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Dear Members:

Getting that first big funding grant is one of the most difficult challenges facing new researchers. Writing a successful grant submission is a skill that requires a good understanding of the funding environment, a solid proposal development strategy, and the ability to write proposals that are clear, polished, and compelling.

Canadian family medicine researchers now have an opportunity to further develop and hone their grant-writing skills, with a focus on the Canadian funding context, through participation in the Grant Generating Project (GGP) fellowship. The GGP, which was founded in 1995, is supported by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation; the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG); the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM); and now also the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). It is housed at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

The Section of Researchers' Council has been working with Dr. Daniel Longo, Director of the GGP, to include a focus on the Canadian research funding scene. The program will incorporate the Canadian focus beginning in 2012. To date, the GGP has helped junior- to mid-career trained researchers in the United States enhance their proposal development skills and has mentored them through the grant development process with remarkably high funding success rates.

It should be noted that **there is no fee** to participate in the GGP. However, there is a competitive process for admittance, and only a limited number of positions are available each year. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations while they attend the in-person GGP sessions. As part of CFPC's support

for this important program, two training grants for the GGP are available for CFPC members through the Janus Research Grants Awards program to help partially off-set their travel and other expenses in association with their participation in the GGP program.

We encourage CFPC members who have the appropriate training to explore this valuable opportunity to increase their grant-writing skills. Click [here](#) to view recently released information about the program's Canadian perspective. To access more information about the GGP, visit the [GGP program webpage](#). Watch the [CFPC Honours and Awards](#) webpage for more details about how to apply for Janus grants.

Your questions are welcome. Please direct questions to [Inese Grava-Gubins](#), (905) 629-0900 ext 410.

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## Research News

### **The Section of Researchers welcomes Dr. Alan Katz, new Council Chair**

A warm welcome to Dr. Alan Katz, a long-time member of the Section of Researchers, who has recently assumed a 3-year position as the Section's Council Chair!

An Associate Professor and Research Director in the department of Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba, with a cross-appointment in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Dr. Katz is also the Associate Director for Research at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy.

Dr. Katz plays an important leadership role in the Family Medicine Department at the University of Manitoba. In addition to teaching undergraduate students and supervising graduate students, he teaches family medicine residents in both clinical supervision and the fundamentals of research and scholarship, and mentors colleagues in the development of their research interest and skills.

Over the last ten years, Dr. Katz has built an impressive career in primary care research. Currently a principal or co-investigator on research projects with funding of over \$17 million, he is also the lead investigator on a 5-year CIHR New Emerging Team Grant focused on primary care oncology with an emphasis on colorectal cancer screening and follow-up care. His other research focuses on prevention, and health service provision and policy (including models of care and funding models) in primary care using administrative databases; quality of care indicators; knowledge translation; and disease prevention.

Dr. Katz also leads the Manitoba Primary Care Research Network (MaPCReN); a Manitoba regional network involved in the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN).

Dr. Katz has identified his main goals as follows: “This is a really exciting time to be a primary care research scientist in Canada. Over the next three years, I will endeavour to lead a vibrant section of active researchers that takes full advantage of new opportunities on the horizon. We look forward to family medicine research expanding both within the academic discipline and in community practices throughout Canada. The evidence generated through our research will improve the health of Canadians.”

“As I begin my work as the Chair of the Section of Researchers, I ask for your support in fulfilling this mandate during my term. I encourage you to contact me with your ideas, comments and views on the work of the section and its future directions. I know there are other ideas out there that would help us achieve our goals, so please send me your ideas!” he adds.

Click here to contact [Dr. Katz](#).

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### **Thank you to Dr. Bill Hogg**

We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Bill Hogg, outgoing Chair of the Section, for the many significant contributions he has made to the Section over the past three years. Dr. Hogg has worked tirelessly to promote the discipline of family medicine research to family physicians,

researchers, funding bodies, policy and decision-makers, in Canada and around the world. In addition, he has laid the groundwork for the Section of Researchers to benefit from positive changes in the primary care research environment. His work in this area includes mobilizing Section members to become involved in the development of teams in preparation for the upcoming CIHR's [Community-Based Primary Health Care Research](#), and his work on behalf of the Section of Researchers to ensure inclusion of primary care research as an essential part of the CIHR's [Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research](#) (SPOR).

Dr. Hogg will remain on the Section's Council Executive for the coming year, continuing to share his knowledge with the Council as Past Chair.

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Community-Based Primary Healthcare Team Grants Initiative launch

### **Important Dates**

Phase 1: Letter of Intent

Application Deadline: 2012-05-01

Anticipated Notice of Decision: 2012-07-03

Phase 2: Full Application

Application Deadline: 2012-10-15

Anticipated Notice of Decision: 2013-04-01

Funding Start Date: 2013-04-01

**The Canadian Institutes of Health Research and its partners have launched the Innovation Team Grants: Community-Based Primary Healthcare (CBPHC) funding opportunity.**

CIHR and its partners will provide funding for teams undertaking programmatic, cross-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary research to develop, implement, evaluate, and compare innovative models for chronic disease prevention and management in CBPHC and improving access to appropriate CBPHC for vulnerable populations. This initiative is launched in partnership with:

- Alberta Innovates Health Solutions

- Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute Strategy on Patient-Oriented Research • CIHR – Institute of Cancer Research and the CIHR Breast Cancer Initiative • CIHR – HIV/AIDS Research Initiative • CIHR – Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health • CIHR – Institute of Aging • CIHR – Institute of Gender and Health • CIHR – Institute of Genetics • CIHR – Institute of Health Services and Policy Research • CIHR – Institute of Human Development, Child, and Youth Health • CIHR – Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis • CIHR – Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction • CIHR – Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes • CIHR – Institute of Population and Public Health • Health Research Council of New Zealand • Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research • Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation • Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation

### **Funding**

- Up to \$ 31,665,000 over five years is available through this funding opportunity to support Canada-based teams (additional funds through partners in Australia and New Zealand will be available to components of the teams based in those countries).

The Section of Researchers has been working to support team development by circulating an updated list of researchers interested in this initiative to section members. The list was initially developed and is kept updated by Dr. Moira Stewart and Ms Leslie Meredith of the Primary Health Care System (PHCS) Program of Ontario. If you are interested in being added to the list, and have not already done so, please forward your information to [Stephanie Fredo](#), Research Communications Coordinator, at the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Please indicate the research priority areas in which you would like to work; whether you are interested in leading a team or being involved as a co-investigator; and a short description of a possible topic area.

Please indicate your permission to share this information with other PHCS program members; with the Canadian Working Group on Primary Healthcare Improvement (CWGPHI) and other relevant organizations whose members are looking for collaborators and other team members.

For more information about the Community-Based Primary Healthcare Initiative, click [here](#).

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## Research Awards & Grants for Family Physicians

These awards recognize achievement in family medicine research and support CFPC members in research projects related to meeting the changing needs of their community.

### Janus Research Grants and the D.M. Robb Research Grant

Supported by AMS, Scotiabank, the CFPC, and the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

Applications must reach the CFPC national office by **March 1, 2012**.

### Janus Research Grant Training Level 1

Supported by AMS, Scotiabank, the CFPC, and the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

Complete applications must reach the CFPC national office by **March 1, 2012**.

### Janus Research Grant Training Level 2

Supported by AMS, Scotiabank, the CFPC, and the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

Complete applications must reach the CFPC national office by **March 1, 2012**.

***Applicants for the training grant must be eligible to participate in the Grant Generating Program (GPP).***

### Family Medicine Researcher of the Year Award

This award is supported by the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

Nominations must reach the CFPC national office by **April 1, 2012**

### CFPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Family Medicine Research

Supported by the College of Family Physicians of Canada

Nominations must reach the CFPC national office by **April 1, 2012**.

### CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article Award

Supported by the CFPC's (CFPC) Research and Education Foundation

Nominations must reach the CFPC national office by **March 1, 2012**

### Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship

Supported by The College of Family Physicians of Canada

Nominations must be submitted to the CFPC Honours & Awards Committee by **June 8, 2012**.

The Chairs, Postgraduate Directors and Research Directors from each Canadian family medicine residency program are asked to identify the department's best scholarly work by one of their residents, **using the department's own criteria**. A nomination package will be mailed the Chairs and Directors in order for them to complete this process.

### Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents

Supported by AMS, Scotiabank, the CFPC and the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

Nominations must be submitted to the Honours and Awards Committee at the CFPC national office by **June 8, 2012**.

Two awards will be presented to recognize family medicine residents (R1 or R2) for excellent research carried out and completed prior to June 1, 2012. The Chairs and Research Directors of each family medicine residency program will identify the most outstanding research project from their program in 2012. A nomination package will be mailed to the Researchers' Directors in order for them to complete this process.

For more information about these and other awards, visit the CFPC's [Honours and Awards webpage](#).

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#### \* **Fast Facts**

National Physician Survey (NPS) 2010 – Fast Fact: The 2010 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly [Fast Facts](#).

The January issue focuses on trends in the use of electronic medical records.

A comparison between the results of the 2007 and the 2010 National Physician Survey (NPS) shows that exclusive use of electronic medical records (EMRs) by family physicians, general physicians, and other specialists across Canada has increased from 10% to 16%. The most recent 2010 data showed that 39% of physicians used electronic records to enter and retrieve clinical patient notes.

Click on the link for the full report.

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#### **Hall Foundation Student Essay Competition**

**Application Deadline: March 23, 2012**

#### **The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation invites students to submit essays to the Student Essay Competition**

In 2008, the Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation launched its [annual student essay competition](#). The intent is to foster Canadian health economics and health policy research among undergraduate and graduate students. Essays must address at least one of the five criteria for a national health service advocated by Justice Emmett Hall in the 1964 Royal Commission on Health Services Report that later formed the principles for the Canada Health Act: 1) Public administration; 2) Comprehensiveness; 3) Universality; 4) Portability; 5) Accessibility. Click on the link for more information.

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## **The NEW Canadian Harkness Fellowships: Starting in 2012–13**

**Deadline for receipt of applications from Canada: 12 March, 2012**

The Harkness Fellowships Award enables talented Canadians to participate in the [Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice](#), a core program of The Commonwealth Fund's International Program in Health Policy and Practice. The Commonwealth Fund, in collaboration with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, offers a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals—researchers, policy-makers, clinicians, managers and journalists—to spend 12 months in the United States to conduct a policy-oriented research study with leading U.S. health experts. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **The Chronic Disease Interventions Division of the Public Health Agency of Canada ( PHAC)- Call for Submissions**

**Please ensure your submission is completed and submitted by no later than Monday, February 27, 2012.**

**The Chronic Disease Interventions Division of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)** is seeking examples of organizations that have used the best available evidence to make a difference in their work in health promotion and chronic disease prevention. To submit an example for consideration in a casebook to be developed this year please complete a case description form and send it to [lrbayne@shaw.ca](mailto:lrbayne@shaw.ca).

The casebook objectives are to:

1. increase awareness and understanding of the value of acquiring and applying evidence;
2. highlight different strategies and approaches for the acquisition and application of evidence to practice, program and policy decision-making in health promotion/chronic disease prevention;
3. demonstrate the impact of using evidence on health promotion and chronic disease prevention policy, program and practice changes;
4. identify lessons learned through the experiences showcased in the casebook; and
5. facilitate ongoing knowledge exchange by connecting audiences to the work of others and to each other.

If you have any questions about the submission form or process, to obtain a copy of the form, or if you would like assistance in completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Lillian Bayne at: 250-383-4273 or at [lrbayne@shaw.ca](mailto:lrbayne@shaw.ca)

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**\* Training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research: Call for Applications**

**Deadline to apply: March 2, 2012**

The [Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#) (OBSSR), National Institutes of Health (NIH), in collaboration with the [National Cancer Institute](#) (NCI), the [National Institute of Mental Health](#) (NIMH), and the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA), is the sponsor of the 2012 Training Institute on Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (TIDIRH). 2012 Institute Host: [University of California San Francisco](#)

The goal of this 5-day training institute is to provide participants with a thorough grounding in conducting dissemination and implementation research in health. Faculty and guest lecturers will consist of leading experts (practitioners and teachers) in theory, implementation and evaluation approaches to D&I, creating partnerships and multi-level transdisciplinary research teams, research design, methods and analyses appropriate for D&I investigations and conducting research at different and multiple levels of intervention (e.g., clinical, community, policy). Visit the [website](#) for more information.

## Conference Opportunities



**Family Medicine Forum 2012**  
**Canada's premier family medicine conference**

Mark your calendar!

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Section of Teachers and Researchers invite you to

**Family Medicine Forum 2012**  
**15 – 17 November, 2012 Toronto, ON**

**The call for Abstracts is now open!**

**Deadline for submissions: February 24, 2012**

For more information, click [here](#).

To submit your abstract, click [here](#).

**Research Day will be held on Wednesday, November 14**

**The Call for abstracts will be posted soon.  
Watch the [FMF website](#) for details.**

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**\* 2012 Kids Not Cons Summit—Preventing Tomorrow’s Criminals: From Knowledge to Practice**

**March 21-23 2012 Toronto, ON**

**Hosted by the Child Development Institute and Astwood Strategy Corporation**

This conference will bring together world renowned scientists and practitioners in the prevention and treatment of childhood aggression and anti-social behaviour. They will share their experiences, research and knowledge of best practices for working with these at-risk young children. Delegates will gain insight on how to translate the most current knowledge into practice.

Whether you are a researcher, social worker, child and youth worker, educator, policymaker, police officer, crime prevention strategist, mental health specialist or other front-line professional, this conference will add tremendous value to your work!

For full program and registration information on this essential conference, please visit the [conference website](#). **Register soon. Spaces are filling up fast.**

Click here to see more [Conference Opportunities](#).

## Funding Opportunities

Click here to view upcoming [Funding Opportunities](#).

\* available in English only.