On May 15 and 16, Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia will co-host Dr. Carmen Gervais, Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards, for a series of talks and a workshop on the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP). Each talk is detailed below:

**“IT’S IN THE GUIDELINES: WRITING HFSP GRANT PROPOSALS”**

*A presentation for all career stages.*

Date: May 15, 2013  
Time: 10:30am-11:30am [45 minute talk followed by Q&A]  
Place: IRMACS Presentation Studio, SFU Burnaby

As a “niche” funding organization that addresses the paradox that science is international while its institutions and funding organizations are mostly nationally or even regionally organized, HFSP focuses funding on international and intercontinental scientific collaborations.

HFSP promotes international collaboration in the spirit of science without borders. Novel, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to basic research [with priority given to high risk research] are invited, with a focus on scientists who are early in their careers. This talk will explain the mission of HFSP, the common pitfalls that make applications unsuccessful and some practical advice on how to increase your odds of success.

**“IDENTIFY, FOCUS, SUCCEED: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE SEA OF FUNDING PROGRAMS AND PREPARE A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION.”**

*A Presentation for PhD Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows*

Date: May 15, 2013  
Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm [45 minute talk followed by Q&A]  
Place: IRMACS Presentation Studio, SFU Burnaby

Knowing what not to apply for is the first critical step in your career-long quest to secure research funding. This talk will explain the meaning behind the “application guidelines,” how evaluation criteria are applied, how peer review committees work, as well as tips on how to structure your application to increase your chances of success.
“That idea was brilliant, dude! Why wasn’t it funded?”

A workshop for PhD students thinking of applying for a Postdoctoral Award in 2013.

Date: May 16, 2013
Time: 9:00am-11:30pm
Place: IRMACS Meeting Room (Applied Science Building, Room 10908), SFU Burnaby
Registration: If you are interested in attending, please sign up here [http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/137669828]. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and your place in the workshop will be confirmed via email by April 25, 2013.

Gather insider information on what makes an application competitive in national and international competitions for postdoctoral fellowships. Two hour workshop; some preparatory work is required in advance of the workshop, instructions will be provided once registration is confirmed.

ABOUT DR. CARMEN GERVĀIS

Carmen Gervais joined HFSP on June 1, 2012 as the Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards. Prior to joining the HFSP secretariat, she was the Senior Advisor at the Canada Research Chairs secretariat in Ottawa, Canada. In this capacity she was involved in policy analysis, strategic planning and program management. Most recently she oversaw the development and implementation of the prestigious Canada Excellence Research Chairs program, launched in 2008.

Carmen has held various positions in government and was also a lecturer at the University of Ottawa. Carmen has served as a Director on the Board of Governors for the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, and has volunteered with various social support organizations.

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