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Congratulations to UTCSP Faculty Members!

Congratulations to UTCSP members Claire Bombardier, Milton Charlton, Karen Davis, Jonathan Dostrovsky, Michael Salter, Barry Sessle and Bonnie Stevens who were each successful in the recently announced CIHR Operating Grants competition.

UTCSP Lecture – Dr. Jeffrey Mogil

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Jeffrey Mogil** from the Department of Psychology at McGill University will present a talk on behalf of the UTCSP. Dr. Mogil is a leading expert on pain genetics and is a recognized authority in the field of sex differences in pain and analgesia.

Date: **Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

Time: **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Location: **Health Sciences Building – 155 College Street, Room 108**

Topic: **Pain Genetics and Sex**

Attendance is free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Thursday, May 10, 2007**, **Dr. Dwight Moulin**, Professor, Departments of Clinical Neurosciences and Oncology at the University of Western Ontario will present a talk, on behalf of the UTCSP, on the topic of **Evidence-based Guidelines for the Management of NeP**. Dr. Moulin is the Earl Russell Chair in Pain Research. As well, he is the Medical Director of Pain and Symptom Management at London Regional Cancer Centre and Head of the Division of Neurology at Victoria Hospital of the London Health Sciences Centre.

Time: **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Room 4279, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle**

Attendance is free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

UTCSP Interfaculty Pain Curriculum 2007

During the Week of March 19, 2007 the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain will hold its Interfaculty Pain Curriculum entitled: *Pain: Putting the Person at the Centre*. This Curriculum was developed by the UTCSP Education Committee and is an intensive 20-hour pain curricula designed for pre-licensure health care students, the goal of which is to increase the students' knowledge of the pathophysiological, clinical, social

and ethical issues surrounding pain assessment and management. This year, over 800 students from six health sciences programs will join together to participate in this unique interprofessional program. The Curriculum reinforces collaborative patient-centred pain management and ensures the quality and consistency of pain education at the undergraduate level, which should lead to the best clinical pain management by graduates of this program.

We wish to thank the members of the Interfaculty Pain Curriculum Committee for their continued hard work, along with the many health professional volunteers who act as facilitators for the program and whose dedication is key to the program's success.

UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2007):

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, 2007.

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:

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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 – 2007/2008 Competition:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2007/2008 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. ***The applications are due no later than April 1, 2007.*** 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:

**University Health Network Interdisciplinary Pain Conference -
“Emerging Practices in Pain Management”**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
89 Chestnut Street Residence
Colony Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Complete details, including registration information, can be found at the following link:

http://www.uhn.ca/About_UHN/nursing/site/pdf/pain_conference.pdf

1st Annual Meeting of the Neuromodulation Society

White Oaks Resort & Spa
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
For further information, contact:
Christine Drane, Conference Coordinator
Christine.Drane@uhn.on.ca
Tel: 416-603-5118

**Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference –
“Pain Relief – A Basic Human Right!”**

Ottawa, Ontario
Westin Ottawa Hotel
May 23-26, 2007
For further information, visit the CPS website at:
<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/conferences.html>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

For an up-to-date listing of training opportunities available in Canada, please visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Canada&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=9&ContentID=1307>

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

For an up-to-date listing of grant opportunities, please visit the IASP website at:
<http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grants1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=1545>

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