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UTCSP Interfaculty Pain Curriculum

This week the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain holds its Interfaculty Pain Curriculum entitled: *Pain: Putting the Person at the Centre*. This Curriculum was developed by the UTCSP Education Committee and is an intensive 20-hour pain curricula designed for pre-licensure health care students, the goal of which is to increase the students' knowledge of the pathophysiological, clinical, social and ethical issues surrounding pain assessment and management. This year, over 750 students from six health sciences programs will join together to participate in this interprofessional program. The Curriculum reinforces collaborative patient centred pain management and ensures the quality and consistency of pain education at the undergraduate level, which should lead to the best clinical pain management by graduates of this program.

We wish to thank the members of the Curriculum Committee for their continue hard work and dedication to this initiative

UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2005):

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applicants for the UTCSP Clinician-Scientist Trainee Fellowship. The Fellowship is intended for those trainees who wish to pursue a career as a clinician-scientist with both basic research in pain and in the application to clinical pain management problems. The award is for the support of an individual doing full time research. Applicants should exhibit high academic achievement, research ability or potential, excellent communication skills, and interpersonal and leadership abilities.

Value and duration:

- The value of the award will normally be \$25,000 for a period of one year. Holders of the fellowship may apply annually (competitive application) for further support up to a maximum of 4 years.
- The fellowship will normally start in July 1 or September 1

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, B. Pharm, B.Sc.(Nursing), BScPT, BScOT) at the time of taking up the award.
- Applicants must be registered or plan to register in a graduate program* that requires a defended thesis in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies University of Toronto, and carry out research under the supervision of a faculty member of the UTCSP.
- This award is not automatically renewed; students must apply annually to be considered for further funding.

Conditions of the Fellowship:

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate program* in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto for the full duration of the award.
- You must spend at least 85% of your time on research.
- You cannot be enrolled in a qualifying or “make-up” year or be on a paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- You may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment, which do not exceed a maximum of 10 hours per week on average.
- You are required to apply for salary support funding from an external agency. A copy of the front page of the application(s) must be forwarded to the UTCSP office prior to payment of the Fellowship being initiated. If external funding is obtained you must accept this funding and the Clinician-Scientist award will fund the differential to a total dependent on your qualifications and postgraduate experience and set by the UTCSP Research Committee.

Application Procedures:

Deadline for application is April 1, 2005.

The following documents must be submitted:

- **Curriculum vitae including publication list, awards, name of supervisor.**
- **Copies of current and previous academic program transcripts.**
- **A one-page summary outline of the proposed research and how this fellowship will help further the applicant's goals.**
- **Two letters of reference. Letters of reference should be either mailed directly to the UTCSP or included in the application package (letters should be in sealed and signed envelopes).**
- **A letter should be provided by the proposed supervisor stating that he/she agrees to accept the student into their lab.**

Submission of applications:

Submit your application to:

Ms. Nancy Mitchell

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Room 374

Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6

Tel: (416) 979-4762, Fax: (416) 979-4936, nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Selection:

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee

* In exceptional cases an individualized training program can be set up in lieu of official registration as a student in the School of Graduate Studies. A supervisory committee would oversee the fellow’s training program.

Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2005/2006 Competition:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2002/2003 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. ***The applications are due no later than April 1, 2005.*** This award is open to Graduate students in the Faculty of Medicine who are studying in the area of pain and working

with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Second preference will be given to graduate students at the University of Toronto who are studying in the area of pain and working with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain.

For additional information/applications link, please visit the UTCSF website at: http://www.toronto.edu/pain/grants_OGSST.html or contact **Debbie Chau, Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate & Inter-Faculty Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Room 2113, MSB, debbie.chau@utoronto.ca tel: 416-946-7317**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

The Humber/OPCA 15th Annual Provincial Conference on Palliative and End-of-Life Care **April 3-5, 2005**

Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

For further information, visit the website at: <http://www.palliativecare.humber.ca/>

Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference

Halifax, Nova Scotia

May 11-14, 2005

For further information, visit the CPS website at:
<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/index.html>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

5 Postdoctoral Fellowships, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Call for Applications: The Centre for Research on Pain at McGill University, in partnership with AstraZeneca R&D Montreal, requests applications for five Postdoctoral Fellowships to be held at the research laboratories of the Centre. Qualifying applicants will have a PhD, MD or comparable degree and have an interest in pain research. The research being carried out in the many laboratories at the McGill Centre for Research on Pain, and in the associated hospital pain clinic, ranges from genetics and molecular biology through pharmacology, physiology, psychology to clinical trials. Collaborative research projects with scientists at AstraZeneca R&D Montreal will be available to candidates. See www.painresearch.mcgill.ca for a list of researchers and research themes. Candidates should indicate in their application the area of research in which they

wish to work. The Fellowships have a stipend commensurate with experience. The initial appointment is for one year, with a possible extension.

A curriculum vitae and three letters of reference should be sent to: Dr. Catherine Bushnell, Director of the McGill Centre for Research on Pain, 3640 University Street, Room M19, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2B2. E-mail: catherine.bushnell@mcgill.ca.

For a listing of positions available in Canada, please visit the CPS website at: <http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/cont-ang/4nouvelles-emplois.htm#>

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS:

2005 Iasp Collaborative Research Grants

IASP is pleased to announce a grants program, IASP Collaborative Research Grants, the first of which was awarded in 2001. There will be a maximum of three grants awarded of normally US\$ 10,000 each, subject to the conditions described below. **Deadline** for receipt of applications by IASP is **April 30, 2005**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2005. Please contact IASP at the address below for an application form. For further information, refer to the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/collabresearch.html>
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IASP Research Grants funded by the Scan/Design By Inger And Jens Bruun Foundation

IASP is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for its IASP Research Grants funded by the Scan/ Design by Inger and Jens Bruun Foundation, which will be awarded for the first time in 2005. Two grants will be awarded, one for clinical research and one for basic research. These will be small collaborative grant awards with a maximum of US\$10,000 each, subject to the conditions described below. Deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is **April 30, 2005**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2005. Please contact IASP at the address below for an application form. For further information, refer to the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/ScanDesignBruunFoundat05awd.htm>

Request application from, or send correspondence to:
IASP Secretariat

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