or Institute:

Proposed UBC Department,
Location and Rank:

Proposed UBC Research Centre
(if applicable):

List 3 key publications and indicate the impact of the publications.

Innovative and original research program.

Recognition as an excellent and emerging researcher who has demonstrated particular research creativity or a superior record of research accomplishments.

Justification to fit with Strategic Fit, items #4 and #5 (one page only).

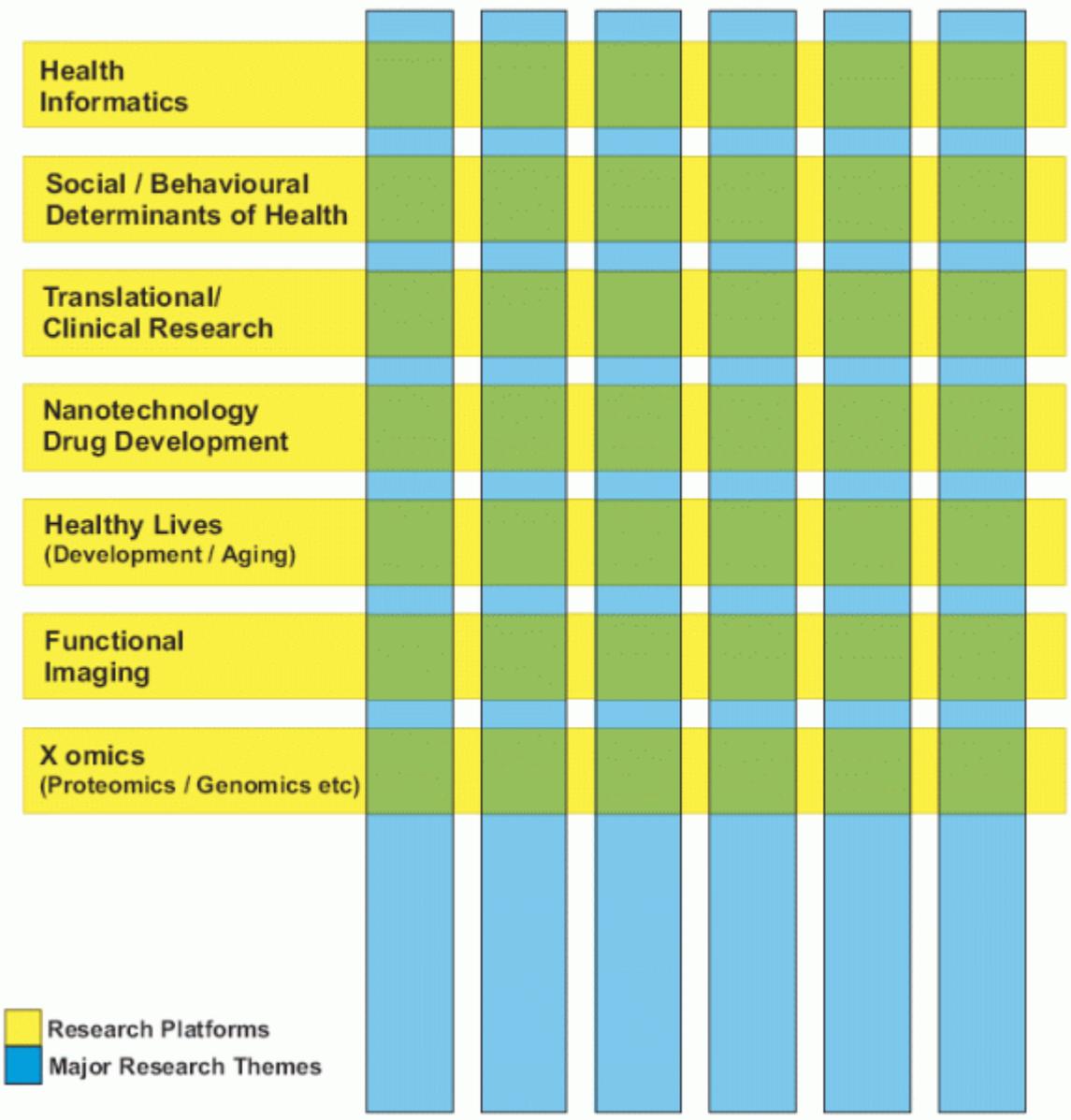
Append Publications and Granting History.

Signatures:

Applicant:	Department Head / School Director	Director of Research Centre (if applicable)
Print Name:	Print Name:	Print: Name:
Date:	Date:	Date:

Appendix I – Research Matrix

Faculty of Medicine Research Matrix



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Tél. : 416-485-9149 / 1-800-378-2233
Télééc. : 416-485-0960
Courriel : amackesy@cysticfibrosis.ca

**NOTICE-OF-INTENT TO APPLY FOR A RESEARCH GRANT (October 2009) /
PRÉAVIS – DEMANDE DE SUBVENTION DE RECHERCHE (octobre 2009)**

The deadline for receipt of a notice-of-intent to apply is **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**. The notice of intent must be submitted by fax or email. **Incomplete and/or late notices of intent will be returned to the applicant.** No more than one initial application may be submitted to a single competition. / Les préavis doivent être soumis par télécopieur ou par courriel et reçus au plus tard le **mardi 4 août 2009**. **Les préavis incomplets ou tardifs seront retournés au candidat.** On ne peut présenter plus d'une seule demande initiale à un même concours.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR:
PRÉAVIS POUR UNE DEMANDE :**

- Initial grant Renewal grant
 Demande initiale Renouvellement

A. GENERAL INFORMATION / RENSEIGNEMENTS GÉNÉRAUX

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR / CHERCHEUR PRINCIPAL			
Title / Titre <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. /D ^r <input type="checkbox"/> Mr./M. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms./ M ^{me} <input type="checkbox"/> Prof.	Given Name / Prénom	Middle Name/2 ^e prénom	Surname / Nom
Position / Poste			

(Signature)		(Date)	
MAILING ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR / ADRESSE POSTALE DU CHERCHEUR PRINCIPAL			
Institution / Établissement		Department or Faculty / Département ou faculté	
Street Address / Adresse		Suite or Floor (if applicable) / Porte ou étage (s'il y a lieu)	
City / Ville	Province	Postal Code / Code postal	Email Address / Courriel
Office Telephone / Téléphone bureau Ext.	Lab Telephone / Téléphone lab. Ext.		Fax Number / Télécopieur
TITLE OF GRANT APPLICATION / TITRE DU PROJET			
HOST RESEARCH INSTITUTION / ÉTABLISSEMENT HÔTE			

B. CO-INVESTIGATORS AND COLLABORATORS / COCHERCHEURS ET COLLABORATEURS

CO-INVESTIGATOR & COLLABORATOR INFORMATION / INFO COCHERCHEURS ET COLLABORATEURS			
Title / Titre <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. /D ^r <input type="checkbox"/> Mr./M. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms./ M ^{me} <input type="checkbox"/> Prof.	Given Name / Prénom	Middle Name/2 ^e prénom	Surname / Nom
Institution / Établissement		Department or Faculty / Département ou faculté	
Street Address / Adresse		Suite or Floor (if applicable) / Porte ou étage (s'il y a lieu)	
City / Ville		Province	Postal Code / Code postal
Check status: <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Investigator <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborator Préciser la fonction : Cochercheur Collaborateur			

Title / Titre <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. /D ^r <input type="checkbox"/> Mr./M. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms./ M ^{me} <input type="checkbox"/> Prof.	Given Name / Prénom	Middle Name/2 ^e prénom	Surname / Nom
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Please append additional copies of Page 2 if there are more than three Co-Investigators and/or Collaborators. /Veuillez ajouter des copies supplémentaires de la page 2 s'il y a plus de trois cochercheurs ou collaborateurs.

C. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL / BREF SOMMAIRE DU PROJET DE RECHERCHE

Keywords (to a maximum of 10) / Mots clés (ne dépasse pas dix articles) :

Provide a 250-word summary of the proposal that explains the specific aims and experimental approaches. This summary will be used to assist with reviewer assignments and can be modified in the final application. / Veuillez décrire le projet de recherche en 250 mots, en précisant les objectifs visés et les méthodes expérimentales. Ce sommaire sera lu par les évaluateurs et pourra être modifié dans la demande finale.

D. EXTERNAL REVIEWERS / EXAMINATEURS INDÉPENDANTS

You must suggest three external reviewers who have the necessary expertise to critically evaluate your application. / Vous devez proposer trois examinateurs indépendants qui ont l'expertise nécessaire pour évaluer votre demande de façon éclairée.

EXTERNAL REVIEWER INFORMATION / INFORMATION SUR LES EXAMINATEURS INDÉPENDANTS		
Name / Nom	Department / Département	Institution / Établissement
Street Address / Adresse		Suite or Floor (if applicable) / Porte ou étage (s'il y a lieu)
City / Ville	Province	Postal Code / Code postal
Phone Number / Téléphone bureau	Fax Number / Télécopieur	Email Address / Courriel

Name / Nom	Department / Département	Institution / Établissement
Street Address / Adresse		Suite or Floor (if applicable) / Porte ou étage (s'il y a lieu)
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Please provide the names of any external reviewers to whom you would prefer the application not be sent to: / Nom des examinateurs indépendants auxquels vous préférez que l'on ne fasse pas parvenir la demande :

Name / Nom	Institution / Établissement					
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Name / Nom	Institution / Établissement					
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Intent to Apply Form for Cystic Fibrosis Research Grants

The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation invites investigators to submit a notice of intent to apply to the October 2009 Grants Competition. All research grant applicants, initial and renewal, must advise the Foundation's office of their intent to apply for funding. No more than one initial application may be submitted to a single competition.

The application process is comprised of two steps: 1) a notice of intent to apply and 2) the full application. The registration deadline for the notice of intent is **August 4, 2009**. The deadline date for receipt of the full application is **October 1, 2009**.

The Notice of Intent to Apply form and further information are available on the [CCFF website \(www.cysticfibrosis.ca\)](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca). The Full Application form for 2009 will be available on the website in early August.

If you have any questions, please contact [Andrea Mackesy](mailto:amackesy@cysticfibrosis.ca), Manager of Research Programs (amackesy@cysticfibrosis.ca).

PRÉAVIS – SUBVENTION DE RECHERCHE DE LA FCFK

La Fondation canadienne de la fibrose kystique invite les chercheurs à présenter un préavis pour le concours de subventions d'octobre 2009. Toutes les personnes qui font une demande de subvention de recherche (demande initiale ou renouvellement) doivent informer la Fondation de leur intention. Une seule demande initiale peut être présentée à un concours.

Le processus d'une demande se fait en deux étapes : 1) présentation d'un préavis et 2) demande détaillée. La date limite de réception du préavis au siège social de la FCFK est le **4^{er} août 2009**. La date limite de réception du formulaire de demande au siège social de la FCFK est le **1^{er} octobre 2009**.

Le formulaire de préavis et des renseignements supplémentaires se trouvent sur le [site Web de la FCFK \(www.cysticfibrosis.ca\)](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca). Le formulaire de demande sera affiché sur le site au début du mois d'août.

Pour toute question, veuillez communiquer avec le siège social de la Fondation.

Public Health Interest Groups Call for proposals for Grants

Deadline to apply June 30, 2009

Background

Health is determined by a myriad of factors, from the type of food we eat, the sort of neighbourhood we live in, the physical environment and the amount of money in our bank account. Canada is experiencing a revolution in public health, due to events like SARS, Walkerton and the growing pandemic of chronic diseases like diabetes and obesity.

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) works to connect the 17 medical schools, and has established a Public Health Task Group. We know that many medical students are interested in the broad area of population health, public health and the social determinants of health and we want to support you!

The Task Group has funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support student-run Public Health Interest Groups – one at each medical faculty campus.

Objectives

- Create activities to raise awareness of public / population health concepts, issues and careers amongst students;
- Promote inter-professional participation and collaboration in the interest group;
- Create a sustainable interest group which mentors new students to take on group leadership.

Who is eligible and what is available?

Funding is available to establish Public Health Interest Groups, one per faculty of medicine campus (can include different locations within the same school), to a maximum of \$500 each for the 2009/10 school year.

We will also support groups by connecting you to public health educators and Community Medicine residents, and by supporting a network of medical students across Canada interested in this area. For information on starting a new interest group and lessons learned, go to:
<http://www.afmc.ca/social-public-health-e.php>

How do I apply?

A minimum of two students are required to submit the application for funding for each proposed Public Health Interest Group. **Each application should contain the information requested below.**

Send completed applications by email to cgushue@afmc.ca by June 30, 2009.

Faculty of Medicine and if applicable, the campus location:

Names of applicants:

Year of study:

Contact information for each applicant:

Mailing Address

E-mail address/telephone number during school year

If new, the name of proposed student interest group:

Description of potential activities:

Detailed budget for the potential activities:

Describe how you will promote the proposed student interest group:

Describe how you will attract other health profession students to your group:

Sustainability plans / ideas to carry group to future years:

How will the applications be reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed by AFMC to determine the degree to which the applicants are committed to establishing and sustaining the Public Health Interest Group. The number of potential members and the description of the activities planned will also be taken into consideration.

When are applications due?

Applications can be submitted anytime until June 30, 2009.

What else should I know?

Updates

For approved applications, the co-chairs are required to confirm with AFMC that funding has been received and deposited and to connect once a month to provide a brief update on activities and any challenges that have arise.

Annual teleconference

Co-chairs and/or other designated representatives are required to attend an annual teleconference (one-hour) – date and time to be decided amongst group.

Reports

For approved applications, a brief interim update of the group's activities will be required in February 2010 and a final report in June 2010. Reporting forms will be provided.

Acknowledgement of Funding Source

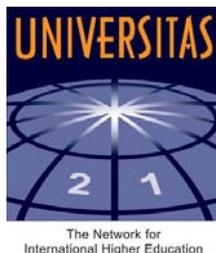
The funding that AFMC is providing to you has been provided to us by the Public Health Agency of Canada. We request that you put a statement of acknowledgement for the funds on any printed or electronic material you produce for/through your activities.

If you have any questions, please contact: Colleen Gushue, Project Associate, AFMC.

E: cgushue@afmc.ca

T: 613-730-0687 Ext. 243

Funding of the Public Health Interest Groups has been made possible through a financial contribution from the Public Health Agency of Canada



The U21 Teaching and Learning Network Conference

“Teaching and Learning for Employability in a Global Economy”

12th & 13th November 2009

University of Nottingham Ningbo, China



This conference builds on the first successful U21 conference held at the University of Glasgow in February 2008 - “Does Teaching and Learning Translate?” and will give opportunities to have follow-up discussions on issues raised at the first conference. The primary aims of this conference are:

- To bring together the institutional leaders from across the U21 network;
- To discuss issues of common interest in teaching and learning;
- To highlight opportunities for collaboration in teaching and learning;
- To encourage the development of peer networks providing engagement opportunities relating to teaching and learning and careers.

The conference will be a mix of keynote lectures, conference papers and workshops. More details will be published in July.

The conference fee of US\$160 will cover 3 days accommodation in a hotel at the University of Nottingham Ningbo, China campus, and all conference meals (lunch and dinner on the 12th November and lunch on the 13th November). Off campus accommodation in a nearby hotel is also available and can be arranged separately. If accommodation is not required on campus the conference fee will be US\$100.

Conference fees will be paid by invoice which will be sent out after registration. Attendees will be expected to cover costs for flights.

To register interest in this conference please email Clare Noakes at c.e.noakes@bham.ac.uk

U21 Teaching and Learning Network Conference

“Teaching and Learning for Employability in a Global Economy”

12/13th November, 2009

University of Nottingham Ningbo, China

The U21 Teaching and Learning Network announces a Call for Papers for its second Conference entitled “Teaching and Learning for Employability in a Global Economy” to be held in November 2009. The conference aims to build on the highly successful “Does Teaching and Learning Translate?” event held at the University of Glasgow in February 2008.

The primary aims of this second conference are:

- To bring together the institutional leaders in teaching, learning and academic development across the U21 network;
- To discuss issues of common interest, focusing both on employability (the main theme) as well as providing an opportunity for follow-up discussions on issues raised during the first conference;
- To highlight opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research;
- To encourage the development of peer networks across the U21 institutions, thus providing engagement opportunities for networks relating to teaching and learning and careers.

The conference will offer an opportunity for colleagues in U21 institutions to share issues, experiences and solutions in relation to enhancing the student experience, with a particular focus on employability and the engagement of students in becoming part of an academic learning community. It will help to identify strategies that enhance employability with a particular focus on the international dimension of the student experience. Finally, it seeks to build on the Glasgow conference outcomes by identifying opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of best practice in relation to curriculum development and the student experience in internationally oriented research intensive Universities.

The programme will be delivered as a mixture of keynote lectures to stimulate discussion and debate around key themes, conference papers aligned to the key themes and workshops to allow informal group discussion of themes associated with both the employability and agenda and agendas arising from the first conference (internationalisation, enhancing the student experience, teaching and learning in research intensive universities).

The Conference is being jointly organised by the Universities of Dublin, Glasgow and Nottingham and will be held at the University of Nottingham Ningbo, China. The campus is easily accessible, being just south of Shanghai; accommodation can be offered to conference delegates either at the University’s Staff Hotel or in hotels nearby.

Proposals (max 2 pages) for papers on topics related to employability and the global economy should be submitted by June 30th 2009 and sent in electronic form to Carol.Spencer@Nottingham.ac.uk at the University of Nottingham. Decisions on submitted papers will be notified to authors by 30th July.