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NSHRF NEWS

Updating NSHRF's Health Research Priorities

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) is currently in the process of 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 research priorities process has four phases: Process Identification and Information Gathering, Consultations, Priority Identification, Priority Implementation. This process is designed to be inclusive, respectful, fair, and transparent in order to respect the diversity of constituents that the NSHRF serves. The NSHRF has created a dedicated section to the health research priorities process on our website and information will be posted regularly.

The NSHRF has started phase two of the priorities process – Consultations. The NSHRF has mailed out letters to stakeholders in the health research community asking to meet with them to engage their feedback on the process. We will be meeting with the health research community until November 6, 2009. We are also available to meet with other groups interested in providing their feedback. For more information about arranging a meeting with us, please contact Colleen Clattenburg, colleen.clattenburg@gov.ns.ca.

The NSHRF is developing an electronic survey that will be sent to stakeholders in the health research community and a link will be placed on the NSHRF's website. The survey will be available Mid-September and notifications will be sent through NSHRF's E-News Distribution List and other communication channels.

Information about the Health Research Priorities is available on our website:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1356&siteid=1&lang=1>

2009-10 Competitive Capacity Awards

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2009-10 Competitive Capacity Awards. Applicants should read the *2009-10 Capacity Program Description Document* in full, paying particular attention to the "Application and Registration Instructions" section before submitting an application.

Please Note: Paper copies of the registration and application forms are no longer accepted for the NSHRF Competitive Capacity Awards.

The NSHRF is transitioning to an Electronic Grants Management System (EGMS) for the registration and application process for **all** competitive funding programs. For more details on the registration and application procedures, please consult the *2009-2010 Capacity Program Description Document*.

Grants offered for the following:

Community Research Alliance (CRA) Grants

Funding for building new alliances between communities and universities/research institutions in and outside Nova Scotia.

Development/Innovative (DI) Grants

Funding for NS health research initiatives that will strengthen a grant submission to a peer reviewed provincial, national or international health research competition.

Team Development (TD) Grant

Supporting health researchers located in Nova Scotia in the development of a new research team, or to build the capacity of an existing team, to prepare a proposal for submission to a national or international peer reviewed grant competition.

NSHRF Sponsored Workshop Grant

Supporting workshops that address knowledge or skill gaps in the Nova Scotia health research community and that will contribute to the development or sustainability of a program of research relevant to the health of Nova Scotians.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 6, 2010

The *2009-2010 Capacity Program Description Document* can be downloaded directly off our website: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>.

Research Capacity Awards

Application forms for the **2009-10 Research Capacity Awards** are now available. Applicants should read the *2009-10 Capacity Program Description* document in full before submitting an application. Those who intend to apply must do so by the dates below:

Research Skills Award

Application Deadline: October 6, 2009

Proposal Development Award

Applications will be accepted at any time during the year.

Special Consideration Award

Application Deadline: October 6, 2009

The *2009-10 Capacity Program Description* document and the *Research Capacity Awards Application Forms* can be downloaded from our web site:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>

Research User Uptake Award

Application forms for the **2009-10 Research User Uptake Award** are available on our website. This award is designed to support the development of skills in relation to accessing, appraising and applying research information for research users. Applications will be accepted until December 12, 2009.

The *2009-10 Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Program Description* document as well as the Application Form can be downloaded off our web site:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>

NSHRF Matching Programs

The Nova Scotia specific requirements for CIHR's Regional Partnership Program (RPP) and Partnerships for Health Systems Improvement (PHSI) have been revised for the Fall 2009 intakes. Application deadlines are as follows:

1. Regional Partnerships Program RPP – CIHR

NSHRF Deadline: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

2. Partnerships for Health Systems Improvements PHSI CIHR

NSHRF Deadlines: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 (Notification of intent to apply)
Friday, October 2, 2009 (Required documentation)

The Nova Scotia specific requirements for RPP and PHSI are available on our website:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=3&siteid=1&lang=1>

Systematic Review Author Training Workshop

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation in partnership with the Nova Scotia Cochrane Resource Centre present the Systematic Review Author Training Workshop on December 9 and 10, 2009.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide health researchers in Nova Scotia with an interest in systematic reviews with an introductory workshop on skills required to complete these reviews.

Application deadline is October 16, 2009.

Application form and workshop details are available on our web site:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1285&siteid=1&lang=1>

NSHRF Strategic Plan

The NSHRF recently updated its strategic direction and activities for the upcoming three years, to reflect the changing environment and new fiscal realities. The strategy, **Updated Strategy 2009-2012**, sets out three key areas of activity:

- 1. Focus Program Support**
- 2. Enhance Organizational Infrastructure**
- 3. Demonstrate the Impact of Health Research**

A copy of the Strategic Plan is located in the Accountability Section under Strategic Goals on our website: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1282&siteid=1&lang=1>

NAPHRO Highlights Online

Highlights from the latest meeting of the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations (NAPHRO) are available on NSHRF's website. NAPHRO is a forum of provincial research funding agencies from across Canada to share information and identify potential opportunities for working collaboratively on common issues, e.g., measuring the impact of health research. Meeting highlights are shared widely to keep partners and other interested parties informed about NAPHRO activities. The highlights are available following this link:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1240&siteid=1&lang=1>

NSHRF Board and Research Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

Meeting highlights from the NSHRF's Board of Director's meeting held on July 16, 2009 and the Research Advisory Committee meeting held on June 22, 2009 are now available.

Board of Directors Highlights:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1004&siteid=1&lang=1>

Research Advisory Committee Highlights:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1260&siteid=1&lang=1>

KARes Program

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

New Technology for Improving Breast Cancer Follow-up Care

Investigator: Syed Sibte Raza Abidi
Director of Health Informatics
Faculty of Computer Science
Dalhousie University

A team led by a researcher at Dalhousie University has developed a new decision support system to help doctors in delivering improved follow-up care to breast cancer patients. With support from the NSHRF's Capacity Program, Dr. Syed Sibte Raza Abidi, Director of Health Informatics at Dalhousie University collaborated with Dr. Eva Grunfeld, Director, Cancer Outcomes Research at Cancer Care Nova Scotia and engaged a team of doctoral and undergraduate students in the university's Faculty of Computer Science on this project.

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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