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From: Office of the Vice-President Research & International

To: Associate Deans Research, President's Advisory Committee - Major Awards, Faculty Research Awards Committee, Liu Institute, Peter Wall Institute, Hospital Affiliates, Award & Grant Facilitators.

Good afternoon everyone,

Please share the following information with Department Heads and Faculty Members:

Major external award deadlines are available on the VPRI webpage. **Active competitions are indicated by date:** <http://research.ubc.ca/vpri/external-award-deadlines>

Departments/units/faculties/schools are also encouraged to consider the following external website for **discipline specific award opportunities**. The relevant agencies (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) are identified by award. Although several of the **major external awards** listed at this site are captured in the ongoing award communication from the VPRI Office, we are continuing to review this material. This information should be helpful to you as you build your own department award lists:

http://www.science.gc.ca/Enhancing_Global_Recognition_for_Canadian_Research_Excellence/Inventory_of_International_Awards-WS9B434E5F-1_En.htm

MAJOR RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES:

External Deadline	Award	Research Area(s)
Ongoing	Order of Canada	Multiple
November 30, 2013	Dan David Prize	Multiple
December 1, 2013 (Internal requirement exclusive to Institutional Nominations – please see award description)	Royal Society of Canada Fellowships	Multiple
December 1, 2013	Molson Prize	Social Sciences, Humanities
December 1, 2013	John G. Diefenbaker Award	Social Sciences, Humanities
December 1, 2013	Kavli Prize	Health & Life Sciences (neuroscience) Physical & Engineering Sciences (astrophysics, nanoscience)
December 2, 2013	Manning Innovation Awards	Multiple
December 15, 2013	The Gruber Prizes	Health & Life Sciences, Physical &

		Engineering Sciences
January 10, 2014	Volvo Environment Prize	Natural Sciences
January 31, 2014	Gerda Henkel Prize	Humanities (Historical)
February 1, 2014	RSC Awards & Medals	Multiple
February 3, 2014	Distinguished Academic Awards	Multiple
February 28, 2014	Timothy R. Parsons Medal	Natural Sciences

Effective Nomination Tracking: Tracking UBC's participation in **major external award competitions** is an institutional priority. If you are planning to submit a nomination for one of the major external opportunities listed, please advise the Faculty Awards Coordinator so nomination activity can be effectively and confidentially tracked.

THE ORDER OF CANADA – The Governor General of Canada

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=14944>

Description: All Canadians are eligible to be nominated for the Order of Canada, with the exception of federal and provincial politicians and judges while in office. There are no posthumous appointments. Officers and Members may be elevated within the Order in recognition of further achievement, based on continued exceptional or extraordinary service to Canada. Usually, promotions are considered five years after the first appointment.

DAN DAVID PRIZE - Dan David Foundation (Tel Aviv University)

Deadline: November 30, 2013

Website: <http://dandavidprize.org/about/about-the-prize>

Description: The Dan David Prize recognizes and encourages innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms. It aims to foster universal values of excellence, creativity, justice, democracy and progress and to promote the scientific, technological and humanistic achievements that advance and improve our world. Prizes are granted to individuals or institutions with proven, exceptional, distinct excellence in the sciences, arts, and humanities that have made an outstanding contribution to humanity. Three prizes are awarded in selected fields within the three Time Dimensions - Past, Present and Future.

This year's themes are:

Past: "History and Memory." The 2014 Dan David Prize in the field of History will be awarded to an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of the interplay between history and memory, and between contemporary perceptions and narratives of the past.

Present: "Combatting Memory Loss." The 2014 Dan David Prize for the Present Time Dimension in the field of Combatting Memory Loss will be awarded to an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of memory loss and continues to pioneer the way forward to finding a solution.

Future: "Artificial Intelligence." The 2014 Dan David Prize for the Future Time Dimension in the field of Artificial Intelligence will be awarded to an outstanding individual who has made a ground breaking, significant contribution to any major aspect of Artificial Intelligence and continues to advance this field.

Research Area(s): Multiple

US\$ 1 million

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA FELLOWSHIPS - The Royal Society of Canada

Deadline: December 1, 2013

Internal Requirement: If would like to pursue an institutional nomination, please contact the VPRI Office brenda.carrier@ubc.ca as soon as possible.

Website: <https://rsc-src.ca/en/fellows/elections-nominations>

Description: "Fellows shall be persons whose intellectual achievements have been exceptional through a body of publications, intellectual endeavors or creative activities exhibiting original contributions in the arts, humanities or sciences, as well as in public life. At the time of their election they shall be Canadian citizens or have been Canadian residents for the past three years. Election to the Society is the highest honour that can be attained by scholars, artists and scientists in Canada".

Note: There are two distinct routes by which candidates may be nominated for election to the Society:

- 1) Candidates may be nominated by a **Fellow**, and the nomination shall be supported, in most cases, by two other nominators.
- 2) Candidates may also be nominated by **Institutional Members**. The Primary Nominator for an Institutional Member nomination shall be the President or CEO of the university or organization. The nomination must, in most cases, be supported by two other nominators, neither of whom need be a Fellow of the Society. **Institutional Members may nominate a maximum of three candidates per year. Endorsements for Institutional Nominations are facilitated by Brenda Carrier in the VPRI Office.**

Research Area(s): Multiple

MOLSON PRIZES - Canada Council for the Arts & SSHRC

Deadline: December 1, 2013

Website: <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/molson/sg127237757005156250.htm>

Description: Two prizes are awarded annually to distinguished individuals. One prize is awarded in the arts, one in the social sciences and humanities. To be nominated, candidates must have made a substantial and distinguished contribution over a significant period. In the words of the deed of the gift, the prizes are intended "to encourage Canadians of outstanding achievement in the fields of the Arts, the Humanities or the Social Sciences to make further contribution to the cultural or intellectual heritage of Canada...." These terms of reference are interpreted as follows: candidates must have clearly demonstrated "outstanding achievement" in order to be nominated "further contribution" indicates that the candidates should still be active and productive. The prize is valued at \$50,000 CAD and is intended to encourage continuing contribution to the cultural and intellectual heritage of Canada.

Research Area(s): Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities

JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER AWARD - Canada Council for the Arts

Deadline: December 1, 2013

Website: <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/en/council/grants-and-prizes/find-grants-and-prizes/prizes/john-g-diefenbaker-award>

The John G. Diefenbaker award is given annually, and it enables a distinguished German scholar to spend time in Canada, which may include brief periods in the United States. While research must be the primary activity during the award period, the award recipient will be encouraged to participate in the teaching activities of the host institution and to interact with the research communities in Canada and the United States by visiting other institutions. The teaching and institutional visiting activities are intended to broaden the impact of the award recipient's visit, while enriching the visitor's experience. The total amount of the award is \$95,000 CAD.

Research Area(s): Social Sciences, Humanities

KAVLI PRIZE

The Kavli Foundation

Deadline: December 1, 2013

Website: <http://www.kavliprize.no/artikkel/vis.html?tid=27134>

Description: The Kavli Prize recognizes scientists for their seminal advances in three research areas: astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience. Prizes are awarded in each of these scientific fields. The prize was established to recognize outstanding scientific research and to honour highly creative scientists. The aim of the award is to promote public understanding of scientists and their work and foster international cooperation among scientists. The prize consists of \$1,000,000 USD, a scroll and a gold medal for each scientific field.

Research Area(s): Health & Life Sciences (neuroscience) Physical & Engineering Sciences (astrophysics, nanoscience).

MANNING INNOVATION AWARDS

Ernest C. Manning Innovation Awards Foundation

Deadline: December 2, 2013

Website: <http://www.manningawards.ca/about-the-foundation>

Description: By means of a nomination, Canadian resident citizens, who have demonstrated recent innovative talent in developing and successfully marketing a new concept, process or procedure, may be eligible for one of these awards: Encana Principal Award (\$100,000), David E. Mitchell Award of Distinction (\$25,000), Innovation Awards (2 at \$10,000). The last award is available to citizens without the benefit of research facilities or advanced education.

Research Area(s): Multiple

THE GRUBER PRIZES – The International Prize Program

The Gruber Foundation

Deadline: December 15, 2013

Website: <http://gruber.yale.edu/gruber-prizes>

Description: The International Prize Program honors individuals in the fields of Cosmology, Genetics, and Neuroscience, whose groundbreaking work provides new models that inspire and enable fundamental shifts in knowledge and culture. Recipients of the three prizes (Cosmology, Genetics or Neuroscience) each receive a gold medal and unrestricted cash prize of \$500,000 USD.

Research Area(s): Health & Life Sciences, Physical & Engineering Sciences

VOLVO ENVIRONMENT PRIZE – The Volvo Environment Prize Foundation

Deadline: January 10, 2014

Website: <http://www.environment-prize.com/content/view/47/55/>

Description: The Volvo Environment Prize Foundation invites universities, research institutes, scientists and engineers as well as other individual and organizations to submit nominations for the Volvo Environment Prize. The prize is awarded for "Outstanding innovations or scientific discoveries which in broad terms fall within the environmental field". Priority is given to an individual or to a group of named individuals, rather than to institutions. The prize has been awarded to 40 persons. The Laureates include many well-known names, of which three are Nobel Prize Winners. The prize consists of a diploma, a glass sculpture and a cash award of \$209,000 USD.

Research Area(s): Natural Sciences

THE GERDA HENKEL PRIZE – The Gerda Henkel Foundation

Deadline: January 31, 2014

Website: <http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/prize>

Description: The Gerda Henkel Prize is awarded every two years to excellent and internationally acclaimed researchers who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement in the disciplines and funding areas supported by the Foundation and can be expected to continue to do so.

The object of the Foundation is to promote science, primarily by supporting specific projects in the field of the humanities that have a specific specialist scope and are limited in time and the related publications, in particular by supporting research projects by scholars inside and outside Germany on carefully defined themes in the humanities, by awarding scholarships (in particular for research and Ph.D. projects) to scholars inside and outside

Germany, by undertaking and supporting measures on a scientific basis in the field of monument preservation as well as by undertaking and supporting all measures that are suited to further the object of the Foundation, by carrying out measures to enhance public awareness in the above-mentioned fields that support the Foundation's object.

Support is primarily provided for the historical humanities, in particular to support research projects in the following fields:

- Archaeology/Art History/Historical Islamic Studies/History/History of Law/History of Science/Prehistory
Early History

Self-nominations cannot be accepted. The Gerda Henkel Prize is worth 100,000 euros. The prize money may be used at the winner's discretion.

Research Area(s): Humanities (Historical)

RSC AWARDS & MEDALS

The Royal Society of Canada

Deadline: February 1, 2014

Website: <http://rsc-src.ca/en/institutional-members/medals-awards/rsc-medals-awards>

Description: To attain its objectives, RSC recognizes excellence as well as outstanding achievements and contributions to knowledge, research and innovation in Canada by awarding medals and prizes. RSC has traditionally administered endowed and sponsored awards, generally named to honour past Fellows. These awards are not limited to Fellows and are open to any candidate for achievements in either or both official languages in a wide spectrum of disciplines: in Science and Technology, in the Social Sciences, and in the Humanities. Twenty-one Society awards are **offered on an annual or biennial basis** and consist of either medals or scrolls, some of them with cash prizes.

Research Area(s): Multiple

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AWARDS – Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC (CUFA BC)

Deadline: February 3, 2014

Website: <http://www.cufa.bc.ca/awards>

Description: The Distinguished Academic Awards recognize academic staff members of British Columbia public universities who have made outstanding contributions to the community through their academic work. All forms of research and scholarly activity that contribute to the community beyond the academy are eligible for consideration. Three awards are adjudicated: the Career achievement Award, the Academic of the Year Award and the early in Career Award.

Research Area(s): Multiple

TIMOTHY R. PARSONS MEDAL – Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Deadline: February 28, 2014

Website: <http://www.cmos.ca/parsonsdetailse.html>

Description: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has established the Timothy R. Parsons Award for excellence in Ocean Sciences to recognize a Canadian scientist for outstanding lifetime contributions to multidisciplinary facets of ocean sciences or for a recent exceptional achievement, while working within a Canadian institution.

Research Area(s): Ocean Sciences

Kind regards,
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