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1. Clinical Faculty Development Workshop & Dinner – September 6, 2007

Dear Clinical Faculty:

The Department of Psychiatry is excited to welcome new Clinical Faculty members by holding a special workshop and dinner at the University Golf Club on September 6, 2007 at 5:30pm.

Designed for both new and long-standing faculty, the workshop will explain the promotion process and the best way to track teaching service and incorporate it into a teaching dossier.

Keeping in mind that the deadline for submission of appointments, promotions and annual reports for the academic year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) is October 1, 2007 this event comes at a great time.

All Clinical Faculty members are encouraged to attend!

To attend this event please RSVP to Nancy Briones at Nancy.Briones@vch.ca.

2. Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop: Simon Fraser University – September 12 - 14, 2007

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop will be held at Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, September 12 - 14, 2007. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly. Please forward, post, and distribute this e-mail to your colleagues and listservs.

All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. For more information call (213) 817 - 5308 or visit The Grant Institute at www.thegrantinstitute.com.

Please find the program description at the link below:

www.thegrantinstitute.com

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1) On-Line - Complete the online registration form at under Register Now. We'll send your confirmation by e-mail.

2) By Phone - Call (213) 817 - 5308 to register by phone. Our friendly Program Coordinators will be happy to assist you and answer your questions.

3) By E-mail - Send an e-mail with your name, organization, and basic contact information to info@thegrantinstitute.com and we will reserve your slot and send your Confirmation Packet.

3. Strategic Project Grants Supplemental Competition (SPG-SC) – October 1, 2007 Deadline

We would be grateful for your support in alerting researchers to a unique funding opportunity. I am referring to the [Strategic Project Grants Supplemental Competition \(SPG-SC\)](#), recently launched by NSERC in response to the federal government's new science and technology strategy.

Unlike the regular Strategic Project Grants program, that cover seven strategic areas, the Supplemental Competition is tailored to the three federal priorities for the natural sciences and engineering (NSE): sustainable energy systems, healthy environment and ecosystems, and advanced communications and management of information. Importantly, in these three areas, we have expanded the research topics to interest a wider group of applicants.

Our goal with this one-time initiative, for which applications are due October 1, is to attract as many new researchers as possible to Strategic Projects. To that end, we have modified the usual conditions for Strategic Projects to make it easier for researchers to apply for funding under the supplemental competition.

Specifically, in the first year of the two-year Supplemental Competition grants, we are waiving the usual requirement that applicants partner with non-academic organizations. However, they must subsequently find a partner to qualify for the second instalment. (NSERC can assist with partnering through its regional offices located in Moncton, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and its new [Strategic Workshops Program](#).)

Another aim of this special competition is to encourage and fund collaboration with others beyond the natural sciences and engineering disciplines – including medical and social scientists, and humanists. This is consistent with the federal government's policy commitment to stimulate greater cooperation among the research communities of the federal granting agencies.

Lastly, one of the more encouraging aspects of SPG-SC is that we anticipate higher success rates relative to the regular SPG competitions held in the past. This will undoubtedly be welcome news for potential applicants.

Please accept my thanks in advance for spreading the word in your university about the Supplemental Competition. With your support, we are confident that the research community will respond enthusiastically to this special opportunity.

Sincerely,

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