

2009.02.27 General Communications Bulletin

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1. TRI-UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

May 13th, 2009

UBC Department of Psychiatry will host a one day symposium at UBC to showcase research being done in the department and the international collaborate sites such as *Seoul National University* in Korea, the *Institute of Psychiatry* in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at the *University of Porto Alegre* in Brazil.

The exact location and program details will be available in the near future.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 24th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

June 11th, 2009

Join your colleagues and trainees to hear about latest research being conducted at UBC.

There will be opportunities for oral and poster presentations. Present your best research work and get the award (A total of four Awards for best poster and best oral presentations will be available).

Abstract submission deadline for trainees is **April 24th, 2009**.

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3. MESSAGE FROM VP RESEARCH RE: CANADA-CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP (CCSIP)

As you know, the Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP; www.ccsip.org) is hosting its first Call for Proposals (CFP). I know this Call has generated some interest on campus, and that many of you are working on Letters of Intent (LOI), due Friday, February 27, 2008 at 2PM PST.

At this stage, 21 participating Canadian universities and the University of California system have committed funds to this initiative (although, the CCSIP Steering Committee aims to secure government funding or support for bilateral activities in future). As such,

I need to have a clear idea of how many LOI's will engage UBC researchers and the total funding requested.

Please inform me by this coming Monday, February 23rd, if you are leading a proposal, or are participating in a proposal led by another university, and the budget you will request under the CCSIP CFP.

I would remind you that I must approve all proposals involving UBC researchers, or they will not be considered. It is not my intention to exclude any proposals from our university; however I must evaluate the potential demand for planning purposes. Please note: I do not require a complete LOI by Monday; however I would like to gain a high-level overview of your intentions.

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a conference call on the CCSIP CFP next **Monday, February 23 from 8-9AM PST.**

This session will provide a brief overview of the CFP and create an open forum for questions for those who are considering applications. Please find logistics below:

Monday, February 23, 2009

8-9AM PST

Local (Vancouver): 604.899.2339

North America: 1.877.385.4099

Access code: 4562929#

Additional information about this CFP, including application instructions and an FAQ, may be found online at: <http://www.ccsip.org/programs.html> . The deadline for **Letters of Intent is Friday, February 27th, 2PM PST.**

The novel initiatives that emerge from this program will provide a strategic agenda for enhanced cooperation between Canada and California in priority areas, creating a unique opportunity for our researchers– and our university. I hope you will join us next Monday, February 23rd.

Best regards,

John Hepburn
Vice-President Research

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4. UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Distinguished Medical Research Lecturers - Call for Nominations

Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2009

Each year, two Faculty Lectureships are held, one from the basic sciences and one from clinical sciences. The Research Council Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Medical Research Lectures. Nominations in either or both categories are encouraged.

Please provide a supporting letter signed by 2 nominees who should be Faculty members in the Faculty of Medicine, and a copy of the candidate's up-to-date curriculum vitae. Candidates should be senior Faculty members with a distinguished research career.

For more details please visit the FoM website at
<http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/gad/dfo/dml.htm>

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5. WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION CANADA (WD), CANADIAN HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL ASSOCIATION (CHFCA), NRC-IRAP, & NSERC (see attached)

Cleantech Innovation Workshop

Date: **March 2, 2009**
Time: 8:00 am – 1:30 pm
Location: NRC-Institute for Fuel Cell Innovation (NRC-IFCI)
4250 Wesbrook Mall, UBC, Vancouver
Phone: (604) 221-3000

Registration (required): lkirbach@chfca.ca

Please find attached an invitation and overview of an upcoming workshop on programs available to assist companies and academics conducting research on clean energy technologies. This workshop is organized through a collaboration of CHFCA (Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association), NRC-IRAP, NSERC, and Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD).

Please see attachment for details.

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6. THE CANADIAN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CHSRF)

Health Services Research Advancement Award

Deadline: March 12, 2009

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the 2009 [Health Services Research Advancement Award](#).

This award is aimed at any individual, team, or organization that has contributed significantly to the advancement of the health services research community in Canada.

Winners receive a certificate and \$10,000 for use in the advancement of health services research in a way designated by the winner.

Nominations must be submitted using the Foundation's nomination form. To receive the form in electronic format, please send an e-mail to grantsandawards@chsr.ca.

For more details please visit their website:

http://www.chsr.ca/funding_opportunities/hsraa/index_e.php

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7. NATIONAL KILLAM AWARDS PROGRAM

Question & Answer Session with Peter Morand, Special Advisor to the Killam Trusts and to the Canada Council for the Arts

Date: **March 19, 2009**
Time: 10:30-11:30 am
Location: Board and Senate Room
Old Administration Building

Please RSVP to fred.woo@ubc.ca

Purpose of Visit to Canadian Universities

**Peter Morand, Special Advisor, Killam Program
The Canada Council for the Arts**

I welcome the opportunity to speak with professors, deans and university research administrators in Canadian universities to promote the national Killam Program at the Canada Council for the Arts. The Program includes the Killam Research Fellowships and the Killam Prizes.

I normally begin with a thirty minute general presentation on the Killam Program. This includes historical and statistical information, explanations on eligibility and application requirements, tips on how to improve one's application and information on the electronic filing process. This is basically an interactive presentation, and I encourage people to ask questions as I go. My general presentation is followed by a question and answer period to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to ask questions.

I will be available after the presentation to meet with potential candidates or past applicants for ~10 minutes each to discuss more specific questions they may have on their own application. The deans and research administrators may also wish a meeting, either together or individually.

KILLAM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS are offered on a competitive basis to support distinguished Canadian Researchers, normally full professors in Canadian universities, in any of the following broad fields: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences, engineering and studies linking any of the disciplines within these broad fields. Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada may hold the Fellowships. They are "release time" fellowships, which provide two years of full release from teaching and administrative duties. The fellowship funds are paid to the university or research institute that employs the fellow to relieve him or her of all teaching and administrative responsibilities while continuing to pay the fellow's full salary and benefits during the entire period of the fellowship.

KILLAM PRIZES: Up to five prizes of \$100,000 each are given annually to eminent Canadian scholars in recognition of distinguished career achievement in the natural sciences, health sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities respectively. Nominees must be Canadian citizens.

Consult our web site at <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/killam/>

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8. EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN CANADA – SCIENTIFIC SERVICE (see attached)

Travel Grants Program

Deadline: March 23, 2009

Invitations in France for tenured Researchers

Financial support is offered by the French Embassy for Canadian researchers who wish to undertake short term visits to France within the framework of ongoing projects between French and Canadian centres and institutions. The support is in the form of an air ticket provided by the French Government (stay expenses must be covered by the host institution or by the researcher). This aid is also extended to visits (limited in number) of senior researchers for initiating and developing joint collaboration programmes between France and Canada in priority areas. The length of the visit shall not exceed four weeks.

The applicants must have a tenured position in a research institution.

For Application and guidelines please visit: www.ambafrance-ca.org/spip.php?article2591

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9. THE UBC LUNG CENTRE

BC Lung Health Forum

Date: **March 26-28, 2009**
Location: Sheraton Wall Centre
 Vancouver, BC

BC Lung Health Forum invites you to a combination of meetings enabling superb opportunity for UBC Lung Health affiliated physicians, scientists, fellows and graduate students to showcase lung related research carried out in BC providing a forum for professional development.

Under this umbrella we have four meetings as well as a poster competition as a part of the Research Day event. All these events are at our website

<http://www.centreforlunghealth.ca/events.php>

- [2nd Annual UBC Centre For Lung Health Research & Policy Day](#)
- [6th Annual Air Quality & Health Workshop](#)
- [11th Annual Respiratory Medicine Update](#)
- [Patient Forum-Network & Learn](#)

Poster Competition

Centre for Lung Health Research Day -Poster Competition -**March 26th**, Thursday

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10. UBC / NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

How to become a successful NIH grant recipient Workshop

Date: **March 30, 2009**
Time: 9 to Noon; lunch and networking to follow
Location: Point Grey; venue TBD

Faculty are cordially invited to attend the upcoming NIH Interactive Workshop. The goal of this session is to provide the latest updates from NIH, funding priorities and eligibility of applicants from international institutions. Included in the session is discussion of the best approach to making a NIH application, online final submission updates and discussion of the NIH peer review process. Faculty will have the opportunity to share experiences and discuss best approaches.

Guest Speakers:

- Bruce Butrum, NIH
- Dr. Jim Konstad, UBC
- Dr. Phil Hieter, UBC (NIH peer review committee member)

To register please go to <http://www.research.ubc.ca/EventView.aspx?eventID=218>

If you have any questions about this event please contact the Health Research Resource Office (samudra.dissanayake@ubc.ca or burdena.shea@ubc.ca)

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11. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

FY09 DOD Prostate Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities

The Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$80 million to the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) to fund research that will eliminate Prostate Cancer. This program is administered by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). A summary of PCRP funding opportunities is

provided below. Detailed descriptions of each of the funding mechanisms, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the FY09 PCR Program Announcements.

Program Announcements are available electronically for downloading from the Grants.gov website (<<http://www.grants.gov>>), the CDMRP website (<<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pcrp.htm>>) and the CDMRP eReceipt Website (<https://cdmrp.org>)

Submission Deadlines and Links:

Collaborative Undergraduate HBCU Student Summer Training Program Award

(<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45266>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Health Disparity Research Award

(<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45282>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Health Disparity Training Award

(<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45283>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Idea Development Award

(<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44923>)

Pre-Application Pre-Proposal: **March 3, 2009**

Proposal: **June 10, 2009**

New Investigator Award

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45257>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Physician Research Training Award

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45263>)

Pre-Application letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Population Based Idea Development Award

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45265>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Prostate Cancer Training Award

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45262>)

Pre-Application Letter of Intent: **April 29, 2009**

Proposal: **May 20, 2009**

Synergistic Idea Development Award

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44924>)

Pre-Application Pre-Proposal: **March 3, 2009**

Proposal: **June 10, 2009**

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12. NSERC

a) **Brockhouse Canada Prize – Call for Nominations** (see attached)

Deadline: May 1, 2009

Complete information is posted on the NSERC Web site at http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/CFS-PCP/CWSE-CFSG_eng.asp

If you have any questions or wish to discuss submitting a proposal, please contact Monika Michalska at 613-995-8124 or monika.michalskar@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

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13. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CIHR

Following the January 26, 2009 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada tabled its 2009 Budget, Canada's Economic Action Plan in the House of Commons on January 27. The Budget outlined the Government's economic stimulus package designed to bolster the Canadian economy and provide support for Canadians as the world's economies work through the current economic crisis. The Budget 2009 speech and documents can be found on the Finance Canada website at: <http://www.fin.gc.ca>.

Research plays a key role in improving the health of Canadians. That's why, over the past three years, the Government has increased the annual base budget of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) by over \$142 million. This year CIHR plans to spend approximately \$917 million on peer-reviewed health research projects conducted at universities, hospitals and research centres across Canada.

I have summarized below the details of Budget 2009 as it relates to CIHR.

First, CIHR will receive \$35M over the next three years for Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) to fund an additional 200 doctoral scholarships, valued at \$35,000 each per year for three years beginning in 2009-10, and an additional 400 master's scholarships, valued at \$17,500 each for one year, in both 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Second, Budget 2009 also provided the results of the Government's Strategic Review process. CIHR was one of the 21 Government Departments and Agencies that undertook a Strategic Review of its programs and services. The objective of the process was to assess whether programs:

- are effective and efficient;
- meet the priorities of Canadians; and
- are aligned with federal responsibilities.

The results of the process are as follows:

- CIHR funding of the Open Team Grant program will be discontinued. To respect current commitments, reductions will be phased in over the next three years with \$1.5M in 2009-10, \$5.5M in 2010-11, and \$27.6M in 2011-12 and thereafter; and
- Funding for the Intellectual Property Mobilization (IPM) program will be discontinued. To respect CIHR's current commitments, the annual reductions of \$2M will commence in 2010-11 and end in 2011-12.

In addition, funding under the Indirect Costs Program will be reduced in proportion to reductions in the above direct cost programs. The relative ratio of funding for the direct and indirect costs will therefore remain essentially the same as prior to the Strategic Review.

In summary, taking into account the new investments for the Canada Graduate Scholarships and the strategic reallocations, CIHR's budget for 2009-10 will increase by \$12.5M, bringing our total budget to \$978.8M.

Sincerely,

Alain Beaudet, MD, PhD
President
Canadian Institutes of Health Research

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Western Economic
Diversification Canada

Diversification de l'économie
de l'Ouest Canada

CLEANTECH INNOVATION WORKSHOP

Date: March 2, 2009
Time: 8:00 am -1:30 pm
Location: NRC-Institute for Fuel Cell Innovation (NRC-IFCI)
4250 Wesbrook Mall, UBC, Vancouver BC
Phone: (604) 221-3000
Registration: lkirbach@chfca.ca
(required)

Event Summary

CHFCA (Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association), NRC-IRAP, NSERC, and Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD), are pleased to announce an upcoming workshop focusing on government programs available to assist companies and academics conducting research on clean energy technologies.

If your company or academic lab conducts R&D at any point on the discovery to commercialization continuum, you will benefit from attending this workshop to learn more about financial and business-oriented advisory support, scientific tax credits, student internships, and the value of building strategic partnerships with BC's world-class academic researchers and cleantech companies.

In an informal and interactive setting, speakers from 8 different federal government agencies will discuss how their programs can offset the high cost of your R&D, provide technical and other support, and bring talented students and postdocs into your lab.

Agenda

8:00 am - 8:30 Sign In and Networking
8:30 - 9:40 Welcome (John Tak, President & CEO, CHFCA) and Speakers' Presentations
9:40 - 9:50 Break
9:50 - 11:10 Agency Breakouts, Round 1
11:10 - 11:20 Break
11:20 - 12:40 Agency Breakouts, Round 2
12:40 - 1:30 Lunch and Networking

Speakers

BDC Geoff Catherwood Director, Venture Capital
NSERC Pam Giberson Research & Innovation Development Officer
NRC-IRAP Olga Kargina Industrial Technology Advisor
WD Robert Grace Senior Business Officer
SR&ED Thomas Hu Research and Technology Manager
SDTC Paul Austin Manager, Stakeholder Relations
NRCan Shannon Miles Manager, Technology Innovation
MITACS Betsabeh Madani Director, Business Development



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EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN CANADA
SCIENTIFIC SERVICE

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2ND CALL FOR PROJECTS 2009

TRAVEL GRANTS PROGRAMME

Candidates can be **researchers** involved in scientific projects necessitating a Franco-Canadian collaboration or **administrators** willing to develop or facilitate joint programmes between research and/or higher education institutions.

This call for projects is open to **all scientific disciplines**. Priority will be given to projects with explicit descriptions of **how a Franco-Canadian collaboration will be beneficial** and that are supported by administrators involved in such issues as **governance, quality control, Bologna compliance, and double degrees**.

The Scientific Service will finance return airfare. **This call is only available outside of Quebec.**

Application and guidelines :

- Missions (France → Canada): <http://www.ambafrance-ca.org/spip.php?article2572>
- Invitations (Canada → France): <http://www.ambafrance-ca.org/spip.php?article2591>

DEADLINE :
(POSTMARK)
MARCH 23, 2009

**THE TRAVELS MUST TAKE PLACE IN 2009
NO EXTENSION TO 2010 WILL BE ALLOWED**

Scientific Service
Embassy of France in Canada
464 Wilbrod Street
K1N 6M8 Ottawa, On
CONTACT: Ms. Chataigner-Guidez
assistant.sciences@ambafrance-ca.org

FEBRUARY 2009

Call for Nominations: The Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering

I would like to invite you to nominate a research team for the **Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering**. The Prize recognizes interdisciplinary research excellence of the kind exemplified and inspired by the late Dr. Bertram N. Brockhouse, co-recipient of the 1994 Nobel Prize in Physics. It is awarded to an outstanding team of Canadian researchers from different disciplines who have combined their expertise to produce achievements of exceptional international significance in the natural sciences and engineering during the last six years.

The winning team is **awarded a \$250,000 research grant**, and each member receives a medal and a certificate. The grant is to be used for university-based research and to support the direct costs of the team's research and/or the enhancement of its research facilities.

Interdisciplinary research teams with a majority of members working in Canadian universities or public or private organizations are eligible. At least one member of the team must hold an NSERC grant. The names of the recipients will be announced at a public ceremony.

The nomination process and selection criteria are outlined on NSERC's Web site at www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/en/brockhouse. The nomination deadline is **May 1, 2009**. For additional information, you can contact us at **613-995-5829** or at brockhouse@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,



SUZANNE FORTIER
PRESIDENT, NSERC



Investing in people, discovery and innovation
Investir dans les gens, la découverte et l'innovation

DATE: February 12, 2009

TO: Vice Presidents of Research, Deans of Science and Engineering and
Deans of Graduate Studies at Universities in the B.C. and Yukon Region

FROM: Janet Walden, Vice President, Research Partnerships

RE: Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering

NSERC has issued a Call for Proposals to fill one Chair for Women in Science and Engineering in the British Columbia and Yukon Region. The goals of this chair program are to increase the participation of women in science and engineering and to provide role models for women active in and considering careers in these fields. Chairholders are expected to contribute up to 50 percent of their time to developing and implementing activities to address these goals.

At a time when more scientists and engineers are needed to increase Canada's competitiveness in the global economy, student enrolment in many engineering programs is declining. The proportion of women enrolled in engineering, math and the physical sciences has plateaued over the last five years or dropped drastically (e.g., in computer science, women made up 30 percent of undergraduate enrolments in the 1990s and is 12 percent currently). It is very important that we work to identify and understand the reasons why women are not seeking careers in these fields or are leaving the field before reaching their full potential, and then take steps to address the issues. Dynamic, interactive women prepared to work with a network of four other dedicated women academics who want to understand the challenges and make a difference, are needed to fill this chair position.

NSERC will match partner cash contributions of up to \$70,000 per year for each of five years of a chair's tenure towards the creation of the chair. Funds can be used to support the salary of the chair and her program of activities related to the chair.

Proposals are welcome from any Canadian university located in British Columbia or jointly from two or more institutions located within the province. Chair candidates must be women and must either hold a current NSERC Discovery Grant or be awarded one prior to taking up the chair. The deadline for receipt of proposals at NSERC **May 15, 2009**.

Complete information is posted on the NSERC Web site at http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/CFS-PCP/CWSE-CFSG_eng.asp. If you have any questions or wish to discuss submitting a proposal, please contact Monika Michalska at 613-995-8124 or monika.michalska@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.