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It's that time of year again. Competition guidelines are now posted on the website. Key dates: Pre-registration deadline March 1st (all grants) and April 4th (students) Final deadlines May 1 (grants) and May 4th (students). For more information on **NSHRF's Research Awards Competition**, please visit our website at www.nshrf.ca.

The second annual **Institute for Applied Health Research and Design** is scheduled to take place at Saint Mary's University, May 17-19, 2006. The Institute provides mentorship for senior graduate students (in the last year of a PhD) and junior faculty members in developing grant-writing and research-design skills. Applications are available at www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1106&siteid=1&lang=1/.

NSHRF is pleased to present a series of workshops to help build qualitative research capacity among Nova Scotia health researchers from May to June. We hope you can join us. The series, entitled **Choosing, Learning and Using Qualitative Data Analysis Software**, recognizes that many qualitative data analysis software programs are available to researchers today. However, information about these software is not readily accessible, and when accessed is not easily translated and understood. For more information, please keep checking the NSHRF website at www.nshrf.ca.

NSHRF's **Conference Room/Classroom** is available to research-related groups free of charge. Non-research groups have access to the room for a fee of \$200.00/day and \$100.00/half day. The room includes access to an overhead projector and a LCD projector for PowerPoint presentations. Bookings for the room can be made through Marie Deveau at info@nshrf.ca or (902) 424-4043.

NSHRF is pleased to welcome **Ryan McCarthy** to the team as Research Partnership Coordinator, a shared position between the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Health Promotion. Ryan comes to the position after managing national health policy and research initiatives with a number of organizations including the Canadian Public Health Association and the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. To learn more about Ryan, please visit www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1002&siteid=1&lang=1#ryanmccarthy/.

NCC UPDATE

The deadline for **Letters of Interest for a Host Organization** for the National Collaborating Centre for the Social Determinants of Health (Atlantic) has now passed. We are no longer able to accept submissions. However, the Request for Proposals itself will remain on the site for individuals and organizations wishing to learn more about the Centre. The RFP can be found at www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1153&siteid=1&lang=1/.

HATS OFF

Congratulations to **Elizabeth McGibbon**, School of Nursing, St. FX, and her colleagues who were recently awarded a Scoping Reviews & Research Syntheses Priority Services & Systems Grant from CIHR's Health Services and Policy Research Institute. Their project is entitled "Inequities in access to health services for rural African Canadian and Aboriginal populations in Canada: A scoping review."

IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

Parents know all too well the tears that frequently accompany a child's visit to the dentist or doctor. Immunization shots and tooth fillings, to say nothing of more extensive procedures, can cause children a great deal of anxiety and fear. **Nancy Bandstra**, a first-year PhD candidate in Dalhousie University's Clinical Psychology Department, is developing a research project to ease the distress – for children and parents alike. To learn more about Ms. Bandstra's research, please see the Fall/Winter 05 issue of Research Advances at www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1041&siteid=1&lang=1/.

BEARING RESULTS

Heredity and genetics can play a role in mental illness. Screening tools may help determine which children may be at risk. The Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) was designed to address the problem of defining child-behavior problems empirically. **Leslie Anne Campbell**, a researcher with Dalhousie University's Department of Psychiatry, assessed the usefulness and accuracy of the CBCL as a screening instrument for children at risk of emotional or psychiatric distress. To learn more about her research, please see www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=6&site=1&lang=1/.

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