

**UTCSP eNews**  
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**UTCSP Members Receive CIHR Grants**

Congratulations to Drs. Alex Jadad, Lucy Gagliese, and Bonnie Stevens who were recently awarded CIHR Operating Grants

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:**

**MUPPUT Rounds – (Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto)**

**February 27, 2002 – Dr. Ze'ev Seltzer - “Is Chronic Pain a Somatosensory Epilepsy?” – Room 4279, Medical Sciences Building**

**April 24, 2002 – Dr. Miriam Grushka – Room 3227, Medical Sciences Building**

*MUPPUT is part of the education section of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Bi-monthly meetings are held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For further information, please contact Dr. Lucy Gagliese at [lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca](mailto:lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca)*

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**Oncology Rounds**

Presented by Oncology Continuing Education – University of Toronto

**“Surgical Palliative Care: An Evolving Perspective”**

Presented by **Dr. Geoffrey P. Dunn**, Department of Surgery, Great Lakes Hospice, Hamot Medical Centre, Erie, Pennsylvania

**Friday, February 21, 2003 – 8:00 a.m.**

18<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue  
(Refreshments will be available from 7:30 a.m.)

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**Palliative Care Grand Rounds**

Presented by The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the Hospice Palliative Care Network Project (HPCNet), and the University Health Network

**“Latest Advances in Palliative Care Nursing” (to be confirmed)**

**April 29, 2003 (tentative)**

Presented by **Professor Linda Kristjanson**, Chair in Palliative Care, Edith Cowan University, Churchlands Campus, Faculty of Communications, Health and Science, Department of Nursing Public Health, Churchlands, West Austria

*Palliative Care Grand Rounds are held at the University Health Network, Toronto General Site, Eaton North, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 429. For further information, please contact Kate Castonguay at 416-586-4800 x 6777 or by e-mail at [kate.castonguay@tlcpc.org](mailto:kate.castonguay@tlcpc.org)*

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**Multidisciplinary Headache and Facial Pain Rounds of Wasser Pain Management Centre**

**February 25, 2003** – Case Discussions

*Rounds will be held on the **Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Wasser Pain Management Centre, Room 1163 Mount Sinai Hospital (Lunch will be served) All are welcome to attend.*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society (IASP Chapter)**

Chicago, Illinois

**March 20-23, 2003**

For further information, contact:

American Pain Society

4700 W. Lake Avenue

Glenview, Illinois 60025-1485

Tel: 847-375-4715

Fax: 877-734-8758

Or 732-460-7318

e-mail: [info@ampainsoc.org](mailto:info@ampainsoc.org)

or visit the website at: <http://www.ampainsoc.org>

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**“Pain: The Silent Epidemic”– 2003 Conference of the Canadian Pain Society**

Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

**May 22-24, 2003**

For further information and on-line registration, visit the Conference website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003/>

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

**UTCSP Clinician Scientist Fellowship (2003):**

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applicants for the UTCSP Clinician-Scientist Fellowship. The Fellowship is intended for those trainees who wish to pursue a career as a clinician-scientist with both basic research in pain and in the application

to clinical pain management problems. The award is for the support of an individual doing full time research. Applicants should exhibit high academic achievement, research ability or potential, excellent communication skills, and interpersonal and leadership abilities.

**Value and duration:**

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

**Eligibility:**

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

**Conditions of the Fellowship:**

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

**Application Procedures**

**Deadline** for application is **April 1, 2003**. **The following documents must be submitted in triplicate:**

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

**Submission of applications:**

Submit your application to Ms. Nancy Mitchell, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain, Faculty of Dentistry, Room 374, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6, Tel:

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

**Selection:**

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee

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

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**Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2003/2004 Competition:**

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

For additional information/applications link, please visit the UTCSP website at:

[http://www.toronto.edu/pain/grants\\_OGSST.html](http://www.toronto.edu/pain/grants_OGSST.html) or contact **Sheila Wolfe, Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate & Inter-Faculty Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Room 2113, MSB, [sheila.wolfe@utoronto.ca](mailto:sheila.wolfe@utoronto.ca), tel: 416-946-7317**

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**2003 IASP® Collaborative Research Grants**

IASP is pleased to announce a new grants program, IASP Collaborative Research Grants, the first of which was awarded in 2001. These will be small grant awards, maximum US\$ 10,000, subject to the conditions described below. **Deadline** for receipt of applications by IASP is **April 30, 2003**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2003. Please contact IASP at the address below for an application form.

1. The purpose of these grants is to encourage and support collaborative research between two or more research groups located in different countries.
2. These grants will be known as IASP Collaborative Research Grants. All publications and public documents arising from work supported by these grants should acknowledge this source of funding.
3. The grants are intended to foster multidisciplinary and international collaborations. Priority will be given to collaborations between basic science and clinical research groups.
4. The investigator in charge of the overall project must be a member of IASP of at least one year standing.
5. The grants will cover, in full or in part, the cost of the travel and accommodation of investigators of one group working in another of the collaborating laboratories. Evidence must be provided that the costs of the actual research can be covered with other funds.
6. The maximum grant awarded will be of US\$ 10,000. Successful applicants will be required to submit a detailed financial and scientific report at the end of the collaboration

or two years after the award whichever is the sooner.

7. Application forms will be available from the IASP office. Applicants must submit with these forms a description of the research and the CVs of the principal investigators in each collaborating institution.

8. The IASP Committee on Research will evaluate all proposals submitted taking into account the following criteria:

- a. research topic of scientific merit
- b. evidence of multidisciplinary or of basic-clinical collaboration
- c. CV of the investigators involved

9. Recipients will be selected by the IASP Committee on Research. To speed matters the process of selection and approval will be conducted by electronic mail or fax.

10. IASP sponsorship will be in the form of a personal grant to the overall principal investigator. He/She will be responsible for the financial management of the funds. IASP will not accept any liability for financial mismanagement.

**Request applications from and send correspondence to:**

IASP Secretariat, Collaborative Grants

909 NE 43rd St., Suite 306

Seattle WA 98105-6020 USA

Tel: 206-547-6409

Fax: 206-547-1703

Email: [iaspadmin@juno.com](mailto:iaspadmin@juno.com)

WWW: <http://www.iasp-pain.org> and [www.painbooks.org](http://www.painbooks.org)

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**Academic/Clinical Psychologist, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

The Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and the Division of Clinical Psychology/Department of Psychiatry invites applications for a joint academic/ clinical position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for the University of Alberta's Multidisciplinary Pain Centre. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Psychology or recognized equivalent. Evidence of strong research productivity and clinical experience in the area of psychological management of pain are essential. Eligibility for registration with the College of Alberta Psychologists is required. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who can be successful in obtaining peer reviewed research funding and salary support within three years of appointment. The salary and benefits package offered are comprehensive and competitive. The successful candidate will be eligible for start up research funds of \$20,000 per annum for a period of three years.

The University of Alberta and Capital Health Region provides an active and stimulating environment with excellent basic science facilities. Successful candidates for the full time academic position will be situated at the Walter C. Mackenzie Health and Sciences Centre, a state-of-the-art tertiary care and academic centre acting as the major referral center for Northern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and parts of northeastern British Columbia with a population of over one million people.

Interested applicants are asked to forward a CV and the names and addresses of three references to: Dr Barry A Finegan, Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, 3B2.32 Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2R7, email: Lm6@ualberta.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian Citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. *The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.*

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