

Department of Psychiatry's Communications Bulletin – **January 22, 2009**

Today's issue includes the following items:

1. [NARSAD 2009 Independent Investigator Award](#) – deadline: **MAR 02**
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1. NARSAD 2009 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR AWARD ([see attached](#))

NARSAD is pleased to announce its annual *2009 Independent Investigator Award* program. The *Independent Investigator Award* is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities for scientists at the academic level of associate professor or equivalent, who have won national competitive support as principal investigators (excluding those who have a currently active *NARSAD Young Investigator Award*). Research must be relevant to serious psychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, childhood psychiatric disorders or anxiety disorders.

Application Submission:

All applications should be submitted **electronically** through the [NARSAD website](#). Award specifications are also in the [attachment](#) for your reference.

Application Deadline: **Monday, March 2, 2009**

Please visit the [NARSAD website](#) for examples of previously funded research. We request your help in transmitting the *Independent Investigator Award* information to scientists who may wish to apply.

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2. MOST WORKSHOPS FOR FEBRUARY 2009 ([see attached](#))

MOST presents the following workshops for February 2009. Also, please see the [attached documents](#) for a calendar of MOST workshops all the way through April 2009.

For a list of **FREE** workshops and seminars by the Department of Health, Safety and the Environment please check out [here](#).

FEBRUARY Workshops:

Email Etiquette

Date: **Tuesday, Feb 10, 2009**
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site
Cost: \$130

We all receive many e-mails that are too abrupt, too vague, too long, or just plain unprofessional. It is vital that employees today understand and observe the current standard of professional e-mail etiquette.

This workshop focuses on the appropriate ways to communicate and interact using e-mail.

Standing up for Yourself

Date: **Thursday, Feb 19, 2009**
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site
Cost: \$130

Giving feedback and setting limits are two of the greatest challenges in the workplace, whether dealing with staff, co-workers or clients. The absence of constructive feedback undermines communication and allows assumptions to go unchecked. This workshop will provide you with the knowledge and skills to assert yourself, set limits and deliver productive and effective feedback in a variety of situations.

BEST Workplace Language Program

Date: Starting **Feb 24 OR Feb 26, 2009** (a 12-week series)
Time: 2:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site
Cost: Free to UBC staff and faculty

The BEST program will be of interest to employees wanting to learn to write memos, messages or stories with ease, or improve their writing and communication skills to achieve their personal and career goals, whether English is their first or second language.

Creativity in the Office: Intuitive Painting

Date: **Thursday, Feb 26, 2009**
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site
Cost: \$155

Art is the exploration of emotion, the essence of life. Work is an essential part of our life and combining work with the wisdom of creativity draws humanity to the workplace.

The facilitator of this workshop has developed a unique method of painting that allows even the most inexperienced person to become an artist in a very short period of time. Artistic skills are NOT necessary nor an advantage. Intuitive painting teaches a new and positive way of perceiving our abilities.

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NARSAD

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to Mental Health Research*

January 6, 2009

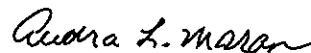
Dear Researcher:

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Applications should be **submitted electronically** through the **NARSAD website** (<http://www.narsad.org/research/>). Award specifications are also enclosed for reference.

Applications will be accepted through **March 2, 2009**. Please visit the NARSAD website for examples of previously funded research. We request your help in transmitting the *Independent Investigator Award* information to scientists who may wish to apply.

Sincerely,



Audra L. Moran
Director of Scientific Affairs

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Leading the Search for Cures

NARSAD is the largest non-government, donor-supported organization that distributes funds for psychiatric brain and behavior disorder research. The *NARSAD Independent Investigator Award* offers up to \$50,000 a year for two (2) years and is intended for scientists at the associate professor level (or equivalent) with national competitive support as a principal investigator (P.I.).

The *NARSAD Independent Investigator Award* stands between the *NARSAD Young Investigator Award* and the *NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Award*. The *Young Investigator Award* is intended to extend initial research training, or to support independent scientists at the assistant professor rank. The *Distinguished Investigator Award* supports senior investigators (full professor or equivalent) pursuing innovative and new directions in research. **Strict adherence to eligibility guidelines** for the *Independent Investigator Award* will apply to prevent overlap between the three NARSAD Programs, and to ensure that a reasonable proportion of applications judged to be excellent can be funded.

The program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities and supports basic and/or clinical investigators, however, research must be relevant to our understanding, treatment and prevention of serious psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, or child and adolescent psychiatric disorders.

NARSAD is committed to spending all contributions for direct support of research. Administrative cost of review is small—reviewers are members of the NARSAD Scientific Council, and volunteer their time to evaluate applications; therefore, **no feedback can be provided to applicants.**

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must have a doctoral-level degree (M.D., Ph.D., etc.), be an associate professor (or equivalent), and have received, as P.I., competitive research support at a national level such as NIH, NSF, or foundation support;
2. Investigators that have been promoted to associate professor, but have currently active *NARSAD Young Investigator* awards, may not apply (NARSAD awards may not overlap in time—with the exception of no-cost extensions);
3. Independent Investigators are eligible for a maximum of two NARSAD Independent Investigator Awards. Previous awardees at the associate professor level are encouraged to apply for a second award. However, awards cannot overlap in time, grant requirements from all previous awards (including Young Investigator Awards) must be met, and an applicant cannot submit more than one application per cycle;
4. Funding is for two years and is up to \$50,000 per year. Funding of institutional overhead at an 8% rate (excluding equipment) is allowed and overhead must be included within the total budget request which may not exceed \$100,000. Equipment, salary, and technical support are typical budget requests, but NARSAD wishes applicants to identify requirements specific to their research and setting;
5. A need for funding must be shown, and the applicant's institutional position must allow a minimum of 50% time for research. The applicant's institution must provide assurance that facilities and the investigator's time will be available to pursue the proposed work, if funded;
6. Applications must be **submitted online by March 2, 2009**. (Do not submit before February 2, 2009);
7. Notification of awards will be mailed in August, 2009. It is NARSAD's policy to provide no feedback on applications, other than funding notification. Earliest award start date is September 15, 2009.

The application should enable reviewers to determine eligibility; judge that independence and productivity are established; establish the relevance of the proposal to the NARSAD mission; and estimate the originality and scientific promise of the investigator.

****An automatic e-mail is generated upon submission of the electronic application.**

If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact grants@narsad.org.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applications must be **submitted electronically via the NARSAD website as one electronic document**, be brief, typed in a font size no smaller than 11 pt., and include in the following order (please label each section accordingly and include applicant's name in the upper right corner, unless otherwise noted, and include a separate page for each):

- (a) **Institutional Assurance** - a statement providing institutional assurance regarding the applicant's time, availability of facilities, and future position if research is funded. This page must be signed by the applicant's departmental chair or equivalent and the applicant's institutional signatures (i.e., Grants & Contracts/Sponsored Research Office), thereby signifying the institution's acceptance of these terms. The page must also state that the applicant is an associate professor, or if not, specify how the current position is the associate professor equivalent in the host institution. This rank must be held at the time of the application. Promotion will not negate the award. A scanned document depicting a signature should be submitted electronically;
 - (b) **Abstract** - a less than 500 word description of the research on a separate page written in terms understandable to lay people. **Center the project title over the text. (Please be sure to place your name in the upper right hand corner).** **If the proposal is funded**, this material may be used in NARSAD announcements;
 - (c) **Proposal** - a maximum of two pages to describe the project background and progress to date, clearly specify hypotheses, and outline the research plan. An absolute maximum of two pages standard type, with no appendices, is required (figures, tables, diagrams, et. al., must be included within this page limit);
 - (d) **References (optional)** - a separate page listing up to 10 bibliographical references;
 - (e) **Budget** - a separate page of the budget description specifying the amount requested with a brief justification. Requests must not exceed \$50,000 per year. Specific assurance that receipt of this award will not result in duplication of funding is required. Other support (received or pending) must be included;
 - (f) **Collaborator Letter (optional)** - letters of commitment from essential project collaborators (**not solely letters of reference**), addressed to the applicant briefly explaining the specific contribution and confirming a willingness to collaborate (only necessary if applicant will utilize collaborators). The scanned document/s depicting a signature should be submitted electronically;
 - (g) **CV – NIH-style biosketch or biography portion of the CV and bibliography. The “Grant Support” section of the CV must specify competitive funding which meets eligibility requirements for this Award.**
- **** IRB approval for human and animal subjects must be verified **at time of award (do not include with application)**, as well as institutional acceptance of the NARSAD Terms of Award.
- **** In fairness to all applicants, supplemental material and material exceeding the specified length will not be considered in the review process. Letters of reference/support will be treated as supplemental material.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the NARSAD website (www.narsad.org). **E-mailed, faxed, or mailed applications will NOT be accepted. If the Institutional Assurance or collaborator letter(s) cannot be scanned with signature(s), send to:**

NARSAD, Research Grants (II 09)
 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 404
 Great Neck, NY 11021
 Phone: (516) 829-5576
 Fax: (516) 487-6930

E-mail: grants@narsad.org (answered daily)
 Website: www.narsad.org (application materials & electronic application)

MOST Program: Professional Development Workshops for the UBC Staff & Faculty

February 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00, free	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <u>Human Resources Management System</u> 1:00 – 4:00pm, free	10 <u>Email Etiquette,</u> 9am – 4pm, \$130	11	12	13	14
15	16 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00, free	17	18	19 <u>Standing Up For Yourself</u> 9am-4pm, \$130	20	21
22	23 <u>PC Coordinator Training</u> 9:30- 12:00, free	24 <u>BEST workplace language program</u> (A 12-week series) 2:00 – 5:00 pm, free	25	26 <u>Intuitive Painting</u> 9am-4pm, \$155 <u>BEST workplace language program</u> (A 12-week series) 2:00 – 5:00 pm, free	27	28

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March 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00, free	3 <u>Knowledge Management</u> , 9am- 4pm, \$130	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <u>Role of a Mediator</u> , 9am – 4pm, \$160	14
15	16 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00, free	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <u>PC Coordinator Training</u> 9:30- 12:00, free	31				

MOST Program: Professional Development Workshops for the UBC Staff & Faculty

April 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <u>Appreciative Writing Online</u> , \$130 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00 free	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <u>Moving from Peer to Leader1</u> , 9am – 4pm, \$195	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Purchase Cardholder Training</u> 10:00- 12:00, free	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <u>PC Coordinator Training</u> 9:30- 12:00, free	28	29	30		