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### **Alzheimer Society of Canada (ASC) Research Grants - Vascular Health and Dementia**

<http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/research/resprog-rfa-vascular.htm>

The Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Alzheimer Society of Canada, together with the CIHR Institute of Aging, the CIHR Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction, and the CIHR/Rx&D Research Program, supported by Pfizer Canada Inc. are pleased to announce a request for applications in the area of vascular health and dementia.

Eligible projects include but are not limited to

- definition, detection, screening, and diagnosis,
- disease profile,
- patterns of cognitive decline,
- mechanisms underlying disease causation and progression,
- epidemiology, risk factor identification and management,
- prevention strategies,
- treatment, disease management and care giving,
- pharmacodynamics of drug therapies,
- sequelae of disease and comorbidities, and
- health economic impacts.

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## **Canadian Health Services Research Foundation**

### **1) Open Grants Competition**

As the flagship of the foundation, the Open Grants Competition contributes up to \$2.5 million of foundation funds annually to projects and programs in applied health services research, including nursing management and organization issues. Researchers and decision makers funded by this competition collaborate to conduct research that is tailored to a set of **priority themes** established through consultations with health-sector decision makers and researchers across Canada. Foundation funding is matched by a variety of co-sponsors, including partner organizations we call third-party co-sponsors, that make funds available specifically for this competition.

The following priorities have been adopted for foundation programs for at least the next two years (to 2004):

- Health Human Resources;
- Managing Continuity; and
- Nursing Leadership, Organization and Policy.

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### **2) Commissioned Research**

This program uses two approaches to address issues of more immediate interest to decision makers: policy syntheses and commissioned research projects and synthesis. The program is also used to create impetus on priority topics where the research is under-developed or there is limited research capacity. Activities are generally commissioned in response to specific requests from interested decision makers. The foundation uses its status as a non-aligned entity to particular advantage in this program to establish neutral ground which eases interaction between the various parties involved in a given issue.

In spring 2001, the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation collaborated with four major national organizations to organize a consultation process to identify research priorities for the health system. Primary healthcare was identified as a significant issue, especially by deputy ministers. Based on this consultation, the foundation's Board of Trustees recommended that the Commissioned Research Program focus on **primary healthcare** for the next three-to-five years.

#### **a) Policy Syntheses**

A policy synthesis is designed to meet short-term needs (12 - 24 months) of interested decision makers. The foundation works with decision-maker partners who are developing health-policy options to commission researchers to synthesize evidence and experience in a specified area and make recommendations for policy development. The

foundation disseminates these peer-reviewed policy syntheses to both the co-sponsor partners and to the health services community more broadly.

### **b) Commissioned Research Projects and Related Activities**

The foundation also works in partnership with decision-maker partners and researchers to commission innovative, high-quality research projects and other related activities that address the pressing needs of decisions makers. These must have a national (and, occasionally international) impact, summarize research on selected topics or forge new exchange networks or processes between decision makers and researchers in a priority area. These activities may therefore vary significantly, ranging from research or assessment projects to workshops or seminars, from panel discussions on a specific topic or literature review to exchange networks.

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### **3) Evaluation of EXTRA/Knowledge Brokering Initiatives Competition – Call for proposals for Evaluation Team**

The CHRSF invites proposals from interdisciplinary teams of researchers and evaluation experts interested in evaluating two initiatives. One is a “knowledge brokering” initiative. In it, intermediaries – or knowledge brokers – are used to get decision makers (health-system managers and policy makers) and researchers to communicate and collaborate. The other initiative is the Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program. This is a two-year fellowship for individuals in healthcare organizations in mid- to senior-level executive positions. There will be 6 weeks of intensive sessions away from the fellow’s normal workplace that are based on the theory and practice of applying research evidence to management decisions and policies.

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### **Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation (CPRF)**

Web address: <http://www.cprf.ca/Funding/>

#### **1) 2004-2005 CPRF Awards**

The goal of the CPRF Awards is to help young Canadian scientists launch their careers in the study of major mental illnesses and addictions. Researchers investigating a variety of aspects of major mental illnesses and addictions, including biological, social, educational and therapeutic, are invited to apply for a CPRF Award. CPRF also encourages applications related to child and adolescent mental illnesses and addictions.

## **2) 2004-2005 CPRF Addiction Research Award**

<http://www.cprf.ca/Funding/>

The Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation (CPRF) was formed to support psychiatric research in Canadian institutions.

In the spirit of funding the best independent psychiatric research, the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation offers an award for research designed to enhance the understanding of the causes and treatment of addictions - substance related disorders and co-morbidity with mental illnesses. It will be awarded to an established Canadian investigator for a project or program of research that demonstrates innovation and has the potential for advancement in the field. The funding will support a practical project with defined outcomes for a year.

This award is intended for human subjects studies only and is not for clinical trials. Candidates must be established Canadian investigators at a point of five or more years after completion of their final degree (M.D., specialty, or Ph.D.). Candidates must have a primary, academic appointment at a Canadian university or research institution. Part-time candidates are eligible.

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## **Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) - Call for Research Proposals**

[http://www.canadianstrokenetwork.ca/index\\_en.php](http://www.canadianstrokenetwork.ca/index_en.php)

The Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to reduce the impact of stroke on the lives of Canadians. To achieve this, the CSN fosters collaborations among researchers and private and public sector partners, creating a platform for competitive stroke research in Canada.

Research areas may include prevention, treatment, minimizing stroke damage, rehabilitation and recovery, and knowledge translation. In addition, CSN offers numerous core facilities including the information platform of the Registry of the CSN, the world's largest and richest source of stroke patient information.

CSN members and non-members may apply.

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### **Drummond Foundation** - Request for Applicants (RFA) 2003-2004

The Drummond Foundation is inviting applications from clinical investigators working in Canada and interested in improving the quality of life of socially, mentally, or physically disadvantaged elderly individuals and their families. Studies concerning community dwelling seniors with compromised autonomy will be favored.

The applicant should be a relatively new investigator not yet ready to seek CIHR funding, or an investigator making a bridge to a new field, and is **new to the Drummond Foundation**.

The Foundation will consider any research in the area outlined above that may be quantitative or qualitative, and may address questions on all areas of health care within this domain including diagnosis, prognosis, etiology and therapy. Applications will be judged for their relevance to the lives of the elderly in the community, by the potential clinical impact of results, and by the quality of study design and the grant application.

The individual applicant may request a maximum of \$40,000 for a one year period.

Drummond support will be made available to the principal investigator to administer via a Canadian University-affiliated account.

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### **The ELJB Foundation - Scholar Research Programme 2004**

Provides funding for medical and scientific research in all areas of neuroscience that pertain directly or indirectly to schizophrenia and mental illness.

Under the terms of this Programme, up to seven (7) grants of CAN\$300,000 each were awarded each year to young scientists who had earned an M.D. and/or a Ph.D. degree, had completed their post-graduate training and had been admitted in the preceding five years as faculty members of a leading university or affiliated non-profit research centre in Canada or elsewhere in the world.

The terms of the Scholar Research Programme - 2004 have been revised. Three (3) grants of \$350,000 each will now be awarded each year to young scientists who have earned an M.D. and/or a Ph.D. degree, have completed their post-graduate training and have been admitted in the preceding seven years as faculty members of a leading university or affiliated non-profit research centre. All research under the terms of the 2004 Programme is to be carried out exclusively at Canadian universities or affiliated non-profit research centres.

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### **Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research**

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the BC Leadership Council approved recommendations for use of an \$8 million grant to the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research from the Ministries of Health Services and Health Planning to build BC's capacity for conducting excellent health services and policy research. Six priority research areas to be addressed through this funding initiative include:

1. Acute care redesign: What is the impact of health authority restructuring of acute care services on cost, service utilization, health outcomes, staff attitudes, and the workplace?
2. Chronic disease management: Are chronic diseases being managed better? If so, in what areas and what factors contribute to this?
3. Home and community care: What is the impact of the home and community care strategy on cost, staff, clients, and families?

4. Health human resources – models of service delivery: What is the impact of different models of service delivery on cost and outcomes?
5. Specific populations: What, if any, are the differential impacts of health reforms on specific populations and how can this improve planning?
6. Mental Health: Are mental health services improving?

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### **Royal Bank of Canada - Donations Program**

Web address: <http://www.rbc.com/community/donations/index.html>

Donations requests for projects that will be local or regional in scope and delivery should be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Donations Offices. National Donations Office staff review requests for donations that will be national in program scope and delivery.

RBC and the RBC Foundation donate to nonprofit organizations that are designated as registered charities by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency as well as to educational institutions, colleges, and universities.

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Financial Group is committed to supporting endeavours which make a difference in the lives of Canadians. Through funding from RBC Foundation, donations are intended to

- assist educational, health, social services, civic and other charitable organizations whose work enhances quality of life;
- support endeavours that benefit the community, and thus RBC's customers, employees, and shareholders, by improving the quality of community services; and
- encourage and support community-minded efforts and involvement of RBC employees.

All donations are provided to projects taking place within Canada.

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### **The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada**

Web address: <http://scottishritemasons-can.org/foundation/>

## 1) Graduate Student Research Awards

Support for students registered in a Master's or Doctoral research program focused on the physical-biological or social aspects of intellectual impairment including:

- The causes, treatment and eventual cure of intellectual impairment, especially children affected by Autism and Down Syndrome.
- The causes, treatment and eventual cure of Alzheimer's Disease.
- Early identification and intervention in potentially disabling conditions
- Minimizing long-term disability and lessening the effects of the disability
- Other forms of intellectual impairment may be considered

## 2) College Student Bursary - Value: up to \$2,000 for 1 year of study

For students enrolled in a programme of study relating to intellectual impairment

- Applications are invited from full time students from a Province or Territory, who will be entering the final year of a programme of studies at a recognized Community College, leading to certification to work in the field of intellectual impairment assisting those who are intellectually and/or developmentally challenged.
- Applicants should have above average grades and have demonstrated ability to succeed in their chosen field of study.
- Programmes may include: Collaborative Nursing, Integration Services, Counselling, Developmental Disabilities, Human Service Workers and Techniques in Special Education, etc.
- Applicants must be a Canadian citizen and a permanent resident of a Provinces or Territory.

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## **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)**

*The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is Canada's federal funding agency for university based research and graduate training in the social sciences and humanities.*

## 1) Community-University Research Alliances (CURA)

Web address: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/cura\\_e.asp#1](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp#1)

The purpose of the program is to support the creation of community-university alliances which, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the creation of new knowledge in areas of importance for the social, cultural or economic development of Canadian communities.

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## 2) Research Development Initiatives (RDI) Program (SSHRC Strategic Grants)

Web address: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/rdi\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/rdi_e.asp)

The broad purpose of the Research Development Initiatives (RDI) Program is to support a variety of innovative research and dissemination activities that contribute to new ways of analysing, structuring, integrating, and transferring knowledge in the humanities and the social, cognitive, and educational sciences. The goal is to promote innovation and experimentation and to foster the interrogation of boundaries both between disciplines and between theoretical and practical innovation.

Proposals are invited for initiatives that demonstrate the potential to meet at least one of the program objectives. Proposals for experimental initiatives that promote interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary, and multidisciplinary research are encouraged. Initiatives may include developing new alliances, partnerships, and collaborations at the researcher, group, institutional, national, or international level. Activities may include meetings and electronic gatherings, networking and communication initiatives, intensive research institutes, and state-of-the-art activities.

Grants will be awarded for either short-term stand-alone projects or discrete components of longer-term recurring activities. The RDI Program is not intended to provide general support for ongoing research programs.

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### **3) Grants to Institutions**

Under this program, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) helps eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions fund small-scale research activities by their faculty in the social sciences and humanities.

The purpose of the SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG) program is to assist Canadian universities to develop, increase, or strengthen research excellence in the social sciences and humanities; assist researchers embarking on their research career to become competitive in grants competitions at the national level; assist established researchers with modest funding requirements or those wishing to reorient and strengthen their research programs; and support national and international dissemination and collaboration.

Institutions may use SSHRC funds to award, through their own competitive process, individual grants of less than \$7,000 per annum to support small seminars, research activities such as short-term research projects, and research-related conference travel (including international travel).

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### **4) Research Time Stipend (RTS)**

Web address: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/institutional\\_grants\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/institutional_grants_e.asp)

Applicants successful in the SSHRC standard and strategic grants competitions are also eligible for a research time stipend.

SSHRC offers a research time stipend (RTS) to SSHRC grant holders to allow them sufficient time to conduct research. An application may not be made solely for an RTS, but must be requested as part of a standard research grant, a major collaborative research initiative, or one of the strategic grant programs (excluding joint initiatives where program-specific regulations apply).

Grant holders may not take up an RTS during a sabbatical leave. A research time stipend, moreover, may not be held concurrently with a SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship.

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### **5) Standard Research Grants**

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/standard\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/standard_e.asp)

Applications for a standard research grant may be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (one principal investigator plus one or more co-investigators or collaborators). For standard research grants, there are five categories of eligible participants: principal investigator, co-investigator, research collaborator, student assistant, and other assistants and support staff.

The broad purpose of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's (SSHRC) Standard Research Grants program is to support research and develop excellence in research activities in the social sciences and humanities.

The specific objectives of the program are to support high quality independent programs of research, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers; provide opportunities for the training of future researchers; contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research; maintain and develop vigorous disciplinary research activities; foster and develop vigorous collaborative, multidisciplinary research activities among researchers in the social sciences and humanities; and assist the communication of research results both within and beyond the academic community.

A program of research may include the creation of a research tool.

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### **6) Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)**

Web address: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/mcrist\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/mcrist_e.asp)

The purpose of the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI) Program is to

strengthen Canadian research capacity in the humanities and social sciences by promoting high-quality, innovative, collaborative research and unique student training opportunities in a collaborative research environment. The program is intended for leading scholars with a solid track record and past experience in collaborative research, student training, and grant management.

The proposed research should be of such a dimension as to require a broad range of expertise and participants, with collaboration between researchers in other disciplines, sectors, institutions, and countries. The main thrust of the proposed research must be in areas falling within the humanities and social sciences disciplines and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's (SSHRC's) mandate.

The research team must have a minimum of two researchers from Canadian postsecondary institutions, and may include co-applicants (co-investigators) and collaborators. A researcher may not simultaneously hold an MCRI grant as the project director, and a Standard Research Grant as the principal investigator.

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## **7) Essential Skills - Workshop Grants**

To enhance the quantity and quality of policy-relevant research in essential skills, the initiative will offer two annual workshops. Only those applicants who are successful in the Research Grants component of the program will be eligible to apply for these Workshop Grants. Each research team may send two representatives to participate in each workshop. Successful applicants must plan the workshops in close partnership with Human Resources Development Canada. Both workshops will be held in the National Capital Region. The partners expect that an edited volume will be published based on the workshop proceedings.

The objectives of the Essential Skills program are to:

- build multidisciplinary research capacity in essential skills at a national level;
- encourage the recognition of essential skills in Canadian workplaces;

- expand networks of researchers and build partnerships with community agencies for which essential skills is an important issue;
- support the transfer of knowledge produced through research funded by the initiative; and
- support policy-oriented documentation of essential skills research.

Please address questions about the Essential Skills joint initiative to:

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### **Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) - 2005 New Competition**

Web address: [http://www.nce.gc.ca/comp/comp2005\\_e.htm](http://www.nce.gc.ca/comp/comp2005_e.htm)

The NCE Program fosters powerful partnerships between university, government, and industry. Networks of Centres of Excellence funded by the program are designed to develop Canada's economy and improve the quality of life of Canadians. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), along with Industry Canada, combine their efforts to support and oversee the NCE initiative. Researchers and their partners from the private and public sectors may apply.

Organizations eligible to receive funds are universities, affiliated hospitals and research institutes, and postsecondary institutions having a research mandate. An industrial consortium may receive funds to administer a network, and may act as host institution.

Researchers and organizations who receive NCE funds must meet the general eligibility conditions of one of the three granting councils, NSERC, CIHR, or SSHRC. Participants from the private and public sectors, while not eligible to receive NCE funds, are encouraged to have an active role in the network. Researchers in all disciplines of research and their partners from the private and public sectors are invited to submit Letters of Intent to establish new NCE networks.

An open competition is being held to create new Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCEs). Approximately \$10 million annually will be available to support these networks.

The new networks will be selected through a rigorous peer-review process. An NCE Selection Committee will review the Letters of Intent and proposals against five program criteria:

- Excellence of the Research Program
- Development of Highly Qualified Personnel
- Networking and Partnerships
- Knowledge and Technology Exchange and Exploitation
- Management of the Network

Researchers and their partners from the private and public sectors were invited to submit their Letters of Intent by September 8, 2003, to establish new NCE networks.

Unless the NCE Program budget is increased, there may not be a competition for new networks until 2012.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### **British Columbia Medical Services Foundation (BCMSF)** **(c/o The Vancouver Foundation)**

<http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMResearchFund.shtml>

The British Columbia Medical Services Foundation (BCMSF), established under the auspices of Vancouver Foundation, supports health-related research in both academic and community settings in British Columbia. BCMSF actively promotes health education, explores solutions to health care issues, and advances study in the health sciences.

Funding is directed towards:

- Health Research

Studies/projects/investigations that apply research methodology to health, the provision of health care, and current practical clinical problems. Population health research applications are also encouraged from nonmedical disciplines such as sociology, psychology, education, etc.

- Community Based Research

Studies/projects/investigations that address community based health issues identified by the community and conducted in partnership between community members, researchers, and health providers using qualitative methods.

- Health Education

Health education programs for health professionals. Programs that deliver educational materials, in any format, and that include an evaluation of outcomes.

### **1) Fellowships**

What the pre-doctoral fellowships are:

The B.C. Medical Services Foundation makes 5 fellowships available for the first or second year of doctoral studies (PhD) in any discipline in the Health Sciences. These awards are intended to encourage the development of outstanding new research scientists in the Health Sciences by providing one year of support. The fellowships recognize students who have the potential to make a valuable contribution to health services and research in British Columbia.

### **2) Other awards**

#### **a) Population Health Trainees**

BCMSF and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research are jointly funding masters and PhD trainee awards in population health. A total of 11 masters and 19 PhD trainees have now been funded through this partnership for a combined commitment of more than \$13 million.

### **b) Bursaries**

The B.C. Medical Services Foundation makes annual block grants to the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, and the University of Northern British Columbia for **Bursary Assistance** to B.C. students studying in the Health Sciences.

Additionally, BCMSF supports bursaries in nursing at 8 university colleges.

As our bursaries in the health sciences are administered directly by these institutions, those interested in applying should contact the Awards Office, Research Services, or Graduate Studies at the institution they will be or are attending.

### **c) Scholarships**

What the summer research scholarships are:

The B.C. Medical Services Foundation makes 15 Summer Research Scholarships available to **graduate** students in the Health Sciences. These Scholarships provide support for summer research to outstanding students in any discipline in the Health Sciences. They are intended to encourage the development of young, promising researchers, who in turn will make a contribution to the health care system in British Columbia.

### **d) Health Research Funding**

Project grants are available to B.C. post-secondary educational institutions, clinical agencies, and community organizations (registered as charities with Revenue Canada). Grants are **not** awarded to individuals or businesses.

Funding is directed towards projects that have a direct impact on health and health care in BC. There is a current emphasis on projects related to rural and remote health; other applications will also be considered. Studies/projects/investigations that apply research methodology to health, the provision of health care and current practical clinical problems. Population health research applications are also encouraged from non-medical disciplines such as sociology, psychology, education etc.

Other funding includes:

- **Facilitation grants**, which are occasionally provided to researchers in a clinical or community-based setting. These grants help a researcher obtain professional assistance or specific expertise in designing a study.

#### **e) Health Education Funding**

B.C. Medical Services Foundation provides limited funding for health education projects aimed at the general public and/or health professionals. These are programs that deliver educational materials, in any format, and that include an evaluation of outcomes.

Applicants must be registered charities or qualified donees under the Income Tax Act. They must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effective management. Grants are not made to individuals or businesses. Projects must take place in British Columbia.

Health education programs for health professionals deliver educational materials, in any format, and that include an evaluation of outcomes.

i.e.) Positive Women's Network Society: "Women & HIV Toolkit for Healthcare Providers' Training in Smaller Communities"

Requests for further information may be addressed to Sarah Chilvers, Program Director, e-mail [sarah@vancouverfoundation.bc.ca](mailto:sarah@vancouverfoundation.bc.ca).

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#### **Dr. Norma Calder Foundation (c/o BC Schizophrenia Society)**

<http://www.bcscs.org/documents/pdf/Application03.pdf>

The Dr. Norma Calder Schizophrenia Foundation is a charitable funding organization in British Columbia that provides grants to fund activities dedicated to research, housing or support programs to alleviate the suffering caused by schizophrenia. An advisory committee evaluates proposals and makes recommendations to the board, which awards funds to those projects that best meet the objectives of the Foundation. Grants will usually be awarded for a specific purpose to be accomplished within a predefined time period. Ideally, funded projects will draw new researchers into the field of schizophrenia research. Grants are given to universities or other appropriate institutions

(such as University affiliated hospitals) in British Columbia. Grants are not awarded directly to individual researchers.

Begun three years ago, the Foundation presently dispenses around \$60,000 a year with a goal of dispensing \$100,000 per year in the near future. The guidelines are that funds will be dispensed in B.C., that they will support the chair at UBC, that funds will support people rather than equipment, and that the maximum grant will be \$15,000. There are two competitions per year for young scientists for both bio-medical and psycho-social research.

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## ALBERTA

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### **Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR)**

<http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/funding.html>

The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) supports medical and health research at Alberta universities, affiliated institutions, and other medical and technology-related institutions.

#### **1) Heritage Population Health Investigators (PHI)**

##### **Independent Investigator Categories**

<http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/grants/PopHealthInvest.shtml>

The Heritage Population Health Investigator (PHI) Award allows independent investigators in the early stages of their careers in health research to commit the majority of their time (greater than 75 percent) to research.

Potential areas of research are

- quantitative and population sciences (epidemiology and biostatistics, operations research, decision sciences, and computer sciences);
- health services research;
- social and behavioural sciences (sociology, anthropology, psychology, economics, and political science); and
- the humanities (law, philosophy, history, and theology).

In all cases, the proposed research must be relevant to human health.

All applicants must name a mentor or group of mentors who will foster their early career development.

The awards are tenable only in Alberta institutions.

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#### **2) Heritage Clinical Investigators**

The Heritage Clinical Investigator Award allows highly qualified clinicians in the early stages of their careers in health research to commit the majority of their time (greater than 75%) to research. This award includes a contribution toward salary and benefits, and may also include a [research allowance](#) and funds for [renovations](#), and [relocation](#). In all cases, the relevance of the applicant's proposed research to human health should be apparent. All applicants must name a [mentor](#) or group of mentors who will foster their early career development.

Candidates must meet all of the following criteria in order to be eligible for a Clinical Investigator award:

- they must possess a M.D. or D.D.S. degree
- they must have successfully completed all the requirements for clinical specialty recognition
- they must be eligible to hold a full-time appointment within a clinical department at the sponsoring institution
- they must actively participate in clinical teaching and patient care in the investigator's discipline
- they must demonstrate a keen interest in research as evidenced by previous clinical and research training

### **3) Heritage Medical or Health Scholars**

Heritage Medical or Health Scholars are investigators who have recently completed their postdoctoral research training, and are currently seeking their first faculty-level appointments, or who are at the Heritage Population Health Investigator or Heritage Clinical Investigator levels. Candidates must demonstrate an ability to initiate and conduct independent and collaborative research, as well as an interest and ability, or potential ability, to train future investigators. The Scholarship award includes a contribution toward salary and benefits, and may also include a [research allowance](#) and funds for [renovations](#), and [relocation](#).

Candidates for the Heritage Scholar award must possess a M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Ph.D. or equivalent qualification. Furthermore, they must be eligible to hold a full-time appointment with the sponsoring institution.

### **4) Heritage Senior Medical or Health Scholars**

Heritage Senior Medical or Health Scholars must have an excellent track record of independent research over several years. They are more senior than Heritage Scholars but not yet able to compete for the Heritage Medical or Health Scientist Awards. They must play an active role in training future research scientists. The Senior Scholarship award includes a contribution toward salary and benefits, and may also include a [research allowance](#) and funds for [renovations](#), and [relocation](#).

## 5) Heritage Medical or Health Scientists

The Heritage Medical or Health Scientist award is the most senior personnel award offered by AHFMR. Heritage Scientists must be established, internationally recognized scientific leaders in their fields of study. Their stature should be apparent by

- the quality of their publication records
- the originality and vision of their research proposals
- the quality and number of their trainees
- their ability to attract and retain research grants, and
- the leadership qualities they exhibit locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Scientist award includes a contribution toward salary and benefits, and may also include a [research allowance](#) and funds for [renovations](#), and [relocation](#).

## 6) Establishment and Independent Establishment Grants

(i) Establishment Grants -- AHFMR provides funds to assist researchers (newly recruited to Alberta) in the start-up of their laboratories and/or research projects. There are two categories of grants:

- [Operating Funds](#)
- [Major Equipment Funds](#).

The funds approved are specific to each component and are NOT transferable without prior approval from AHFMR

Establishment grants are linked to AHFMR personnel awards such as:

- [Heritage Clinical Investigators](#)
- [Population Health Investigators](#)
- [Scholars](#)
- [Senior Scholars](#)
- [Scientists](#)

(ii) **Independent** Establishment Grants are open to new Alberta Investigators who are not candidates for Heritage personnel awards. It is understood that these investigators will commit much of their time to medical or health research.

There are two categories of grants:

- [Operating Funds](#)
- [Major Equipment Funds](#).

The funds approved are specific to each component and are NOT transferable from one component to another without prior approval from AHFMR.

## 7) Studentship and Fellowship Programs

AHFMR's commitment to maintaining Alberta's lead in medical and health research results in the support of hundreds of trainees each year, providing them with experience in top labs. These researchers-in-training represent a new generation of highly talented and motivated scientists.

**8) Research Training Awards** are available to individuals in one of the following categories:

- Qualified Alberta Faculty seeking new training in health research:
  - [Health Research Career Renewal Awards](#)
- Individuals who hold Ph.D., M.D. or D.D.S. degrees:
  - [Postdoctoral Fellow Recruitment Fund](#)
  - [Full-Time Fellowships](#)
  - [Part-Time Fellowships](#)
  - [Clinical Fellowships](#)
  - [Fast-track Fellowships](#)
- Graduate students pursuing Master's or Ph.D. degrees:
  - [Full-Time Studentships](#)
  - [Health Research Full-Time Studentships](#)
  - [M.D./Ph.D. Studentships](#)
  - [The Dr. Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship](#)
  - [Part-Time Studentships](#)
  - [Fast-track Studentships](#)
- Undergraduate Students:
  - [Summer Studentships](#)
  - [HYRS Program](#)

## 9) The Health Research Fund

Web address: <http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/funding.html>

The Health Research Fund (HRF) is administered by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) on behalf of Alberta Health and Wellness.

The Fund supports relevant, high quality health research studies in the areas of:

- health services
- population health
- health technology assessment

## 10) Health Services Research:

Using the scientific method to acquire information for rational decision-making in the management of health and the health system.

Improving the community's health and socioeconomic development by enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of its health system.

### **11) Population Health Research:**

Studying the interrelated conditions and factors that have an impact on the health of human populations (and sub-populations) across the life stages.

The research encompasses:

- the social, economic, and physical environments
- personal and community health practices
- individual capacity and coping skills
- health services
- early childhood development

Population health research identifies systematic variations in patterns of occurrence and applies knowledge to develop and implement policies improving the population's health and well-being.

### **12) Health Technology Assessment Research:**

Systematically evaluates the properties, effects, and/or other impacts of healthcare technology.

Provides objective information to support healthcare decisions and policy-making at the local, regional, national and international levels.

### **13) Proposals for Special Initiatives**

AHFMR welcomes proposals for innovative initiatives that accelerate the achievement of its overall objectives.

Institutions recruiting internationally-recognized researchers to lead new initiatives should consult AHFMR, if current programs are inappropriate.

AHFMR will also consider proposals for pilot projects in patient or population-based research. These projects must have the potential to develop information, and the investigators must have the expertise to attract grants from other agencies. The review process and financial support for special initiatives may be shared by AHFMR and other agencies.

Applications that are normally eligible for regular operating grants from other agencies will NOT be considered under this program.

For more information, contact Dr. Jacques Magnan, Vice President, Research at (780) 423-5727 or [jmagnan@ahfmr.ab.ca](mailto:jmagnan@ahfmr.ab.ca)

#### **14) Programs in Health Services Research**

This document describes a new initiative on the part of AHFMR, in collaboration with Alberta Health and Wellness, to develop competitively awarded long-term (up to five years) Programs in Health Services Research<sup>1</sup> to inform policy and decision-making in areas of interest (themes) to the province. At the same time, this initiative will contribute to the development of Alberta-based or -linked research capacity to address the research information needs of these themes in the future.

Funding for the Programs will be for an initial three year period, with the potential for a further two years of funding following a successful review of the progress of the Program. Each Program will be eligible to receive up to \$300,000 of funding per year.

Program Theme areas:

The theme areas described below broadly define the scope of research eligible for funding. Following the descriptions, illustrative questions are listed to guide applicants in interpreting the themes. Additional illustrative questions for some of the themes are also available from the publication "Listening for Directions" available from ([http://www.chsrf.ca/docs/pconsult/eslistfordir\\_e.pdf](http://www.chsrf.ca/docs/pconsult/eslistfordir_e.pdf)).

Applicants are not restricted to these questions, but the proposed research questions must clearly address issues of importance to health services planning and decision-making within the theme areas.

Theme 1: Continuum of care and delivery models

Theme 2: Information Management and Information Technology for Health Improvement

Theme 3: Financing and public expectations

Theme 4: Governance and accountability

#### **15) Community Health Research Travel Grants**

Facilitate contact among health researchers in Alberta, as well as with national and international colleagues. Candidates from a wide variety of disciplines may apply as long as the purpose of the travel is to promote community health research.

Travel for the express purpose of fulfilling administrative, service delivery, or educational duties is not eligible for coverage under this program.

Individuals (independent investigators or trainees) who are actively engaged in health research in a nonprofit organization in Alberta are eligible to apply.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

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### **The Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation - Health Services Utilization and Research Commission**

Web address: <http://www.shrf.ca/funding.html>

#### **1) Research Establishment Grants**

The establishment grant program is intended to assist university faculty who are new or newly resident in Saskatchewan in establishing independent health research programs within the province and achieving the research productivity necessary for obtaining longer term and more substantial funding from national and other external agencies.

Research supported must be in a field of human health research, defined broadly as encompassing biomedical science, clinical research, health services and systems research, and research on the cultural, social, and environmental determinants of population health.

#### **2) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

The postdoctoral research fellowship program is intended to advance the research-career development of the award holder and to enhance the research productivity of the supervising Saskatchewan university faculty member. It provides financial support to high-quality candidates for a period of postdoctoral research in a health-related field under the supervision of an experienced, active researcher.

Research supported must be relevant to human health. It may be biomedical science, clinical research, health services and systems research, or research on the cultural, social, and environmental determinants of population health.

#### **3) Clinical Research Facilitation Grants**

The clinical research fellowship program is intended to help remedy the serious shortage of clinician-scientists in Saskatchewan. It provides financial support for a period of research training for high-quality candidates with undergraduate medical degrees, or equivalent, who intend to pursue careers as clinician-researchers in a human health field in Saskatchewan.

Proposals supported must be for research in a human health field and/or for graduate research training, to be undertaken by a qualified human health professional who is committed to a career in both clinical service and research within their chosen profession in the province of Saskatchewan.

#### **4) Research Group Facilitation Grants**

The Research Group Facilitation Group Program is intended to: encourage and facilitate the formation and development of new groups that consist of active researchers with common interests who are studying matters associated with the human health sciences, the health-related social sciences or other human health-related fields of study and who are interested in establishing a longer-term association with each other that will benefit their research productivity and competitiveness; advance strategic directions for health research within the home institution or the province; assist in increasing national funding for research in the field of interest in Saskatchewan, especially from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research or another of the Tri-Council agencies; and enhance the capacity for and quality of research in the field of interest and health research generally in Saskatchewan.

Research supported must be in a field of human health research, defined broadly as encompassing biomedical science, clinical research, health services and systems research, and research on the cultural, social, and environmental determinants of population health.

## **5) Strategic Development Grants**

The strategic development grant program is intended to improve the success rate of Saskatchewan-based research proposals in national health research funding competitions, ultimately increasing the amount of national health research funding flowing to Saskatchewan and boosting health research capacity. It provides financial support to Saskatchewan university faculty members for preparing full proposals of a collaborative, multi-disciplinary nature that will be submitted to a strategic health research funding initiative offered at the national level.

Developmental work must be focused on obtaining support from a national strategic initiative, defined as a special call for proposals that will develop specific areas of health research or address gaps in health research capacity in Canada. For this program, strategic initiatives do not include regular operating grants or other regular programs. Typically, the strategic calls will come from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research or one of its institutes but may come from other national granting or voluntary agencies.

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**ONTARIO**

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**Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) - Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards in Addiction and Mental Health Research 2004-2005**

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is a teaching hospital and research institute dedicated to better understanding, prevention, and care for addiction and mental illness.

CAMH offers several one-year postdoctoral research fellowships each year, with funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health (OMH) and the CAMH. The program aims to provide fellows with a comprehensive training program in the fields of addiction and mental health, and with training in research techniques.

Postdoctoral fellows are expected to make independent contributions to knowledge during their appointment, either by contributing to an existing project or through a project of their own. Clinicians may spend up to 20 percent of their time in clinical duties.

Candidates must have a Ph.D., M.D., or the equivalent at the time of taking up the appointment.

Applicants must obtain the sponsorship of a supervisor at CAMH who holds an appointment as an assistant, associate, or full professor at the University of Toronto or other Ontario university.

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**Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)**

Web address: [http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not\\_secure/OGS.htm](http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/OGS.htm)

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels.

An Ontario Graduate Scholarship is awarded for one academic year, which may consist of two or three consecutive terms. One-term awards are not granted. For 2004–2005, the value of the OGS is \$5,000 per term. Thus, you may receive \$10,000 for two consecutive terms or \$15,000 for three consecutive terms. The province of Ontario contributes two-thirds of this amount and the university provides one-third.

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**Ontario Mental Health Foundation (OMHF)**

<http://www.omhf.on.ca/>

**1) Type A Research Project Grants (Two Years)**

The Ontario Mental Health Foundation (OMHF) aims to promote the mental health of people living in Ontario, to prevent mental illness, and to improve diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Through the research project grants, the OMHF aims to provide opportunities for the development of new ideas and new investigators. The foundation will support research that deals with any of the biological, psychological, or social factors that either foster mental health or lead to mental disorder.

Awards will be restricted to landed immigrants and Canadian citizens resident in Ontario. Submissions are welcome from applicants who are not institutionally based, if these applicants have an acceptable mechanism for scientific, ethical, and financial accountability, as well as meeting the standards of excellence expected of all applicants.

Individuals enrolled in a predoctoral training program are not eligible to apply.

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## **2) Type B Research Project Grants (Four Years)**

The Ontario Mental Health Foundation (OMHF) aims to promote the mental health of people living in Ontario, to prevent mental illness, and to improve diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Through the research project grants, the OMHF aims to provide opportunities for the development of new ideas and new investigators. The foundation will support research that deals with any of the biological, psychological, or social factors that either foster mental health or lead to mental disorder.

Type B grants are awarded to allow investigators to continue research being funded by the foundation.

Awards will be restricted to landed immigrants and Canadian citizens resident in Ontario.

Applications will be accepted from individuals and from teams of investigators with an identified principal investigator. The applicant must have been funded by the OMHF via a Type A or Type B grant for at least four consecutive years at the time of application. Eligible researchers may apply for support for up to four years.

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## **3) Senior Research Fellowships**

<http://www.omhf.on.ca/contents03.html>

The Ontario Mental Health Foundation (OMHF) will support research that deals with any of the biological, psychological, or social factors that either foster mental health or lead to mental disorder. The foundation aims to improve knowledge about the prevention of mental disorder, and the rational and efficient diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of the mentally ill.

The foundation will accept applications for projects dealing with any period of the life span and with any of the factors thought to promote mental health or to cause mental disorder, and from any of the relevant scientific specialties.

The purpose of the Senior Research Fellowships is to enable the investigator to secure time for research that would not otherwise be available, by covering the costs to the recipient's institution of providing a substitute who will take over part of the fellow's teaching, clinical, or administrative duties. The amount of time released to do research may vary but in no instance will the foundation support a full-time substitution.

The awards are tenable in Ontario. Applicants must hold a professional research qualification in a field relevant to mental health, and be conducting investigations in an Ontario hospital, university, or other institutional setting. Applicants must also be members of the institution's full-time staff.

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#### **4) Intermediate Research Fellowships**

<http://www.omhf.on.ca/contents03.html>

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The foundation will accept applications for projects dealing with any period of the life span and with any of the factors thought to promote mental health or to cause mental disorder, and from any of the relevant scientific specialties.

Intermediate Research Fellowships are intended to help individuals to continue a career in research once they are established members of the mental health research community. The awards enable the investigator to secure time for research that would not otherwise be available, by covering the costs to the recipient's institution of providing a substitute who will take over part of the fellow's teaching, clinical, or administrative duties. The amount of time released to do research may vary but in no instance will the foundation support a full-time substitution.

The awards are tenable in Ontario.

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### **5) New Investigator Fellowships**

<http://www.omhf.on.ca/contents03.html>

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The foundation will accept applications for projects dealing with any period of the life span and with any of the factors thought to promote mental health or to cause mental disorder, and from any of the relevant scientific specialties.

The purpose of the New Investigator Fellowships is to enable flexible options for a newly independent investigator to develop a line of research and to consolidate a research career. The award may be used to arrange for relief from clinical, teaching, or administrative duties in order to secure time for research; or may be applied directly to the costs of research; or may be used to provide the individual with a stipend.

All applicants for this award must have a mentor or senior collaborator who is an established investigator in a field relevant to mental health, and there must be a close working relationship between the mentor and the award recipient.

The awards may be held in Ontario.

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### **Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation (ONF) – Funding Program**

Web address: <http://www.onf.org>

The application must be submitted by a qualified individual who is employed by, established at, or sponsored by a charitable institution, organization, or association that has a federal registration or tax exemption number.

The Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation (ONF) funds basic scientific and applied clinical research directed toward survival and repair of neural tissue and recovery of function after neurotrauma injury. Projects must be based in Ontario.

The ONF has developed a new funding program that focuses on the individual rather than the discipline. The new funding streams and their research program areas are as follows:

Prevention of neurotrauma (with focus on etiology and best practices)

- Workplace injuries
- Sports injuries
- Driving (particularly youth and seniors)
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Seniors falls

Quality of life for persons with ABI

- Community living supports for survivors and caregivers
- Best practice models in the design and delivery of services, protocols, and guidelines
- Mild brain injury
- Co-morbidities and sequelae
- Translational research

Quality of life for persons with SCI

- Secondary consequences of SCI
- Biomedical--translational research
- Primary care

Specific initiatives are being developed within each research program, and will be issued throughout the year.

Knowledge Mobilization is now a corporate and program priority that will be reflected in all three funding streams.

Research activity at the ONF will include multidisciplinary, translational research with a focus on evidence-based best practices that can move research to practice. Some research will involve targeted calls for proposals that are open to researchers within a certain research area, while others will be targeted specifically to key individuals or organizations that can directly access information.

For the February 1, 2004, launch, ONF's Research Committee and Expert Advisory Committees are working towards developing further initiatives, and expect to issue initiatives in most if not all of the following research programs.

#### Prevention of Neurotrauma

- Driving
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Sports injury

#### Quality of life for persons with ABI

- Co-morbidities and sequelae
- Translational research
- Mild brain injury
- Best practice models in the design and delivery of services, protocols and guidelines

#### Quality of Life for Persons with SCI

- Secondary consequences of SCI
- Biomedical - translational research
- Primary care

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## NOVA SCOTIA

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### Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation

Web address: <http://www.nshrf.ca/#>

#### **1) Health Research Project Grants » 2004/05**

The purpose of this program is to help build capacity in health research in Nova Scotia across the four categories of research: health services, health outcomes, health public policy and medical research.

These grants support the research project of an individual or a group led by a principal researcher or investigator in Nova Scotia. They are intended to assist in building research capacity and to provide initial support over a one- to three-year period of research prior to the researcher(s) seeking continuing support from another agency. The grants are not renewable.

These grants are peer reviewed by a committee established by the NSHRF that relies on national standards and procedures.

#### **2) Student Research Awards » 2004/05**

The purpose of the NSHRF Student Research Awards is to assist students undertaking their own research program as part of their degree. Award winners must be under the supervision of individuals having full-time appointment at an academic institution in Nova Scotia\* and in areas of investigation that are consistent with the mission and values of the NSHRF and in any of the four categories of research that has demonstrated relevance to the health of Nova Scotians and the health care system of Nova Scotia. Students are eligible to apply for funding for two years of each degree program.

\* In cases where the student's supervisor has a full-time appointment in an academic institution outside Nova Scotia, applicants must demonstrate that the program of enrollment is not available in Nova Scotia, that there is a clear intent to pursue a research career in Nova Scotia, and that the research proposal involves active partnering with one or more Nova Scotia-based researchers.

Please note: Priority will be given to Master's and PhD applicants. Graduate students must be registered in a Master's or PhD program full-time or part-time.

\* This includes the annual student research allowance. At the Master's/PhD level this is \$1,000. At the postdoctorate level this is \$2,000.

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### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

<http://www.afsp.org/research/grants.htm>

#### **1) Research Grants**

Research grants are awarded to investigators conducting clinical, biological, or psychosocial research on the problem of suicide. Grants can be directed towards research on suicide from a variety of disciplines - psychiatry, medicine, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, neurobiology and many others. Grant applications compete in five categories: Pilot Grants; Young Investigator Grants; Standard Research Grants; Distinguished Researcher Awards; and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has made several revisions to its grant application forms. Applicants should use the new forms for all submissions after Sept. 1, 2003.

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Grant applicants compete in five categories:

**2) Pilot Grants** of up to \$10,000 per year for a two-year period or \$20,000 for one year, which provide seed money for new projects, are awarded to individual investigators without regard to academic rank or previous research experience with suicide.

**3) Young Investigator Grants** for up to \$35,000 per year for a two-year period including the mentor fee of \$5,000 (Total of \$70,000) are awarded to investigators at the level of Assistant Professor or lower.

**4) Standard Research Grants** for up to \$30,000 per year for a two-year period (Total of \$60,000) are awarded to individual investigators.

**5) Distinguished Researcher Awards** for up to \$50,000 per year for a two year period (Total of \$100,000) are awarded to investigators at the level of Associate Professor or higher with a proven history of research in the area of suicide. The

purpose of this funding is not to supplement existing research, but to fund new directions and initiatives in suicidology.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are awarded for full-time training projects by investigators who have received a Ph.D. degree within the preceding three years and have not had more than three years of fellowship support.

For more information about our grants program or grants applications and policies, call 1-888-333-AFSP or send an email below.

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### **The Commonwealth Fund**

The Commonwealth Fund awards grants for projects in its three major program areas. This page tells you how to contact the Fund to apply for a grant and describes the application process. The links below will take you to more detailed program descriptions. See our [recent grants](#) page for examples of the projects we support. You may also want to search our [grants database](#).

1. [International Health Care Policy and Practice](#)
2. [Improving the Quality of Health Care Services](#)
3. [Improving Insurance Coverage and Access to Care](#)

The Commonwealth Fund does not have an application form. We encourage applicants to submit letters of inquiry via e-mail, either through an attached document or in the body of the e-mail. While the Fund will continue to accept letters of inquiry via regular mail, submissions received in this way will take longer to process than submissions received electronically. Applicants are typically advised of the results of an initial staff review within two months. Program staff will contact applicants if more detailed information is required. Proposals recommended by Fund staff are reviewed and voted upon by the Board of Directors, which meets three times each year. However, letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis; there are no deadlines.

In addition, the Fund awards grants through the Small Grants Fund (SGF), with decisions made on a monthly basis. Small grants are closely tied to the Fund's strategic purposes, but enable the foundation to move quickly and flexibly to underwrite targeted work.

Electronic application letters or inquiries should be sent to: [GMO@cmwf.org](mailto:GMO@cmwf.org).

Letters should be addressed to:

Andrea Landes  
Director of Grants Management  
The Commonwealth Fund

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### **Foundation for the Future**

Web address: <http://www.futurefoundation.org/grants/index.html>

To provide financial support to scholars undertaking research that is directly related to a better understanding of the factors affecting the quality of life for the long-term future of humanity.

Funding for individuals and organisations for research into social, genetic, biological, medical, psychological, physiological, cultural, and environmental factors that have or will have an impact on the quality of human life during coming millennia.

The Foundation For the Future Research Grant Awards program is being revised. Information regarding the next cycle will be available in April 2004.

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### **The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia & Depression – Young Investigator Award 2004**

Web address: <http://www.narsad.org/research/apply/>

The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) is the largest non-government, donor-supported organization that distributes funds for brain disorder research. **The NARSAD Young Investigator Award Program** offers up to \$30,000 a year for up to two (2) years to enable promising investigators to either extend their research fellowship training or to begin careers as independent research faculty. Both U.S. and international applicants are eligible to apply.

The program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities and supports basic and/or clinical investigators, but research must be relevant to schizophrenia, major affective disorders or other serious mental illnesses including research with bipolar disorders, borderline disorders with depression and suicide, and research with children.

NARSAD is committed to spending all contributions for direct support of research. Administrative cost of review is small--reviewers are members of the NARSAD Scientific

Council, and volunteer their time to evaluate applications; therefore, **no feedback can be provided to applicants.**

**1) Independent Investigator Award Program** provides support for investigators during the critical period between the initiation of research and the receipt of sustained funding. A two-year award up to \$50,000 per year (maximum of \$100,000 for two years) is provided to scientists at the associate professor level or equivalent, who are clearly independent and have won national competitive support as a principal investigator. Basic and/or clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to schizophrenia, major affective disorders, or other serious mental illnesses. The program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities. Since 1995, 319 Independent Investigators have received NARSAD support.

**2) Distinguished Investigator Award Program** provides support for experienced investigators (full professor or equivalent) conducting neurobiological research. A one-year award of \$100,000 is provided for established scientists pursuing innovative projects in diverse areas of neurobiological research. Areas of particular interest to the Scientific Council's Selection Committee include:

1. Patient populations with unique or unusual characteristics and
2. central nervous system developments. Since 1989, NARSAD has funded a total of 195 Distinguished Investigators.

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