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1. 2008 CIHR OPERATING GRANT APPLICATION ON RESEARCHNET – UBC APPROVAL PROCESS

Applicants applying to the 2008 CIHR Operating Grants will be required to use ResearchNet to electronically submit their applications.

For important information on the UBC eSubmission approval process please visit: <http://www.ors.ubc.ca/policies/sigpol.htm>

2. CIHR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Complete Application Policy & Peer Review News

CIHR is enforcing its policy on complete applications

Effective September 1, 2008, applications submitted to CIHR that do not contain all of the necessary information as described within the Funding Opportunity description and corresponding application forms will be withdrawn from the competition process. CIHR will assume no responsibility in following up with applicants who submit incomplete applications. The entire responsibility to ensure completeness of the application submitted to CIHR (including all required signatures) will rest with the applicant. Applications submitted late will also not be accepted.

Please refer to the "CIHR Policy on Complete Applications - FAQ" for further information. (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36729.html>)

Peer Review News

Note that the mandates for the following Operating Grants Program committees have been revised effective July 22, 2008:

- * Children's Health (CHI);
- * Genomics (GMX);
- * Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (MI);
- * Neurosciences - A & B (NSA and NSB); and
- * Respiratory Systems (RS).

Please consult the committee mandates on CIHR's website at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/4657.html> before indicating your first and second choice of peer review committee.

3. OPERATING GRANT: FALL 2008 PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENT (SPECIFIC RESEARCH AREAS)

- * Musculoskeletal Health, Arthritis, Skin and Oral Health
- * Ovarian Cancer (Bridge-Funding)

Musculoskeletal Health, Arthritis, Skin and Oral Health (Updated: 2008-07-23)

CIHR Link: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=522&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true#30>

Registration August 15, Application deadline September 15

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4. NEW APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR SSHRC POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM AND NSERC COLLABORATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECTS PROGRAM

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) are pleased to inform you of improvements to our application submission process. This August, we will introduce a pilot online application system for the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships Program and the NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects.

Launch - The pilot initiative is limited to the two programs noted below.

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships

Applicants will be able to access the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships application on the SSHRC Web site on August 6, 2008. Application modules concerning the institutional nomination, research appraisal and letters of appraisal will be activated on September 2, 2008. The SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship **application deadline has been adjusted to October 15, 2008** to permit sufficient time for applicants to submit these modules with their applications.

NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects

The NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects application will be available on the NSERC Web site on August 15, 2008. The institutional portal for CHRP application hosting organizations will follow on August 20th.

Canadian Common CV

A critical component of this new system is full integration with the Canadian Common CV.

As part of the application submission process, both SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships and NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects applicants will be required to fill out the Canadian Common CV. Access to the Canadian Common CV will be available from the Council Web sites.

Our Commitment to Service

NSERC and SSHRC are committed to improving client service. We are standing by to help you with any technical issues you may encounter. We value and encourage your feedback as we evaluate the system and tailor it to best meet your needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact us:

On-line Service Helpdesk: support-soutien@eams-sego.gc.ca

Telephone Helpdesk: 613-995-4273

Please see website for more information:

NSERC: http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=toc_a

SSHRC:

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/fellowships/postdoctoral_e.asp

5. THE BRAIN RESEARCH CENTRE – RESEARCH DAY ON NEURONAL GROWTH, GUIDANCE, AND MORPHOLOGICAL PLASTICITY

The Brain Research Centre presents the Research Day on Neuronal Growth, Guidance, and Morphological Plasticity on **Saturday, September 6th, 2008** in the Life Sciences Centre at UBC.

For more information and to register for the event visit <http://www.brain.ubc.ca/ResearchDays.php>. Registration closes Tuesday, September 2nd, 2008. Please note that entrance to the event is only via the west doors to the Life Sciences Centre.

Research Day Agenda:

- 8:30 am** Registration and Coffee (West Atrium)
- 8:55 am** Dr. Max Cynader, Director, Brain Research Centre, Introduction
- Session Chair: Harald Hutter, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University
- 9:00 am** Dr. Tim Gómez, Department of Anatomy, University of Wisconsin Medical School, “Control of Adhesion and Retinotopic Mapping by Focal Adhesion Kinase”
- 9:45 am** Dr. John Church, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences, UBC, “Regulation of early neurite morphogenesis by the Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger NHE1”
- 10:15 am** Coffee (West Atrium)
- Session Chair: Stephanie Borgland, Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, UBC
- 10:45 am** Dr. Sarah McFarlane, Department of Cell Biology & Anatomy, University of Calgary, “Axon guidance at an intermediate target: Should I stay or should I go now”
- 11:30 am** Dr. Kurt Haas, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences, UBC, “Dendrite Growth and Guidance”
- 12:00 pm** Lunch (West Atrium)
- Session Chair: Shernaz Bamji, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences, UBC

- 1:00 pm** Dr. Tim O'Connor, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences, UBC, "Understanding neural circuit plasticity: Neurite sprouting is repressed by calpain"
- 1:30 pm** Dr. Liqun Luo, Department of Biology, Stanford University, "Probing Neural Circuits Using Genetic Mosaics"
- 2:15 pm** End of Event

6. 2008-2009 Full Faculty Meetings

This is to advise that the 2008-2009 Full Faculty Meetings will be held on the following dates:

- (1) Thursday, November 27, 2008 between 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the
Lecture Theatre, Gordon & Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre
with videoconferencing to UVic MSB150 & UNBC Room 9-370 NHSC

- (2) Monday, May 11, 2009 between 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the
Lecture Theatre 1, Life Science Centre, UBC Point Grey Campus
with videoconferencing to UVic MSB150 & UNBC Room 9-370 NHSC

This information is also available at
http://www.med.ubc.ca/about_us/org_gov/full_faculty.htm.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

7. Dr. Paul Dagg's Recent Appointment

Psychiatrist Receives New Appointment with Royal College Committee.

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Dagg, Clinical Director, Tertiary Mental Health Services, on his recent appointment as Vice Chair to the Specialty Committee on Psychiatry for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The committee advises on specialty-specific content issues such as standards, credentials, evaluation and accreditation. His prestigious appointment comes after spending a year as the representative to this committee for B.C. and Alberta.

"I am pleased to take on this additional role with the Royal College. It is important that the experience of psychiatrists working outside of large urban centres and universities is represented in discussions about psychiatric training in Canada," says Dr. Dagg.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is the national, not-for-profit organization that oversees the medical education of specialists in Canada by setting high standards for post-graduate medical education and continuing professional development. In collaboration with health organizations and government agencies, the Royal College also plays a role in developing sound health policy in Canada.

8. Library Workshops - REFWORKS & PUBMED

These workshops are for researchers at all levels. Hope you can come!

- **July 29th** - RefWorks for the Sciences (special note: location is Koerner Library)
- **August 19th** - PubMed, Ovid, MEDLINE: what's it all about?

To register for these and other workshops, please see this link:

<http://toby.library.ubc.ca/booking/searchevents.cfm?seriesid=-550564776>