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RYERSON APPOINTS FIRST POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS AND SRC ASSOCIATES

By Christine Ward

Twenty-four outstanding new researchers and distinguished practitioners have been appointed as Ryerson University's first postdoctoral fellows and research associates. The year-long appointments represent a major step forward in Ryerson achieving its research goals and are funded by a four-year, \$3-million program to strengthen the University's research capacity.

"This is a big boost for Research and Innovation at Ryerson," says Vice-President, Research and Innovation Anastasios (Tas) Venetsanopoulos. "Within key areas of existing and emerging expertise, we've attracted some of the world's most promising young scholars."

Over the past 10 years, Ryerson's research program has grown an unprecedented 326 per cent, from \$3.8 million in external funding in 1997 to \$16.2 million in 2007. The University gained a 32 per cent increase in funding last year alone.

"We're the ones to watch," says Dr. Venetsanopoulos. "Research and Innovation are on the fast-track here. We're continuing to build on the momentum we've established that Ryerson is the place to come for practical answers to difficult problems."

Selected from among 118 applicants from across Canada, the United States and as far away as France and China, the 24 new recruits include both distinguished practitioners and postdoctoral fellows embarking upon the first, important phase of independent research following a PhD. In fields ranging from psychology and human resource management, to metallurgical engineering and photography, each has been awarded a one-year appointment worth \$50,000, with eligibility for renewal for up to two additional years.

For complete story visit:

http://www.ryerson.ca/news/news/General_Public/20071109_PostDocs.html

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UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

DECEMBER 2007

RYERSON NEW FACULTY SRC DEVELOPMENT FUND INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 – 11:30 am
1 Dundas Street West, YDI 1134

A review of the guidelines and on-line application process. Previous award winners, Professor Klaas Kraay, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Professor Sepali Guruge, School of Nursing, Faculty of Community Services, will share their research experience in applying for this grant.

To attend this information session, please RSVP Elizabeth Mota at emota@ryerson.ca or by telephone at Ext. 6531.

JANUARY 2008

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ARTICLE COMPETITION WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 10:30-11:30 am
1 Dundas Street West, YDI 1134

Ms. Janet Mowat, Director, Public Affairs, University Advancement will discuss how to write a research article for a general audience.

To attend this information session, please RSVP Elizabeth Mota at emota@ryerson.ca or by telephone at Ext. 6531.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

December 31 – Canadian Tree Fund

January 9 – Homelessness and Diversity Issues in Canada: Conference Grant; Strategic Research Grant; Public Outreach Grant

January 14 – Ryerson Academic Research Assistant Program Summer 2008

January 22 – Ryerson SRC New Faculty Development Fund

January 31 – Ontario Research & Innovation Optical Network: Orion Futureflick Contest

February 1 – CIHR Operating Grant (mandatory registration)

February 7 – Canada Foundation for Innovation New Initiative Fund (NIF)

February 11 – Ryerson Graduate Student Research Article Competition

Anytime – Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada: Going Global Science Technology Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMELESSNESS AND DIVERSITY ISSUES IN CANADA

Deadline: January 9, 2008

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/homelessnesse.asp

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in partnership with the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat of [Human Resources and Social Development Canada](#) wishes to inform all researchers of the Homelessness and Diversity Issues in Canada program. SSHRC and the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat will pursue strategic funding and knowledge mobilization through the Homelessness and Diversity Issues in Canada joint initiative. This collaboration will serve to promote and support policy-relevant research on homelessness issues in contemporary Canadian society, and will take the form of a competition to award [Strategic Research](#), [Public Outreach](#) and [Conference grants](#).

For more details, please go to SSHRC's Web site. If you have any questions about the Homelessness and Diversity Issues in Canada Grants program, please contact:

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TRI - AGENCY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NSERC - Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

<http://www.nserc.gc.ca/index.htm>

JAPAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE

JSPS Invitation and Postdoctoral Fellowships

(NSERC Scholarships & Fellowships
Division)

Deadlines:

**January 15, 2008 Invitation Fellowships
(Senior scientist/university professor)**

**January 25, 2008 Postdoctoral
Fellowships**

www.nserc.gc.ca

The JSPS provides opportunities in universities or other research institutions in Japan for (1) postdoctoral researchers to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups; and (2) senior scientists/university professors to participate in cooperative activities with researchers. NSERC cooperates with the JSPS by receiving and processing applications, and by nominating candidates to the JSPS.

Terms of award: (1) Round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations); 2) Monthly maintenance allowance; 3) Settling-in allowance (for Postdoctoral only); 4) Domestic research travel allowance; 5) Overseas travel, accident and sickness insurance coverage.

Eligibility: At the time of application, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- **Post-doc:** hold a doctoral degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received within six years prior to April 2, 2008;
- **Invitation:** be a senior scientist, university professor, researcher with substantial professional experience and hold a doctoral degree for a period of more than six years from April 1, 2008.

Participants should make contact with a host researcher in advance. The results of the competition will be announced in March 2008.

For more information about these programs, or to request an application form, contact:

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Web site: www.nserc.gc.ca

NSERC STRATEGIC WORKSHOPS PROGRAM

Deadline: Anytime

http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=b7

The SWP is intended to fund workshops for building new collaborations between Canadian academic researchers and the industry and government receptor community.

Workshops are intended for small, highly focused groups, with attendance not expected to exceed 20 participants. They must be organized and championed by a least one university and one non-academic leader; participation is by invitation only and must include academic researchers and members of non-academic end user organizations.

An award may support Canadian and foreign participation, but the workshops must be held in Canada. Funds may be used to organize a single workshop or several events of more limited participation. The maximum value of each award is \$25,000 and contributions from the non-academic partners are strongly encouraged and give greater credence to the proposal.

Further details on application procedures and guidelines can be found on the NSERC website listed above or by contacting NSERC:

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NSERC SPECIAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Letter of Intent

LOI deadline: Any time

Invited Full Application

http://www.nserc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a4

Applications to the NSERC SRO Program must be unique, unforeseen, and outside the normal evolution and advancement of a longer term research program. It must be timely and linked to a window of opportunity that did not exist a year ago, and will not exist in the future.

In addition, the research project must be novel, high risk, or have a strong potential for breakthrough. Pre-research activities must have the potential to lead to a significant new collaborative project of benefit to Canada. Types of projects that may be considered by the SRO program:

- A project that can be undertaken only in conjunction with a specific and unusual world event
- A workshop to define and plan Canadian participation in a major international research initiative
- An interdisciplinary effort to address an emerging problem of importance to Canada
- A project that leads to, or exploits, a breakthrough discovery which establishes or maintains Canada's international leadership position in a niche area
- A novel, high risk project with the potential to change the direction of thought in a discipline or open up new areas of discovery

Advancements of ongoing research and collaboration, such as research supported through an NSERC Discovery Grant, do not constitute a special opportunity. It is understood and expected that new knowledge is developed and that discoveries and breakthroughs are made through all of NSERC's grant programs. Discovery Grants also allow researchers to pursue new research interests within NSERC's mandate.

Further details and specific information on eligible research opportunities can be found on the NSERC weblink listed above.

TRI - AGENCY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

CIHR – CANADIAN INSTITUTES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/>

CIHR OPERATING GRANT

Registration: February 1, 2008. NB:
Registration is mandatory.

Full Application: March 31, 2008

Objectives: The specific objectives of the Operating Grant Program are: To contribute to the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge, and to help develop and maintain Canadian health research capacity, by supporting original, high quality projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers, in all areas of health.

The OGP is further expected to:

- Support original, high quality projects;
- Support individual researchers and groups of researchers;
- Support research in all areas and disciplines with relevance to health;
- Contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge;
- Contribute to the dissemination, commercialization/knowledge translation, and use of health-related knowledge;
- Develop and maintain Canadian health research capacity, including research training.

Relevant Research Areas:

The OGP is open to applications in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate: "To excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products and a strengthened Canadian health care system".

Contact: Specific information about the Operating Grant Program peer review committees can also be obtained by contacting the individuals listed on the CIHR Website.

SSHRC - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_index_e.asp

HOMELESSNESS AND DIVERSITY ISSUES IN CANADA CONFERENCE GRANTS

Deadline: January 9, 2008

Up to \$50,000, for a conference held
within 12 months of the announcement
of competition results

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/homelessness_e.asp

Conference Grants help fund meetings at which researchers can present their findings on homelessness issues to much larger groups of stakeholders. Public Outreach and Conference grants may target, but are not limited to, the following audiences:

- policy-makers and public sector organizations;
- the private sector;
- specific regions or provinces;
- not-for-profit organizations, including community-level, local or regional non-academic organizations;
- primary and secondary schools, including students at all levels;
- the general public; and
- international audiences.

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HOMELESSNESS AND DIVERSITY ISSUES IN CANADA STRATEGIC RESEARCH GRANT

Deadline: January 9, 2008

Up to \$50,000 over 12 months

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/homelessness_e.asp

Strategic Research Grant proposals should:

- specify how the proposed evidence-based research on best practices will help Canadian communities, service providers and relevant stakeholders prevent and reduce homelessness in Canada;
- include an evaluation component that assesses the benefit and effectiveness of a best practice relative to other ways of providing the service;
- indicate how the research will contribute to training students; and
- demonstrate a commitment to knowledge transfer, by indicating how the project's progress and findings will be disseminated to stakeholders, partners and Canadians.

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HOMELESSNESS AND DIVERSITY ISSUES IN CANADA

Deadline: January 9, 2008

One Public Outreach Grant of up to \$50,000 over 12 months

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/homelessness_e.asp

Public Outreach Grants support, but are not restricted to, the following activities:

- adaptation of texts or presentations to audiences;
- policy briefs and knowledge syntheses;
- articles in newspapers, weekly and monthly magazines, whether specialized or general interest (publications in scholarly journals are not eligible);
- interactive technologies, databases, audio-visual products;
- media events (such as interviews, or television or radio presentations);
- popularization of research results;
- press conferences;
- public debates and exhibits;
- software or netware;
- educational aids, instruments or equipment;
- submissions to public commissions;
- roundtables and workshops; and
- virtual networking and interactions.

Public Outreach and Conference grants may target, but are not limited to, the following audiences:

- policy-makers and public sector organizations;
- the private sector;
- specific regions or provinces;
- not-for-profit organizations, including community-level, local or regional non-academic organizations;
- primary and secondary schools, including students at all levels;
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OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CANADIAN TREE FUND Research Grants

Deadline: December 31

www.isaontario.com/treefund

The Canadian TREE Fund invites proposals for arboriculture research in Canada; projects will be evaluated with regard for the goals of the TREE Fund as a whole and the impact that can be made with each grant. A total of up to \$25,000 may be awarded for 2008.

The mission of The Canadian Tree Fund is to identify significant environmental, biological, social and economic needs related to tree genetics, management and care and provide funding for innovative basic/applied research and education.

Research and educational projects funded by The Fund must be in keeping with this mission statement. Information and knowledge gained from the research is shared with arborists who practice in municipal, commercial and utility operations as well as educators, students and other researchers.

Application forms and guidelines are available on the TREE weblink at www.isaontario.com/treefund

ONLINE GUIDES

CIHR: Grants and Awards Guides

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/805.html>

NSERC: Use of Grants Funds

http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnave&lbi=f3

SSHRC: Using your Funds

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using_e.asp

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION (CFI) NEW INITIATIVE FUND (NIF)

Deadline: February 7, 2008

Program Summary:

The NIF seeks to support infrastructure initiatives in which the CFI has not previously invested and that enable institutions and their partners to develop their capacity in promising areas of research or technology development, as well as to improve their research competitiveness and international leadership.

Through the NIF, the CFI challenges Canadian institutions to propose new infrastructure projects covering the full spectrum of research and development activities that will lead to breakthroughs and societal improvements for the benefit of Canadians.

ONTARIO RESEARCH & INNOVATION OPTICAL NETWORK ORION Futureflick Contest Deadline extended to January 31, 2008 http://www.orion.on.ca/research/orions_tudenttv.html

ORION Student TV and the ORION network offers prizes up to \$5,000 for a digital short under two minutes visualizing student life in the year 2020. What lies beyond YouTube, Second Life and Google? How will future technologies, such as interactive multimedia and the seamless blending of physical and virtual reality, for example, impact student life?

Entries in any digital format, including live action, or traditional or computer graphic animation are and open to groups/individual students in film, video, animation or computer graphics. Judges will be looking for innovation, creativity and compelling ideas and visuals.

- Contestants (group or individual student) must be enrolled in and actively attending an Ontario university connected to the ORION network (Ryerson University is an ORION participant);
- Only one video submission per group/individual;
- Profession (paid) assistance may not be used in the production of the video. Technical and faculty advisors may only offer technical support.
- Submission may be submitted in WMV, AVI, MOV or other standard files format.

For details on the Contest Rules, Technical Requirements and Release, go to the ORION website at:
<http://www.orion.on.ca/futureflick>

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA Going Global Science & Technology Program (2006-2008) Deadline: Anytime (6 weeks prior to commencement of project) <http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/science/gglobal-en.htm>

Ryerson faculty interested in this Program are asked to contact the Office of International Affairs (Marsha McEachrane Mikhail at Ext. 6995 or in advance to discuss their proposed project.

The Going Global S&T Program supports activities ("projects") that aim to build on targeted relationships between Canadian researchers and key players in other countries and allow them to proceed with the formal discussions required to initiate collaboration on future international research and development initiatives. The Program funding is used for the face-to-face encounters needed to solidify the partnership and move it forward to the point where the researchers can begin the R&D phase of the initiative. These meetings may be used to formulate the partnership and conduct detailed planning of their collaborative R&D initiative (i.e. to define objectives, activities, timelines, responsibilities, etc.).

The Going Global S&T Program supports projects designed to bring together Canadian researchers to foster identified opportunities for collaborative partnerships with key players in foreign countries.

Eligible beneficiaries are Canadian researchers from private companies, universities and non-government research centres. Researchers at government research centres (federal, provincial, municipal, Crown Corporations) are not eligible as recipients of the funding, however, they may participate in projects funded by the Going Global S&T Program provided their expenses are covered by other sources (i.e. they pay for their own expenses). The agreement is signed with the Project Lead Institute which must be a private company, a university or a non-government research centre.

INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

RYERSON NEW FACULTY SRC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Information Session: December 11

Deadline: January 22, 2008

Funding: up to \$10,000

http://www.ryerson.ca/ors/forms/new_faculty.html

This grant provides funding to new faculty who are within the first two years of their tenure or probationary appointment who are in the Faculty of Arts, Business, Communication & Design, Community Services and Architectural Science to establish and implement an SRC program.

For more information please contact:

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ACADEMIC RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM 2008 Summer

On-line application form available:

December 14

Deadline: January 14, 2008

http://www.ryerson.ca/ors/forms/ra_summer.html

This program provides employment to fulltime Ryerson students with proven financial need in career-oriented, academically relevant, Ryerson SRC programs. Students must apply for eligibility approval through Student Financial Assistance.

Duration:

May 5 to August 15, 2008

Total of 15 weeks

35 hours per week

\$13.19 per hour

100% government funded

For more information please contact:

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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ARTICLE COMPETITION WRITING WORKSHOP

On-line application form available:

January 7, 2008

Information Session: January 23

Deadline: February 11

Four prizes will be offered for articles of between 500 and 1,000 words describing the research of Ryerson graduate students and their faculty supervisor. Articles are to be written in a style that is accessible to the general public and must be authored by a graduate student currently registered at Ryerson.

First prize: engineering or science related article \$500

First prize: social sciences and humanities \$500

Second prize: all disciplines \$300

Third prize: all disciplines \$200

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Additional Information
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SSHRC: Using your Funds

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using_e.asp

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