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Dear Members

We have a number of exciting developments to share with you in this issue of Kaleidoscope.

As mentioned in our May issue, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute for Health Services and Policy Research (CIHR-IHSPR) will launch a number of research funding opportunities targeted to primary health care later this month. These opportunities are a reflection of CIHR's confidence in the value of family medicine research and its ability to positively influence Canadian health policy. We encourage you to consider applying for these grants and to share this information with your peers and professional networks. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN), a ground-breaking Canadian initiative with the ultimate goal of establishing a pan-Canadian sentinel of primary care practices for the study of chronic disease, has moved into its second phase. [Click here](#) for more information on CCPSSN's activities.

In addition, the team has captured the attention of researchers in Canada and the United States. Team members delivered three presentations and one poster at the recent conference of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR). In addition, Dr. Rick Birtwhistle, CPCSSN Chair and Director of the Queen's Centre for Studies in Primary Care, and Dr. Karim Keshavjee, (CPCSSN IR-DM committee chair and Data Integrity Officer) will deliver the opening keynote speech at the June meeting at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National PBRN conference. [Click here for more information.](#)

Looking further into the future, we are thrilled to announce that Dr. Barbara Starfield, world-renowned family medicine researcher and author, will deliver the keynote plenary address at this fall's Family Medicine Forum in Calgary. [See inside](#) for further details.

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Research News

Dedicated Primary Care Funding in CIHR's June Launch

CIHR's Institute for Health Services and Policy Research will be launching a series of funding opportunities in the upcoming June 2009 launch.

We are offering a number of capacity building and short-term research funding opportunities in **primary healthcare**. These include 1) **Masters, PhD and Fellowship** capacity building grants and 2) national and international **Catalyst Research Grants**.

The CIHR **Catalyst Grant** program provides seed money to support health research activities which represent a first step towards the pursuit of more comprehensive funding opportunities (e.g. operating grants, team grants) in areas such as:

- the planning and execution of pilot projects or feasibility studies aiming to generate preliminary data, observations, or knowledge
- the planning and execution of novel projects which clearly demonstrate the potential for significant impact, but which are considered a higher risk in that they may be unsupported by proof of concept / preliminary data
- development and / or validation of new inventions, tools, methodologies, protocols, theoretical models or frameworks
- planning and / or development activities of expert teams (multi-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary, etc.) coming together to address health research priorities

In addition, we are launching a general call to health services and policy research community for submissions for **Methods and Tools** grants to support research that enables the development and refinement of research methods and tools applicable. The objectives are to support research likely to lead to new breakthroughs in advancing theory, conceptual frameworks, research methods or measurement approaches (qualitative or quantitative) that have broad application to health services and systems in support of the strengthening of the Canadian health care system and improved health for Canadians.

We encourage you to consider applying for these grants and to share this information with your peers and professional networks.

Further details about these and other CIHR-IHSPR funding opportunities can be found on our [website](#) or on the [CIHR Funding Opportunities Database](#). If you would like to register for notification about these opportunities, please email

stephanie.soo@utoronto.ca to be put on the mailing list for our e-newsletter.

Please contact **Inese Grava-Gubins** if you have any questions or would like assistance in regard to this initiative.

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*** A message from CHAIN (Contacts, Help, Advice & Information Network)**

CHAIN is a not-for profit international online community of over 7,000 people who are willing to share their knowledge and experience with each other in pursuit of improving health and social care. The community includes frontline healthcare practitioners from all professions, managers, educators, researchers and knowledge specialists, forming an international pool of tacit knowledge and mutual support for health care professionals.

Membership is entirely FREE and members of CHAIN get access to the network's online directory. In addition, members receive messages which are targeted specifically to their individual interests. For further information on CHAIN, (including an external evaluation published in BMJ), and an online joining form, click on the link above. (**Click on 'Join' for the membership form.**) If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us (enquiries@chain-network.org.uk).

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FAST FACTS

*** National Physician Survey (NPS) 2007 - Fast Facts:** The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in Canadian Family Physician with monthly Fast Facts.

The April issue of *Canadian Family Physician* focuses on **collaboration between family physicians and other health care providers**. Results from the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) indicated with whom family physicians regularly collaborated in providing patient care, and whether or not that collaboration was part of a formal arrangement.

The May issue of *Canadian Family Physician* focuses on **family physicians who provide care for recent immigrants**. Canada has a rich history of immigration, with more than 250,000 new immigrants arriving each year. According to the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS), 69% of family physicians provide care for recent immigrants to Canada; of those, 6.5% report that recent immigrants make up greater than 10% of their practices.

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Canadian Cardiovascular Congress - Call for Late Breaking and Featured Clinical Trials

Deadline: June 30, 2009 (23:59 EDT)

Late Breaking and Featured Clinical Trial submissions are intended to highlight studies that are likely to significantly impact clinical practice. Submissions in the Canadian context are encouraged.

Submit now for presentation at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Edmonton, October 24-28, 2009. Deadline: June 30, 2009 (23:59 EDT)

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The Global Program on Health Promotion Effectiveness (GPHPE): Call for case studies: "What is the effectiveness of using evidence?"

Deadline: September 15, 2009

The International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) is seeking case studies which reflect and demonstrate how research evidence derived from epidemiological studies, evaluation research and/or research synthesis and meta-analysis is used and translated to address health challenges locally. The IUHPE's Global Programme on Health Promotion Effectiveness (GPHPE) is engaging in this collection process in order to create a body of experience and practical examples on how empirical evidence informs health promotion policy and practice. The case studies will be published in the IUHPE's official journal, Global Health Promotion. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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*** PhD in Family Medicine - Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - University of Western Ontario**

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is very pleased to announce the launch of their recently approved PhD program which will commence in the fall of 2009. The fields of strength for the PhD are Patient Centered Clinical Care and Health Services in Primary Health Care. This innovative program is the first in the Americas and is offered via distance Education. It may be taken on a full or part time basis.

The PhD program is designed to promote leadership in Family Medicine research and to provide students with an opportunity to engage with a community of scholars. The PhD will prepare students to be competitive for Tri-Council funding. It will attract doctoral students who have a passion for the pursuit of learning and are committed to conducting future cutting edge research in the maturing discipline of Family Medicine. For further detailed information on the program visit:

<http://www.uwo.ca/fammed/grad/index.html>.

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Cochrane Library now available to all Canadians for a trial

period:

Canadians are one click away from the best available evidence on which health treatments work, which ones don't, and which may cause harm. As of April 15, everyone in Canada with Internet access will be able to view the full content of *The Cochrane Library*, which provides evaluations of health treatments.

This nine-month pilot project provides a national subscription for Canadians to have access to the wealth of information in *The Cochrane Library*. Want to learn more about how to use *The Cochrane Library*? Click [here!](#)

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Photos and biographical information of 2008 award winners have been added to the Section of Researchers' [2008 Awards website](#).

Conference Opportunities



**Family Medicine Forum 2009
Telus Centre - Calgary, Alberta
October 29 - 31, 2009**

Family Medicine Forum 2009 combines the Annual Scientific Assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP), and the Annual Workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers.

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend the keynote plenary address on

Thursday, October 29, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
to hear Dr. Barbara Starfield discuss

Population Health Outcomes - Is the Role of the Family Physician Important?

Dr. Barbara Starfield, world-renowned family medicine researcher, teacher and author will deliver the keynote plenary address at this fall's Family Medicine Forum in Calgary. Her topic will be
"Population Health Outcomes - Is the Role of the Family

Physician Important?"

This will be an exciting plenary session, of particular interest to everyone in our FM research community.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 29, 8 - 10 a.m., and plan to attend!

***Research Day
will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009,
at the Hyatt Hotel in Calgary, Alberta.***

This year's Research Dinner will be held on Wednesday October 28 at 7:00 p.m., at the Wainwright Hotel, decorated in an elaborate style popular at the turn of the century, complete with an authentic saloon. Look for more details in the summer issue of Kaleidoscope.

**Join us in Calgary -
and come experience what FMF is all about!**

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*** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
June 24 - 26
Bethesda, Maryland**

**Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network
(CPCSSN)**

opening plenary presentations by

Dr. Richard Birtwhistle CCFP, FCFP

and Dr. Karim Keshavjee, CCFP at

AHRQ's 2009 National PBRN Research Conference,
Bethesda, Maryland - June 24 - 26, 2009

CFPC members, Dr. Richard Birtwhistle MD, CCFP, FCFP and Dr. Karim Keshavjee MD, CCFP will provide opening plenary presentations about the progress of the CPCSSN initiative at the 5th Annual Practice Based Research Network Conference hosted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), June 24-26, 2009 in Bethesda, Maryland.

The presentations will share details about the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN) and preliminary results from this major, multi-practice based research network (PBRN) effort to monitor and understand chronic care management by primary care clinicians using EMRs in Canada. [Click here](#) for information about CPCSSN.

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*** 37th North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)**

The 2009 NAPCRG Annual Meeting will be held from November 14-18, 2009, in West Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For more details, visit the [conference website](#).

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*** Trillium 2009 Primary Care Research Forum**

Friday, June 26, 2009 Hamilton ON

The [Trillium Primary Care Research Forum 2009](#) is a collaborative effort among the three south-west Ontario Family Medicine programs, The University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto and McMaster University. Each of the sponsoring Family Medicine programs enjoys an exciting and unique primary care research culture and Trillium offers a forum for these groups to come together and share their perspectives. The Trillium 2009 Primary Care Research Forum will be held on June 26, 2009 at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, ON. Click on the link above for further information.

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National Collaborating Centres for Public Health Summer Institute 2009 - Knowledge for a change

July 7 - 9, 2009 Mont Ste-Anne, QC

The theme of this year's Summer Institute, *Knowledge for a change*, reflects our goal to ensure that the best available knowledge is shared and used to achieve practical ends in improving public health. In keeping with this theme, the event will focus on collaboration, networking, and evaluation as essential tools for achieving better public health.

The objectives of the [2009 Summer Institute](#) are to: explore how collaboration, networking and evaluation can foster change: what's new and what works to inform public health policy, practice and research; learn what's happening in the National Collaborating Centres and other organizations involved in knowledge synthesis, translation and exchange (KSTE); provide opportunities to network with innovative thinkers; discover practical, how-to opportunities for fostering change through collaboration. Click on the link above for more information.

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*** The 2009 General Practice & Primary Health Care Research Conference: Driving Change**

15-17 July 2009 Melbourne, Australia

Primary health care and prevention are at the forefront of the Australian Government's reform agenda to improve health care. Leading general practice and primary health care researchers are part of the current national change and reform process through their membership of national reform bodies. Many others are contributing to the consultation processes. Delegates (researchers, policy makers, practitioners and consumers) will present, hear and debate how primary health care research evaluation and development drives change to improve primary health care. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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*** International Institute for Qualitative Methodology - 15th Annual Qualitative Health Research (QHR) Conference: Developments and Discourse From Across Health Disciplines**
October 4 - 6, 2009 Vancouver, BC

QHR is the premier international and interdisciplinary conference for the dissemination and discussion of developments in qualitative health research. The QHR conference will be held in conjunction with the 10th Advances in Qualitative Methods (AQM) Conference, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, October 8-10, 2009. The QHR and AQM conference will have a joint workshop day on October 7, 2009. Participants may register for either the QHR or AQM conference - or register for both at a special price. Visit the [conference website](#) for further information.

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*** Canadian Rural Health Research Society 8th Conference**
October 15 - 17, 2009 Kingston, ON

This conference will provide a forum for researchers, decision makers, practitioners and other stakeholders interested in the health and well being of rural residents to share recent research and to discuss appropriate research approaches and policy frameworks. Collaboration and the dissemination of ideas are essential as resources remain scarce and new challenges, such as climate change, affect rural residents. The conference objectives are to: share new knowledge derived from research specific to rural and remote health; share intervention strategies designed to assist rural residents in achieving maximum health; facilitate partnerships among interested parties in order to create new interdisciplinary research teams; support the development of knowledge translation networks to improve the health of people living in rural and remote regions. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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*** Canadian Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Resource Alliance (CADDRA) 2009 ADHD Conference - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Health and Lifestyle: Practical Research Based Information for the Medical Practitioner**

October 17 - 18, 2009 Montreal, QC

The 2009 Canadian ADHD/ADD Resource Alliance (CADDRA) conference on ADHD Health and Lifestyle: Practical Research Based Information for the Medical Practitioner will offer the latest research data on such topics as sleep, nutrition and exercise and how these health and lifestyle issues impact your patient with ADHD.

Information on proven behaviour techniques and on how Anxiety plays a part in the lives of many ADHD patients will be provided. Most of the workshops and two of the plenaries will be presented in both French and English. All sessions will be taking questions in both languages. For more information, visit the [conference section](#) on the CADDRA website.

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Canadian Association on Gerontology 2009 Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting - Where the Rivers Meet: Merging Perspectives on Aging

October 22 - 24, 2009 Winnipeg, MB

The Canadian Association on Gerontology is the preeminent association in Canada for persons who work with or on behalf of Canada's aging population. This fall the CAG will hold its 38th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**Canadian Cardiovascular Congress
October 24 - 28, 2009 Edmonton, AB**

Registration opens 8 June.

COME LEARN · COME NETWORK · COME SEE
LEARN at Symposia, NETWORK in the Community Forum, and SEE Edmonton.

The [Canadian Cardiovascular Congress](#) is a forum to showcase Canada's best research and promote learning through scientific sessions, interactive workshops, late-breaking and featured clinical trials, and lively debates. The Congress is a place for active discussions on key issues with colleagues from across the country.

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*** American Public Health Association - 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition: Water and Public Health**

November 7 - 11 Philadelphia, PA

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the oldest and largest gathering of public health professionals in the world, attracting more than 13,000 national and international physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and related health specialists. Join us as we explore the latest public health challenges and learn more about water related issues and what can be done to protect our resources, our health and our world. Check out the [conference website](#) for more information.

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*** Gerontological Society of America
62nd Annual Scientific Meeting - Creative Approaches to Healthy Aging**

Nov 18 - 22, 2009 Atlanta, GA

Jointly-Sponsored and Co-provided by the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care, and the Gerontological Society of America

GSA's Annual Scientific Meeting brings together more than 3,500 of the brightest minds in the field of aging. This meeting is the premier gathering of gerontologists from both the United States and around the world. They participate in over 400 scientific sessions including symposia, paper, and poster presentations. For more information, check out the [conference website](#).

Website Info-to-Go

Canadian Cancer Trials: A new national web resource

The Canadian Cancer Trials website will be the country's first national, bilingual resource for finding cancer-related clinical trials. [CanadianCancerTrials.ca](#) takes existing cancer trial information and brings it together to help patients and their caregivers find trials. As well, the website will offer better, more accessible information to researchers, policy-makers, funders and administrators.

Canadian Clinical Trials partners include: The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR), The Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies and its members and The Canadian Cancer Society.

Set to launch in the spring of 2009, the Canadian Cancer Trials website will allow people to receive email alerts about new trials that may be appropriate for them - or their family member or a patient. This will enable better decision-making for patients who

want to take part in trials - and for those caring for them.

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**** Centre for Health Communication and Participation**

The Centre for Health Communication and Participation was established within the Australian Institute for Primary Care at La Trobe University in April 2009, springing from the work of the Cochrane Consumers and Communication Review Group. The Centre's mission is to improve communication with and participation by consumers and carers, through evidence-informed policy and decision making. The Centre is focusing on these key themes in 2009: Evidence for different modes of consumer participation; Communication in circumstances involving a rare disease; Communication and participation with regard to use of medicines; Communication in situations of healthcare complexity, such as multimorbidity; Understanding and communicating the science of evidence-based health care.

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Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Network

We are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the website for the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Network (CCPCN) supported by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Corporation. The website will be ready for viewing in mid July 2009 at: www.ccpcn.ca



The website provides information for the general public and health care professionals about cervical cancer, cervical cancer screening, human papillomavirus (HPV) and vaccination.

The Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Network (CCPCN) is a pan-Canadian network of federal, provincial and territorial cervical cancer screening programs; expert groups; medical and professional organizations; individuals and cervical cancer survivors. The goal of the CCPCN is to facilitate the continued reduction in the incidence, morbidity and mortality of cervical cancer in Canada.

We hope you take the opportunity to visit the site. It is also important that you tell your patients to visit the site if they have any questions about cervical cancer, cervical cancer screening or HPV vaccination. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome and can be submitted through the site's "Feedback" facility.

Flyers and bookmarks will soon be available in both English and French to help promote awareness of the CCPCN website. If you

would like to have the flyers and bookmarks available in your office for patient information, please send an email to info@ccpcn.ca and the flyers and bookmarks will be sent to your office at no cost.

Funding Opportunities

Canadian Institutes for Health Research

Strategic Training Initiatives

*** CIHR Training grant in Primary Health Care Research: Transdisciplinary Understanding and Training on Research Primary Health Care: TUTOR-PHC**

Deadline: The program has been renewed and will be accepting applications for the 2010 cohort. The tentative deadline for applications is OCTOBER 31, 2009 for a May 2010 start date. The new application package is being updated and will be available in early July.

Please see the existing application forms for a general idea of information that will be required.

This is a one-year, national interdisciplinary research training program funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) with representation from the disciplines of: Family Medicine, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work, Epidemiology and Pharmacy. The program will be of interest to: students from Canadian universities interested /engaged in primary health care research regardless of their home discipline; academic level of post-doctoral fellow, resident doing research fellowship, graduate student, OR mid-career clinician. Conducted by educators at: The University of Western Ontario; Dalhousie University; McMaster University; University of British Columbia; University of Saskatchewan; Université de Sherbrooke; and Université de Montréal. Go to the [TUTOR-PHC website](#) for more information.

*** Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) Strategic Training Program in Public Health Policy**

Deadline: June 30, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Many recent public health scares (SARS, the tainted blood scandal, listeria outbreak) and on-going threats to the public's health (tobacco use, obesity, physical inactivity) highlight the need for effective public health policy and the central role of public policy in building public health capacity and improving population health. In Canada, the need for professionals trained specifically in public health policy has been identified as a top priority by government agencies at all levels. The CIHR Strategic Training Program in Public Health Policy fills this niche, providing an exciting opportunity to become intellectually and actively involved in the complex tasks

demanded by public health policymaking including: policy change; policy analysis; policy assessment; and policy structures and planning. This training program promotes an active, productive and collaborative multidisciplinary community of researchers, trainees, policymakers, educators and practitioners that works and learns together to address - from a policy perspective - the key issues compromising the public's health at local, regional, national and global levels. [Click here](#) for more information.

The CIHR Strategic Training Program in Public Health Policy is part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)'s Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR). Funding for this program is provided by the CIHR Institutes of Population and Public Health; Health Services and Policy Research; and Child and Youth Health.

*** Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Training Grant in Population Intervention for Chronic Disease Prevention: A Pan-Canadian Program Interdisciplinary Training Awards for Full-time Graduate Students and Post-doctoral Fellows**

Deadline: June 15, 2009

The newly funded, six-year CIHR Training Grant in Population Intervention for Chronic Disease Prevention: A Pan-Canadian program is a collaborative initiative of four institutions - University of Waterloo; Ontario Tobacco Research Unit/University of Toronto; University of Alberta; and The University of British Columbia. The program builds on the success of the Strategic Training Program in Tobacco Research (STPTR) and offers a specialized, interdisciplinary training experience that supplements mainstream graduate and post-doctoral programs. [Click here](#) for more information.

*** 2009 Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Health Equity Research: Call for Applications - The ACHIEVE Research Partnership: Action for Health Equity Interventions A new CIHR Strategic Training Program in Health Research**

Deadline: June 15, 2009 (First application review).

Note: In consideration of the short timeline associated with this start-up year of funding, late applications will be accepted and reviewed until July 15, 2009 or until all positions are filled.

In September 2009, the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital (A University of Toronto teaching hospital) will launch a new post-doctoral training program focused on interventions research and partner-engaged research to reduce inner city health disparities. 4-6 Fellows will be admitted annually.

Our website will not be available until Summer 2009. For more information [click here](#) or contact Kelly Murphy at murphyke@smh.toronto.on.ca/ 416-864-6060x3379.

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Catalyst Grant

Health Equity

Registration Deadline: 2009-09-02

Within the framework of the overall objectives of the CIHR Catalyst Grant Program, the specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: promote innovative pilot or feasibility studies likely to lead to subsequent, funded operating grant(s) and/or programs of research and knowledge translation in the priority thematic areas; allow researchers to develop evidence necessary to determine the viability of new research directions in one or more of the priority thematic areas; build research capacity in these priority thematic areas.

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Emerging Team Grant

HIV/AIDS Vaccine Discovery and Social Research

LOI Deadline: 2009-07-20

Within the framework of the overall objectives of the Emerging Team Grant Program noted above the specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to support teams of Canadian investigators in their efforts to contribute important knowledge to the global search for HIV vaccines; to build capacity for HIV Vaccines discovery and related social research in Canada; and to create mechanisms for individual investigators and teams funded under the initiative to network and share information with one another and other relevant international networks and consortia (e.g. other Gates Foundation funded programs; NIH and The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise).

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Operating Grant

Aboriginal Health Intervention

Registration Deadline: 2009-09-01

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to encourage innovative and collaborative intervention research between researchers and stakeholders in Aboriginal health; to support innovative health intervention research that addresses the special health needs of Aboriginal peoples in Canada; and to develop knowledge on effective health interventions for Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

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Other

CIHR Café Scientifique Program

Application Deadline: 2009-06-26

The objective of this funding opportunity is to establish an accessible/informal discussion between the general public and scientists/health professionals about the value and impact of health research on the health of Canadians, the health care system and the economy as a whole.

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Canada-UK Aging Initiative (2009)

Application Deadline: 2009-09-01

The purpose of this CIHR-IA and NDA Research Initiative is to promote international collaborations among Canadian and UK researchers through the support of Canadian research contributions to excellent and competitive research programmes under the NDA.

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Evidence on Tap - Expedited Knowledge Synthesis

Application Deadline: 2009-06-16

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to provide the ministries of health in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan with high-quality knowledge syntheses and workshops that respond to their decision-making priorities; to demonstrate that CIHR and Canada's health research community can offer an accelerated response option for decision makers who want timely, synthesized evidence on issues of high importance; to establish a pool of qualified research teams for future expedited knowledge synthesis initiatives.

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Proof of Principle

Phase I (2008-2009)

LOI Deadline: 2009-09-01

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

- promote the application of health research in Canada;
- promote academic health research and technology transfer activities that support the commercialization of IP and the implementation of knowledge;
- provide the opportunity to enhance and strengthen the value of IP (or IP portfolio);

- provide the opportunity to ascertain the potential for commercial viability of IP;
- improve the academic institutional / researcher's business prospects and potential for downstream investments on the IP;
- accelerate the technology transfer/ commercialization of IP residing in academia.

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Phase II (2008-2009)

LOI Deadline: 2009-09-01

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

- promote the application of health research in Canada;
- promote academic health research and technology transfer activities that support the commercialization of IP and the implementation of knowledge;
- provide the opportunity to enhance and strengthen the value of IP (or IP portfolio);
- provide the opportunity to ascertain the potential for commercial viability of IP;
- improve the academic institutional / researcher's business prospects and potential for downstream investments on the IP;
- accelerate the technology transfer/ commercialization of IP residing in academia.

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*** The Lawson Foundation 2010 - 2011 Diabetes Funding Opportunity**

Submission Deadline: Monday, August 17, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. EDT

The Lawson Foundation diabetes funding strategy supports innovative, evidence-based projects in Canada that promote effective partnerships and lead to enduring benefits for the community through sustainable enhancements to health care services. The goals of the **Lawson Foundation Diabetes Program** goals are: to strengthen the delivery of diabetes health services through projects addressing community-based, patient-centred care and to improve diabetes health promotion and disease prevention at the community level.

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Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Grant-In-Aid

Deadline: Applications are accepted annually on September 1. Applications must be received by 16:00 EDT on the deadline date. If

the deadline falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

Approximately \$28 million is provided annually through provincial Heart and Stroke Foundations to support research operating costs through **Grants-in-Aid**. These costs may include laboratory supplies, technicians, and some equipment. Research is supported across the four health research themes:

- basic biomedical
- clinical
- health services and health systems
- health of populations

Guidelines and **Application Forms** for Grant-In-Aid

*** Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut New Investigator Travel Award (2009 - 2010)**

Background and purpose

In an effort to foster a collaborative relationship between leading research labs and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut (HSFA), the Foundation offers a New Investigator Travel Award. This award is provided annually to the applicants who choose a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) grant instead of a HSFA award for the same Grant-In-Aid project. Applicants must be within the HSFA cut-off score for the year. It is hoped that supporting new investigators will help HSFA to establish future relationships with the up-and-coming heart and stroke researchers of Alberta. [Click here](#) for more information.

Personnel Support Program

The Heart and Stroke Foundation supports the development of researchers across the research career spectrum from doctoral students to career investigators. Personnel awards are funded nationally through the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Senior Personnel Awards

HSFC New Investigator / Distinguished Clinician Scientist

Deadline: September 1st, 16:00 EDT. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday

New Investigator

The New Investigator award is a salary award to support new investigators who have demonstrated excellence in their pre and post doctoral training and wish to establish their own research laboratory.

Distinguished Clinician Scientist (New)

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is now offering a new Distinguished Clinician Scientist award as an integral part of the New Investigator competition. Candidates applying for the Distinguished Clinician Scientist award will also be considered in the regular pool of New Investigator applicants. This award, which is partnered this year with the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health and AstraZeneca Canada Inc., will be offered to the highest ranked eligible clinician in the New Investigator competition. The Distinguished Clinician Scientist award carries a higher stipend than the New Investigator award, plus an additional research allowance.

New Investigator and Distinguished Clinician Scientist awards are tenable in Canada only.

Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due annually on September 1st to become tenable July 1st of the following year. Applications must be received by 16:00 EDT on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

Each year two new investigators are awarded the prestigious HSFC awards: The McDonald Scholarship and the Henry J.M. Barnett Scholarship.

Guidelines and **Application Form** for HSFC New Investigator / Distinguished Clinician Scientist

HSFO Career Investigator

Deadline: September 1st, 16:00 EDT. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

The Career Investigator award of HSFO is to support established independent researchers who wish to make research their full-time career (Ontario applicants only).

Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due annually on September 1st to become tenable July 1st of the following year. Applications must be received by 16:00 EDT on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

Guidelines and **Application Form** for HSFO Career Investigator

Junior Personnel Awards

HSFC Doctoral Research Award

Deadline: November 1st, 16:00 EDT. If the deadline falls on a

weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

Doctoral Research Awards are available to highly qualified graduate students enrolled in a PhD program who are undertaking full-time research training in the cardiovascular or cerebrovascular fields.

Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due annually on November 1st to be tenable July 1st of the following year. Applications must be received by 16:00 EDT on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

Guidelines and **Application Form** for HSFC Doctoral Research Award

HSFC Research Fellowship

Deadline: November 1st, 16:00 EDT. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

A Research Fellowship is an "in-training" award to support young investigators with a professional degree (PhD, MD, BM, DVM or equivalent) in initiating and/or continuing in the scientific method and chosen area of the cardiovascular or cerebrovascular fields.

Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due annually on November 1st to be tenable July 1st of the following year. Applications must be received by 16:00 EDT on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

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Please note the following additional opportunities:

The 4th ICPC/HSFC/CCS Fellowship in Preventive Cardiology

HSFC Research Scholarship (New)

Deadline: August 29, 16:00 EDT. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Research Scholarship is a salary award intended for applicants with a masters and/or PhD and with credential(s) in a regulated accredited health discipline. The objective is to attract and foster cardiovascular or cerebrovascular investigators from a variety of health disciplines. Each application is considered to be a joint submission by the applicant and the identified mentor.

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