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1. WORKSHOP – HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATION RESPECTFULLY

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009

Learn how to create trust and respect in the culture of your workplace, home and community by listening with empathy and expressing your needs honestly and accurately.

See

http://www.med.ubc.ca/about_us/Calendar_of_Events/February_2009.htm#workshop for more details on this workshop.

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2. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE – 2009 Awards for Initiatives in Health Promotion & Sustainability

Attached please find information and nomination form of the 2009 Awards for Initiatives in Health Promotion & Sustainability.

Please note that the deadline for submitting nominations of these awards has been extended to **Tuesday, February 10, 2009** (original deadline being Friday, January 23, 2009).

The attached information is also available at:

http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty_staff/awards/For_Faculty.htm;
http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty_staff/awards/For_Staff.htm and
http://www.med.ubc.ca/shared/assets/Health_promotion_awards8941.pdf.

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3. CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

CIHR Synapse Awards – Call for Nominations

Deadline: Friday, February 6, 2009

Each year, CIHR presents three awards that recognize the importance of mentors in developing Canada's new generation of scientists and engineers. These Synapse Awards honour mentors who have demonstrated excellence and made significant contributions to the promotion of health research among Canadian secondary-school students. Candidates must be official CIHR Synapse mentors at the time of the nomination. One of the awards, valued at \$10,000, is given to a health research group that has been active in youth outreach activities and is intended to support the group's future mentorship activities. The other two awards, worth \$5,000 each, are provided to an individual health researcher involved in youth outreach efforts and an individual master's student, doctoral student or

postdoctoral fellow who is likewise engaged in mentorship activities. All nominations must be received by CIHR on or before February 6, 2009.

For more information on CIHR Synapse (a youth outreach program), the Awards, or to fill out the nomination form visit:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32408.html>.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE VP RESEARCH OFFICE

RE: NCE Letters of Intent

Internal Signature deadline: Monday, February 23, 2009

On behalf of Dr. Don Brooks, please review this message in regard to any NCE LOI's being lead by UBC (as the host institution), in the upcoming NCE competition. Along with the research facilitators, Alison Ariss (Research Development Officer at UBC) is able to work with applicants to support the development of strong NCE Letters of Intent.

Although this may not pertain directly to each of you, the VPRO and ORS both want to ensure you are aware of this support and the internal deadlines, as we know there are many potential Letters of Intent being thought about by key researchers here at UBC. We want to advise everyone intending to lead an NCE from UBC of the internal signature deadline well in advance of the external submission date (Monday March 2nd), and to advise that they have Alison's support on behalf of VPRO and ORS in the development of their LOI applications. Support may also be provided for those who will play a key role (such as a theme leader) on NCE's applications initiated at other institutions.

The key points for the internal signature deadline are:

1. Both the proposed Scientific Director and the President must sign the first page of the application. To that end, an internal deadline has been set for Monday February 23rd, for the VP Research Office to receive the LOI application form for signature.
2. UBC Covering Letter: the NCE requires that the host institution provide a 2-page covering letter for the LOI. The VPRO feels this letter will be the best place in which to discuss all UBC-based contributions to the NCE. In order that all contributions may be highlighted in the covering letter, would you please ensure that if there are Faculty and/or Departmental contributions (in-kind and/or cash) to the UBC-led NCE LOI proposals, that the appropriate individual authorizes and confirms this contribution by email to both Don Brooks and Alison Ariss. They will then prepare the UBC covering letter for each PI's, which is to be signed by

the President. The internal deadline for the covering letter will also be Monday, February 23rd.

Finally, please note the NCE is hosting an Information Session on January 28th in Vancouver. If you have any questions that you would like to see brought to the NCE's attention and cannot attend the session, please let Alison know - she has been able to schedule a one-on-one meeting with NCE staff after the information session for this purpose.

If you have any questions in regard to the NCE competition, or would like support in the development of the NCE LOI, please feel free to contact Alison by phone at 26257 or by email at Alison.ariss@ors.ubc.ca

Thanks!
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5. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM (BCRP)

BCRP Predoctoral Traineeship Awards and Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards:

LOI Deadline: Wednesday, February 25, 2009
Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 2009

*Please note short timelines.

The following funding opportunity information may interest Predoctoral and Postdoctoral researchers interested in breast cancer funding. This opportunity may be of interest to bio-life, clinical, bio-engineering, epidemiology, behavioral, basic and social scientists considering breast cancer research funding.

Breast Cancer Research Program \$150 Million (the first two of eight funding mechanisms are offered: Predoctoral Traineeship Awards and Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards).

Program Announcement and Application Instructions:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/bcrp.htm>

Synopsis Table: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pdf/09bcrpreftable.pdf>

DEADLINES COMING UP FAST:

BCRP Predoctoral Traineeship Awards and Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards:

- Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) through <http://cdmrp.org/> required and due: February 25, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Confidential Letters of Recommendation through <http://cdmrp.org/> due: March 11, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Application through <http://www.grants.gov/> due March 11, 2009, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

During the next three weeks the six remaining funding mechanisms listed below will be released in BCRP Program Announcements. Full details on submissions including deadlines will be available in the Program Announcements. In the meantime: some preliminary information regarding eligibility, key mechanisms, maximum funding, and period of performance are available in the December 15 news release:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2008/09bcrrpreann.htm>

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) Partnership Training Awards (U.S. applications only)
- Era of Hope Scholar Awards
- Innovator Award
- Idea Awards
- Impact Awards
- Integrated Multi-Team Research Awards (New for 2009)

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6. 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/dfodml.htm>

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7. HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Research Synthesis in Economic Policy, Obesity and Health – Request for Proposals

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2009
Proposal Deadline: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP). The purpose of the RFP is to engage the services of a team of research consultants/contractors to conduct a synthesis of the global research evidence related to economic policies, obesity and health.

For more details please visit their [web site](#).

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8. WORKSAFEBC

Research Training Awards -- New Funding Opportunities for Occupational Health & Safety Research

2009 Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: Monday, March 16, 2009

The Research Secretariat of WorkSafeBC (the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia) is pleased to announce its 2009 competition for Research Training Awards. These awards are intended to enable highly qualified Masters and PhD students to undertake full-time research training with a focus on preventing and/or reducing occupational illness, injury and disability in British Columbia. Research projects must address WorkSafeBC's current research priorities to be eligible for consideration. The award consists of a \$20,000 stipend and a \$2,500 research and travel allowance. Awards will be made on the basis of academic standing, the proposed research project, the research training environment and the letters of reference.

For Research Training Award application forms and guides, please visit our [website](#).

Please Note: WorkSafeBC partners with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) to fund research trainees. Due to the postponement of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) funding program, students who would normally be eligible for MSFHR/WorkSafeBC Research Training Awards may apply directly to WorkSafeBC under this competition.

Proposals must fall under the following research priorities:

- [Occupational disease, injury and health services](#)
- [Intervention research](#)
- [Compensation, disability management and return-to-work](#)
- [Changing nature of work and work environment](#)
- [Transferring research knowledge to the workplace](#)

Further inquiries may be directed to the Research Secretariat at 604 244-6300, or e-mail resquery@worksafebc.com.

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9. UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Bluma Tischler Postdoctoral Fellowship – Call for Applications

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009

The Bluma Tischler Postdoctoral Fellowship Award is for MD or PhD graduates in Medicine, Biochemistry, Genetics, or associated disciplines carrying out research on the biochemical or genetic aspects of mental retardation or other neurologic disorders.

Award

\$20,400 for one year. Holders of the award may apply for a second year.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold the position of postdoctoral fellow at UBC for the duration of the fellowship (see [here](#) for criteria). No citizenship restrictions will be applied.

For more details please visit the FoM website:

http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/st_postdocs/st_dfo/bluma_tischler.htm

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10. 16TH ANNUAL CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Health Equity: Our Global Responsibility

Date: Sunday, October 25 to Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Location: Crowne Plaza Ottawa Hotel
101 Lyon St. N., Ottawa , ON , Canada

Canadians, as global citizens, first declared our commitment to health equity and social justice in 1948 with the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights; Canadians continue the commitment through our participation in the implementation of the Global Call to Action: Closing the Gap in One Generation. In spite of significant progress and improved health status over the last 60 years, as global citizens, we continue to be challenged to live up to our promise.

We have a responsibility to work toward health equity, social justice, and universal attainment of human rights. To be effective, communities - with governments, non-government organizations and the private sector - must work in partnership, with a common vision. Addressing the social determinants of health, such as, - security of food, shelter, safety, education, income, poverty, employment, and access to care - will create the necessary foundations for our solutions.

The 2009 Canadian Conference on International Health (CCIH) will examine inequities of health status, and the impact on the health of marginalized, vulnerable and Indigenous populations of changing environments, whether these changes are due to climate, technology, the economy or threats to human security.

We invite presentations exploring lessons learned and new ways of understanding health equity and social justice locally, nationally and globally. **The Call for Abstracts for Papers and Posters will be open on February 25, 2009.** Anticipated outcomes of the conference will be:

1. Evidence of improvements in social determinants and their impacts on health and social outcomes
2. Evidence of the impact of environmental technological and economic change on health equity
3. Consideration of the need for a paradigm shift in intersectoral policy and practice, locally, nationally and internationally
4. A summary of the current thought and discourse on Canada's responsibility, in Canada and globally, for health equity and social justice (addressing our original 1948 commitment), and proposed ways forward.

Addressing these challenges the **2009 Canadian Conference on International Health** will consist of daily plenary sessions, several topic-focused symposia, followed by a number of parallel "paper sessions" and a poster session/reception.

THEME AREAS (Note: Global, National and Local experiences will be welcome on each day)

Day 1: Ethics and Responsibility, Economics and Social Determinants

- § Economics: Achieving the MDGs: Hope or Despair
- § Ethics: Partnerships and Capacity
- § Social Determinants of Health: Evidence, Achievements and Challenges
- § Searching for Social Justice: Achievements and Challenges

Please see our website at www.csih.org for additional and updated information.

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