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NSHRF Health Research Priorities: Monthly Update for November 2009

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) is updating its health research priorities. The objective of this initiative is to maximize the impact of the health research enterprise on informed decision making through the focused and efficient use of NSHRF resources.

The Foundation will be seeking feedback from various stakeholders about establishing health research priorities. The NSHRF will also be discussing the results from the environmental scan and priorities document at various meetings with members of the health research community.

The NSHRF will be producing monthly updates which contain a summary of the documents and background materials produced as well as the consultations held. A copy of the November 2009 update is available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1356&siteid=1&lang=1>

Request For Proposals – Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Compendium Update

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for Phase I of a two phase initiative being undertaken the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) to update its Compendium of Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Resources. This updated version will evolve into an interactive web-based resource. Phase I (which is the focus of this RFP) is to update the current version of the Compendium.

Closing date for submissions: January 8, 2010.

The Request for Proposals requirements is found on our website: www.nshrf.ca.

The NSHRF's releases its 2008-2009 Annual Report: Results Matter.

The theme of this year's report highlights the impact of our support and commitment to the province's health research community.

The NSHRF continues to be a leading partner in the province's health research community and has attained a national reputation for excellence and innovation. We are very proud of both achievements. We are most proud, however, to support and foster the important work of health researchers here in Nova Scotia. This work is garnering national and international attention – and most importantly improving the lives of Nova Scotians and those beyond our borders.

An electronic copy of our Annual Report is available on our website: www.nshrf.ca.

Nova Scotia has a vibrant and strong health research community. The work being conducted by the province's health research community is advancing knowledge in many different areas. The **Knowing About Research (KARes) Program** was created by the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) in response to requests from our research community on how they might help in creating an enhanced understanding and awareness of the health research activities in this province.

This program is intended to provide information that will be helpful for members of the health research community in creating relationships with their elected representatives. Information about **KARes** is available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1357&siteid=1&lang=1>

External Funding Opportunities

The NSHRF provides an updated listing of health research opportunities **external** to the Foundation. This section is updated regularly with new information. The Opportunities section can be found following this link:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1236&siteid=1&lang=1>

IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

Understanding Amblyopia

Investigator: Kevin Duffy
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Dr. Kevin Duffy, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Dalhousie University, has been investigating a vision problem called Amblyopia, commonly known as "lazy eye." Lazy eye occurs when normal vision fails to develop during early childhood. If the condition persists throughout early life, the consequent vision impairment is untreatable by surgery or by corrective eyewear. According to the Canadian Association of Optometrists, about 4% of Canadian children suffer from some form of amblyopia.

To read more, visit: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1333&siteid=1&lang=1>

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking for a colleague, possible collaborator, or expert source of information? Find them through the Nova Scotia Directory of Health Researchers, available online at the NSHRF website!

If you are a Nova Scotian researcher working in a discipline either directly or indirectly related to health, please take a minute to add your name to the roster through your Canadian Common CV.

Visit www.nshrf.ca and click on the link on the left side of our home page for easy step-by-step instructions.

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