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**UTCSP One-time Competition for Seed Money**

AstraZeneca has provided the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain with a one-time payment to support innovative research toward pain mechanisms and pain therapies by UTCSP members. These funds will be used to fund several projects.

Applications should consist of a one-page summary of the proposed project and include the aims and rationale for the project, a brief description of methods to be employed, and the significance of the study. A brief budget and description of how the funds will be used should be included with the application, along with a CV, including current grant support (e.g. a CIHR cv module). Funds must be used for direct costs of research to support salaries for research staff and research trainees, materials, supplies and services. Applications should be submitted electronically (include e-mail address). Maximum amount of funding for each project will be approximately \$15,000. The principal applicant must be a current member of the UTCSP.

These funds are intended for funding new exploratory studies for a one-year period and should not be used as top-up of existing grants. The recipients will need to provide a written report and give an account of their findings, along with a financial summary at the end of the grant period. While any and all intellectual property arising from this research will remain the property of the awardee and/or institution, the awardee agrees to provide AstraZeneca with a pre-publication print of any resulting paper or abstract.

**The application deadline is: January 31, 2004**

**Applications should be submitted electronically to Nancy Mitchell at:**  
[nancy.mitche ll@utoronto.ca](mailto:nancy.mitche ll@utoronto.ca)

Please address any questions to Dr. Michael Salter: [mike.salter@utoronto.ca](mailto:mike.salter@utoronto.ca)

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**UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2004):**

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, 2004**. **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 – 2004/2005 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, 2004**. 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**

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

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

**February 19, 2004** – Topic and Speaker TBA

**April 22, 2004** – Topic and Speaker TBA

*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. in Room 3227 of the Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle. For further information, please contact Dr. Lucy Gagliese at [lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca](mailto:lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca)*

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**University of Toronto - Pain Research Day**

**Saturday, March 6, 2004**

Vaughan Estate of Sunnybrook

2075 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON

If you plan to attend, or would like further information, please contact:

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TWH Departmental Administrator

Conference Coordinator, RAPM

at: [christine.drane@uhn.on.ca](mailto:christine.drane@uhn.on.ca)

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