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UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2008/09):

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; trainees must apply annually to be considered for further funding.
- Application for this fellowship does not preclude application also for the Purdue-Pharma OGSST award if eligible.

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 (including an OGSST award) 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, 2008.

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 trainee into their lab.

Submission of applications:

Submit your application to:

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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 (e.g. in the case of a postdoctoral fellow). A supervisory committee would oversee the fellow's training program.

Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2008/2009 Competition:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2008/2009 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. ***The applications are due no later than April 1, 2008.*** 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.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/graduate/program/awards/ogsst08.htm> 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:

49th Annual McGill Anaesthesia Update

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel

Montreal, Quebec

May 23-25, 2008

For further information and registration, visit the website at:

<http://muhc-cme.mcgill.ca/index1.html>

5th Annual International Symposium for Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia

Metro Convention Centre

Toronto

April 24-26, 2008

For further information and registration, visit the website at:

<http://usra.ca/ISURA/>

“Pain Through the Ages” – 2008 Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference

Fairmont Empress Hotel & Victoria Conference Centre

Victoria, British Columbia

May 27 – 30, 2008

For further information and registration, visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/congres/victoria2008/index.htm>

IASP 12th World Congress on Pain

August 17-22, 2008

Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre

Registration is now open. For further information and to register, click here:

http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=World_Congress_on_pain&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=1843

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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