Date: January 7, 2016

From: Office of the Vice-President Research & International

To: Associate Deans Research, President’s Advisory Committee - Major Awards, Faculty Research Awards Committee, Liu Institute, Peter Wall Institute, Hospital Affiliates, Award & Grant Facilitators.

Good afternoon everyone,

**Please share the following information with Department Heads and Faculty Members:**

**MAJOR RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES:**

The VPRI Office tracks and communicates about major external award opportunities. Please also visit this webpage for major award deadlines and updates: [https://research.ubc.ca/support-resources/awards-applications-nominations/external-awards-deadlines](https://research.ubc.ca/support-resources/awards-applications-nominations/external-awards-deadlines)

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**THE ORDER OF CANADA – The Governor General of Canada**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** All Canadians are eligible to be nominated for the Order of Canada, with the exception of federal and provincial politicians and judges while in office. Non-Canadians can be considered for “honorary” appointments if they have made a sustained and exceptional contribution to Canada. There are no posthumous appointments.

**Research area(s):** All Fields

**TIMOTHY R. PARSONS MEDAL – Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

**Deadline:** February 28, 2016

**Description:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) established the Timothy R. Parsons Award for excellence in Ocean Sciences to recognize a Canadian scientist for outstanding lifetime contributions to multidisciplinary facets of ocean sciences or for a recent exceptional achievement, while working within a Canadian institution or for the benefit of Canadian science.

**Research Area(s):** Ocean Sciences

**THE JAPAN PRIZE – The Japan Prize Foundation**

**Deadline:** February 29, 2016

**UBC Internal requirement:** Only invited nominators may submit nominations for the Japan Prize. Please contact brenda.carrier@ubc.ca to discuss a nomination.

**Description:** The Japan Prize consists of two major international prizes awarded to scientists and researchers who have made original and outstanding achievements in science and technology. Japan Prize laureates are recognized for contributing not only to the progress of science and technology but also to the peace and prosperity of mankind. Two prizes are awarded each year in designated fields.

**Research area(s):** Science & Technology, Life Sciences (2017 rotation)

**AWARDS & MEDALS – The Royal Society of Canada**

**Deadline:** March 1, 2016

**Description:** The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) offers a variety of prestigious medals and awards recognizing outstanding achievements of Canadian researchers. Eligible nominators must be Fellows of the RSC to nominate candidates for these honours, and Fellows are invited to nominate each year. Nominations for the awards must be made by either:

1. A Fellow of the RSC, plus two co-nominators; or
2. The president of the university, plus two co-nominators.

If a nomination is to be made by the President’s Office, the process of securing and acquiring the nomination letter will be facilitated by Brenda Carrier (VPRI Faculty Awards Officer). If interested, please contact Brenda by January 15.

**Research area(s):** Arts, Humanities, Natural and Social Sciences
BROCKHOUSE CANADA PRIZE – Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Description: Brockhouse Canada Prize (for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering) recognizes outstanding Canadian teams of researchers from different disciplines who have combined their expertise to produce achievements of outstanding international significance in the natural sciences and engineering in the last six years.
Research Area(s): Natural Sciences & Engineering

JOHN C. POLANYI AWARD – Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Description: The NSERC John C. Polanyi Award was created to recognize and support a university researcher or team of researchers whose work has led to a recent outstanding Canadian advance in a field of the natural sciences or engineering. The nominations will be judged on the significance and impact of the advance.
Research Area(s): Natural Sciences & Engineering

GERHARD HERZBERG CANADA GOLD MEDAL – Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Description: The NSERC Herzberg Medal will be awarded for both the sustained excellence and overall influence of a body of work conducted in Canada in the natural sciences or engineering. The nominee's work must demonstrate a high degree of expertise, creativity, imagination, leadership, perseverance and dedication. The nominations will be reviewed on the basis of contributions to the areas of the natural sciences or engineering served by NSERC.
Research Area(s): Natural Sciences & Engineering

THE ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA – The Order of BC Advisory Council
Deadline: March 4, 2016
Description: The Order of British Columbia is intended to honour any British Columbian (or former long-term resident) who has demonstrated a high level of individual excellence and achievement in any field, such as community leadership, business, labour, industry, volunteer service, research, culture, the arts, sports etc.
Research Area(s): All Fields
Download a copy of the Order of BC Guide ‘How to write a compelling nomination” at this link: http://www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca/frequently-asked-questions/

FELLOWSHIPS - THE CANADIAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES – The Council of Canadian Academies
Deadline: March 11, 2016
Description: The academy recognizes the full breadth of academic health science ranging from fundamental science to social science and population health. Fellows elected to the Academy will be well recognized by their peers nationally and internationally for their contributions to the promotion of health science. They will have demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and a commitment to advance academic health science.
Research Area(s): Health Sciences
**BALZAN PRIZE - International Balzan Prize Foundation**  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2016  
**Description:** The four Balzan Prizes, two per category, are awarded to scholars, artists and scientists who have distinguished themselves in their fields on an international level. The subject areas in which the awards are granted are rotated, and this special characteristic of the Balzan Prize ensures the promotion and recognition of new or emerging fields of study or research that may have been overlooked by other international awards.

The 2016 Balzan Prizes will be awarded in the following subjects:  
1. Comparative Literature  
2. International Relations: History & Theory  
3. Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, including neurodegenerative and developmental aspects  
4. Applied Photonics

**Research Area(s):** Health & Life Sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities, Physical & Engineering Sciences

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**FELLOWSHIPS – American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**  
**Deadline:** April 20, 2016  
**Description:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science is an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science for the benefit of all people. Election as a Fellow of AAAS is an honor bestowed upon members by their peers. Fellows are recognized for meritorious efforts to advance science or its applications. Only previously elected AAAS Fellows who are current in their membership may serve as sponsors.  
**Research Area(s):** Science & Technology, Natural Sciences & Engineering

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**KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE – King Faisal Foundation**  
**Deadline:** May 1, 2016  
**Description:** The King Faisal Foundation offers five prestigious international prizes to reward individuals who have rendered exceptionally outstanding services to Islam and Muslims, and to scholars and scientists who have made significant contributions and advances in areas that benefit developing and Islamic countries, and humanity at large. Merit and excellence alone are the criteria for selection. Many winners have gone on to win Nobel Prizes for the same works that were recognized by the King Faisal International Prize.

There are five awards, with **rotating fields** of competition:  
1. Prize in Service to Islam  
2. Prize in Islamic Studies  
3. Prize in Arabic Language and Literature  
4. Prize in Medicine (eligible category this cycle)  
5. Prize in Science

**Eligible category for nomination is Medicine. Topic: “Biologic Therapeutics in Autoimmune Diseases”**

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**HOLBERG MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE - Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund**  
**Deadline:** June 15, 2016  
**Description:** The prize is awarded to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to research in the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology, either within these fields or through interdisciplinary work. The prizewinner must have had a decisive influence on international research.
Research area(s): Arts, Humanities, Social

Regards,
Brenda

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