

Call for Applications: 2011 NL Healthy Aging Research Program

For the third consecutive year, the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre For Applied Health Research (NLCAHR) is calling for applications from researchers and students who are interested in issues related to healthy aging.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Healthy Aging Research Program (NL-HARP) is funded by the provincial Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS) and is administered by NLCAHR.

The program offers the following awards and grants:

- ♦ Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships
- ♦ Doctoral Research Grants
- ♦ Master's Research Grants
- ♦ Post-Doctoral Fellowships
- ♦ Faculty Course Buyouts
- ♦ Faculty Retraining Award
- ♦ Project Grants
- ♦ Seed Grants
- ♦ Data Inventory Report Grants
- ♦ Contextualized Synthesis Reports on Healthy Aging

Applications are invited from students and researchers in any discipline. Previous recipients have come from Psychology, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Human Kinetics and Recreation, Nursing and Sociology.

The deadline for applications is October 15 2010.

Details: www.nlcahr.mun.ca/funding/

Recipients of the 2010 NLCAHR Awards Announced

NLCAHR is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2010 Awards Program. These awards support applied health research and training in the province, both directly through the allocation of grants and fellowships and indirectly by attracting funding from external granting agencies.

Development Grants are intended to fund the development of research proposals for submission to national and international funding competitions and/or support the enhancement and resubmission of research proposals to external funding agencies. This year's recipients of grants of up to \$10,000 are:

- ♦ Richard Audas (Medicine) - *15 Years Later - An examination of the health trajectories, outcomes and utilization of participants in the 1995 Newfoundland Adult Health Study*
- ♦ Shabnam Asghari (Medicine) - *Lipid Profile of Newfoundlanders*
- ♦ Lisa Bishop (Pharmacy)/Lisa Fleet (Medicine) - *How 'Best Practice Prescribing' in Newfoundland & Labrador Can Influence Patient Care*
- ♦ Shree Mulay (Community Health) - *Suicide in Aboriginal Communities in Labrador: A Study of Risk and Protective Factors*
- ♦ Leigh Anne Newhook (Medicine) - *"You're not going at that!" - A qualitative study to explore new mothers' attitudes, beliefs, and values around their decision not to breastfeed*

Project Grants support small projects of high scientific quality that may not be eligible for funding from external sources and are of direct relevance to the mandate and priorities of the Centre. The winner of this year's \$40,000 project grant is:

- ♦ Peter Wang (Community Health) - *Assessing the Validity of a Self-Administered Questionnaire (FFQ) in the Adult Population of Newfoundland and Labrador*

One Master's Fellowship of \$18,000 was awarded for this funding cycle:

- ♦ Felicia Pickard (Environmental Science) - *Environmental lead exposure in children from pre-1970s housing in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador*

NLCAHR thanks all applicants for their interest in the program as well as the peer reviewers who graciously agreed to assess the applications.



Dr. Shabnam Asghari
Development Grant Recipient



Dr. Shree Mulay,
Development Grant Recipient



Dr. Peter Wang,
Project Grant Recipient

**New Reviews from the
 Cochrane Library**

The following is a selection of new reviews from the Cochrane Library:

- ◆ Antihistamines used in addition to topical nasal steroids for intermittent and persistent allergic rhinitis in children
- ◆ Circuit class therapy for improving mobility after stroke
- ◆ Functional capacity evaluations for the prevention of occupational re-injuries in injured workers
- ◆ Music therapy for acquired brain injury
- ◆ Orthodontics for treating temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders
- ◆ Promoting patient uptake and adherence in cardiac rehabilitation
- ◆ Screening and subsequent management for gestational diabetes for improving maternal and infant health.

For details on these and other Cochrane Systematic Reviews, see: www2.cochrane.org/reviews/

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Research News

CHRSP Reports Now Available Through Health Research Repository

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research is pleased to announce that its Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program (CHRSP) reports are now available through the Health Research Repository at Memorial's Health Sciences Library.

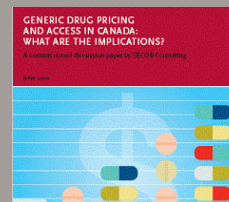
The Health Research Repository is a unique service that showcases, preserves, and distributes the published and unpublished scholarship of Memorial University's health sciences researchers. The Repository is a joint effort of the Health Sciences Library and Faculty of Medicine. To browse or search through the various documents in the Repository, go to: www.med.mun.ca/ResearchRepo/home.aspx.



Health Council of Canada Releases Report on Generic Drugs in Canada

More public and private dollars are being spent to purchase pharmaceuticals for Canadians each and every year. At a time when flattening the healthcare cost curve is at the top of many government agendas, the Health Council of Canada is pleased to see the recent attention paid to controlling drug costs and particularly the costs of generic drugs.

Encouraged by recent calls for greater coordination of drug policies, The Health Council of Canada recently released a commissioned discussion paper written by SECOR Consulting, *Generic Drug Pricing and Access in Canada: What are the Implications?* This independent paper is designed to move the discussion of possible reforms forward on an important part of the drug file – the pricing and distribution of generic drugs - and bring transparency to this important area of public health policy.



Details: www.healthcouncilcanada.ca

Notebook

Congratulations to...

Dr. Michelle Ploughman for receiving a CIHR Post-Doctoral Fellowship for her work: "Health, Lifestyle and Aging with Multiple Sclerosis: Building an Evidence-Based Self-Management Program."

Dr. Ploughman is also project lead of a team that received a 2010 NL-HARP Project Grant, and she was awarded an NLCAHR Project Grant in 2006.

Details: http://webapps.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/cfdd/db_results_submit

Congratulations to...

Louise Jones, member of the NLCAHR Board and Senior Vice-President and Chief Nursing Officer with Eastern Health, for receiving the 2010 Marion Stephenson Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Care.

The award, which was presented at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Healthcare Association, recognizes Jones' consistent service and leadership and her efforts to further health policy and legislation.

Details: www.cha.ca

Conferences and Funding Opportunities

See the NLCAHR website for up-to-date conference and funding opportunities: www.nlcahr.mun.ca

Post your notices here...

Send your health research-related notices for inclusion in our quarterly newsletter.

Our next newsletter: October 2010. Submissions by September 30 to nlcahr@mun.ca