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Mark Your Calendars!

On **Wednesday, March 21, 2007**, **Dr. Jeffrey Mogil** from the Department of Psychology, 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. Dr. Mogil will be in town to present at the UTCSP Interfaculty Pain Curriculum and has generously agreed to give another talk for us that day. Details regarding this lecture, including time and location will be announced shortly. This lecture will be free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

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:

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 – 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:

Wasser Pain Management Centre – Educational Rounds

Date: **January 17, 2007**

Dr. Larry Picard, Neurologist will present “Back Pain – Insights from Imaging Studies”

Wasser Pain Management Centre Educational Rounds are held at 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital, located at 600 University Avenue, 11th Floor, Room 1160. For further information e-mail wasser@motsinai.on.ca

Wasser Pain Management Centre – Neuropathic Pain Rounds

Date: **January 18, 2007**

Dr. Allan Gordon will present “Neuropathic Pain and MS”

Date: **February 1, 2007**

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Wasser Pain Management Centre Neuropathic Pain Rounds occur on the first and third Thursday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital, located at 600 University Avenue, 11th Floor, Room 1160. Lunch will be served. For further information e-mail wasser@mtsina.on.ca

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

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:

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

Deadline: February 1, 2007

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 eighth year in 2007. The recipient of this award will receive \$50,000.00 US in 2007.

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 Hong Kong, June 10-14, 2007. The recipient must travel to Hong Kong 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, 2007**.

Nominations 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) Macnab/Larocca Research Fellowship Award 2007

Deadline: March 1, 2007.

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.

A prospective applicant 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. 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.

Applications for the 2007 competition must be received by March 1, 2007.

Four copies of each should be submitted. The Committee will announce its selection at the annual meeting in Hong Kong, June 10-14, 2007. The recipient of this award should be prepared to present a report of his efforts to the 2007 annual meeting in Hong Kong.

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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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