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UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2006):

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

Value and duration:

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

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, B. Pharm, B.Sc.(Nursing)) 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, 2006.

The following documents must be submitted:

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

Submission of applications:

Submit your application to:

Ms. Nancy Mitchell

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

Selection:

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee

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

Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2006/2007 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, 2006.*** 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 or contact **Debbie Chau, Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate & Inter-Faculty Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Room 2113, MSB, debbie.chau@utoronto.ca tel: 416-946-7317**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

The Program in Neuroscience (PIN) at the University of Toronto presents:

“Are We Born to Suffer? Genetics and Chronic Pain”

Presented by **Dr. Ze'ev Seltzer**, Canada Senior Research Chair, Faculty of Dentistry and Program in Neuroscience, University of Toronto

Date: **Friday, January 20, 2006**
Time: **1:30 p.m.**
Location: **Hospital for Sick Children, Room 1527, Hill Wing**

Palliative Care Grand Rounds

Presented by the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the University Health Network

Topic: **Magnesium Deficiency and Palliative Care**

Presenter: **Dr. Andrew Wilcock**, Clinical Leader in Palliative Medicine and Medical Oncology, Nottingham University, UK

Date: **Thursday, February 2, 2006**

Time: **12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Location: **15th Floor Classroom, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue**

Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference

The Westin Edmonton Hotel

Edmonton, Alberta

June 14-17, 2006

For further information, visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/index.html>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Pain Research - McGill University

The Centre for Research on Pain at McGill University, in partnership with AstraZeneca R&D Montreal, requests applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships to be held at the research laboratories of the Centre. Qualifying applicants will have a PhD, MD or comparable degree and have an interest in pain research. Applicants must be within five years of completing their most recent degree to qualify as a post-doctoral fellow at McGill University.

The research being carried out in the many laboratories at the McGill Centre for Research on Pain, and in the associated hospital pain clinic, ranges from genetics and molecular biology through pharmacology, physiology, and psychology to clinical trials. Collaborative research projects with scientists at AstraZeneca R&D Montreal will be available to candidates. See www.painresearch.mcgill.ca for a list of researchers and research themes. Candidates should indicate in their application the areas of pain research and laboratories in which they wish to work. The Fellowships have a stipend commensurate with experience. The initial appointment is for one year, with a possible extension.

A curriculum vitae and three letters of reference should be sent to: Dr. Catherine Bushnell, Director of the McGill Centre for Research on Pain, 3640 University Street, Room M19, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2B2. E-mail: catherine.bushnell@mcgill.ca.
Closing Date: April 3, 2006

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

WORKSHOPS/PLENNARY SESSIONS/SYMPOSIA – CALLS FOR PROPSALS

Call for Proposals - IASP Research Symposium

Deadline: March 15, 2006

In 1998 the IASP Council established a program of IASP research symposia to foster IASP's commitment to pain research. This program of annual research symposia covers topics of interest to basic scientists and clinical researchers and facilitates publication of books on such topics. One symposium is sponsored each year except in the year of an IASP Congress. No symposia are to be held during the year of the 12th World Congress on Pain. The deadline for receipt of proposals by IASP for symposia to be held in the year 2007 is **March 15, 2006**. For guidelines and applications, please visit the IASP website: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/symposia.html> or contact:

IASP Secretariat
111 Queen Anne Av N, Suite 501
Seattle, WA 98109-4955, USA
Tel: 206-283-3011
Fax: 206-9403
Email: kathyh@iasp-pain.org

Call for Workshops and Plenary Session - 12th World Congress on Pain – August 17 - 22, 2008

Deadline: March 31, 2006

The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) takes pleasure in inviting persons working in the fields of pain research and treatment, and persons who have interest in this topic, to attend its triennial scientific meeting, the 12th World Congress on Pain. The Scientific Program will comprise plenary sessions, topical workshops (traditional and mini-symposia), refresher courses, and free communication sessions.

Presentation topics will include every aspect of acute and chronic pain from basic science to clinical practice.

Purpose and Objectives of the Congress: This is a multidisciplinary meeting that will be of interest to basic scientists, physicians, psychologists, dentists, nurses, physical therapists, pharmacists, and other health professionals. It is useful for those just entering the fields of pain research and treatment and for those interested in updating their skills and learning about promising research and treatment possibilities. The scientific program is intended to provide delegates with an overview of the state-of-the-art of a wide range of topics in the areas of acute, chronic, and cancer pain; to provide practical reviews of current research and therapies in these areas; and to enable delegates to participate in formal and informal discussions with international experts.

IASP is pleased to be holding the Congress in the beautiful city of Glasgow, United Kingdom.

For further information, contact:

IASP Secretariat:

111 Queen Anne Ave N. Suite 501

Seattle WA 98109-4955, USA

Tel: 206 - 283 - 0311

Fax: 206 - 283 - 9403

www.iasp-pain.org; www.painbooks.org

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

**The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine (ISSLS)
Macnab/Larocca Research Fellowship Award 2006**

Deadline: March 1, 2006.

The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine has established a Research Fellowship to promote and extend research activities into the cause and cure of low back pain. The fellowship is awarded annually based upon the merits of the applicant, as judged by the Fellowship Committee of the Society. Currently, a stipend of \$15,000.00 US. will be granted to the recipient.

Prospective applicants should have completed formal training in a medical or allied specialty and should be involved in an investigation of a specific problem which would be furthered by travel to a location other than his own. An applicant should be sponsored by a member, or must be a member of The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine. The competition is open to all qualified investigators who may apply singly or as representative of a group.

Applications for the 2006 competition must be received by **March 1, 2006**. Application is to be made by a letter to a Committee, specifying the details of the topic to be pursued, the location to which the fellow would travel to further his study, and the expectations arising from the venture. Along with the letter of application, a prospective fellow should provide a curriculum vitae for each proposed investigator and a statement of sponsorship of the applicant from a member of the Society, as well as a letter from the Institution the applicant intends to visit confirming their acceptance of the visit. Also please include the curriculum vitae of the researcher you will visit. Four copies of each should be submitted.

Four copies of each should be submitted. The Committee will announce its selection at the annual meeting in Bergen, Norway, June 13-17, 2006. The recipient of this award should be prepared to present a report of his efforts to the 2007 annual meeting in Beijing, P.R. China.

Applications should be submitted to:

International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine
Sunnybrook and Women's Health Science Centre
Room MG 323, 2075 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Canada M4N 3M5.

Phone 416-480-4833; Fax: 416-480-6055; Email: shirley.fitzgerald@sw.ca

**The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine (ISSLS) yearly
Wiltse Lifetime Achievement Award - Call for Nominations**

Deadline: February 1, 2006

ISSLS is happy to announce that, thanks to the generous support of the Stryker Corporation, The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine will be sponsoring a yearly award for exceptional achievement in the spinal field. This award will be presented for the seventh year in 2006. The recipient of this award will receive \$50,000.00 US in 2006.

The nominee should be an outstanding individual scientist, clinician or basic science researcher who has made a major contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of spinal disorders. The nominations for this award may be proposed by officers of universities, hospitals and/or spine research institutions. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society in Bergen, Norway, June 13-17, 2006. The recipient must travel to Bergen at his/her own expense. The nomination must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae, a biographical summary (maximum 2 pages), a list of publications, and an outline of the nominee's contribution to the field of spinal research (maximum 3 pages). Also included should be 2 sponsoring letters, one from the individual making the nomination and one other from an individual outside the nominating institution. Eight

copies of the documents must be sent to the ISSLS office in Toronto no later than **February 1, 2006**.

Nominations should be submitted to:

International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine

Sunnybrook and Women's Health Science Centre

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Toronto, Canada M4N 3M5

Phone 416-480-4833; Fax: 416-480-6055; Email: shirley.fitzgerald@sw.ca

2006 IASP Collaborative Research Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2006

IASP is pleased to announce a grants program, IASP Collaborative Research Grants, the first of which was awarded in 2001. There will be a maximum of three grants awarded of normally US\$ 10,000 each, subject to certain conditions. **Deadline for applications** by IASP is **April 30, 2006**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2006. For guidelines and application forms, please visit the IASP website: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/collabresearch.html> or contact:

IASP Secretariat, Collaborative Grants

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